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## LOCAL NEWS

### Soviet Blasts At Truman Policy Renewed By Pravda

#### Stalin May Speak Mind On Aid Plan To Marshall

#### Soviet Papers Very Frank

By EDDY GILMORE  
MOSCOW (AP)—Prime Minister Stalin is likely to speak his mind to U. S. Secretary of State Marshall on President Truman's proposed plans to aid Greece and Turkey when the Soviet leader receives the American Secretary, an event which may occur at any time now.

No Soviet leader thus far has made a public statement on the President's declaration, but the Russians certainly must believe that Marshall played a guiding role in shaping the President's policy.

Prime Minister Stalin is almost certain to tell Marshall just what he thinks of the Truman thrust and just what it means to the Soviet Union. It can be stated with some assurance that if Stalin is on the subject of Mr. Truman, he will have much to say.

One of the most important newspapers in the Soviet Union—The Communist Party Newspaper Pravda—has launched out at the Truman line. Both newspapers played a frankness rarely employed in commenting upon the actions of the head of a great state.

#### PRAVDA ATTACKS

Pravda took up the subject at great length today in a week similar to the arguments employed yesterday by Izvestia. Delegates to the four-power ministers' conference read at breakfast a charge in Pravda, organ of the Communist Party's Moscow central committee, that the Truman policy did not serve the cause of peace and security and that in the proposal "a policy of imperialist expansion is revealed under the guise of charity."

Pravda said leaders of U. S. policy are threatened by anyone who plans to carry out the Truman plan for world domination were doomed to inevitable failure.

#### POLICY SCORED

The Pravda editorial said the proposed U. S. policy was aimed at domination of Greece and Turkey and was in disregard of obligations under the United Nations charter.

It declared President Truman "not only disregarded the obligations of the United States as a member of the U. N. but pretended to be a leading role in this organization."

"If Greece and Turkey are really threatened by anyone why, then," it asked, "does the United States not apply to the United Nations for assistance and put its case before the latter?"

The editorial pointed out that the U. N. Security Council even now had a commission in Greece investigating the Greek civil war.

"Truman's speech proved that the present leaders of American policy are incapable of serious thought from history," said the editorial.

Some observers here attributed Marshall's definition of democracy to the fact that the United States is in a way enlarging on Mr. Truman's definition of democracy.

"However," Pravda continued, "the United States is in a circle under what change an adventurous course for imperialism and imperialist expansion."

Delegates and at least one secretary of the United Nations said that a committee reports unfavorably.

Mull said here today: "It is a fact that the gag rule adopted while I was speaker of the House makes my baby. I regard it as a black kitten and will do all I can to drop it."

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TRIOUBLED STREET—From a slight elevation a camera looks down a typical street in the Mea Shearim section of Jerusalem, which was placed under British martial law.

#### Officials Don't Know

RALEIGH—Forest H. Shuford, State Commissioner Labor, said today he has been studying the probable effect of the anti-closed shop legislation upon future labor management relations in North Carolina, but has not sufficiently completed the study to voice an opinion or prediction. He said so far as he can ascertain his department will have no direct responsibility for enforcing provisions of the act, but any disturbance or disruption of labor relations will impose additional burdens upon the conciliation service. It is too early to forecast effect of the act on state industry, he said.

Attorney General Harry McMillin said he had nothing to add to the letter he sent to Senator Julian Albrooke, chairman of the Senate Labor Committee, while the bill was under consideration there. In last letter the Attorney General said there is no precedent upon which to base opinion as to scope of the act. Its probable effect upon doubtful firms engaged in interstate commerce and other features of such authoritative precedent any opinion he might have would be wholly personal, and it is not within the province of his office to express personal opinions on such matters. He added:

Others around the State Capitol in less responsible positions are not so reticent. The Commissioner of Labor and Attorney General McMillin have been heard to say that the bill is "a good thing" and that it will help to bring about a more stable labor situation.

Henry Kaiser, AFL attorney, told reporters in Washington the Federation's policy has been to oppose state anti-closed shop laws in order to create court cases which would determine their constitutionality. No such case has yet reached the Supreme Court.

However, in view of recent additions to the states having such legislation, Kaiser said AFL is "considering" its policy anew.

CIO ATTITUDE  
The CIO has held much the same attitude, but General Counsel Lee Pressman told CIO leaders at their current executive board meeting in Washington that it appears unwise to rely wholly on court decisions, and in other, an amendment to the State Constitution.

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#### Will Seek To Bar Tax Amendments

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WASHINGTON (AP)—Chairman Knutson, Republican, Minnesota, said today the Ways & Means Committee will seek a legislative rule to prohibit tax amendments when his proposed 20 per cent income tax reduction bill reaches the House floor next week.

Knutson told reporters after a committee closed meeting:

"We'll take up the tax bill in executive session on Monday and report it to the House, probably about Thursday."

He predicted again that the Republican committee majority would seek unanimously the bill which is aimed at saving taxpayers \$3,500,000,000.

Democratic members agreed the GOP has the Committee strength to block amendments on the House floor and would seek a graduated form of reductions.

Rep. Jenkins, Republican, Ohio, told newsmen "there is no talk of a graduated reduction now. It is either a flat reduction or no tax reduction."

He said they should have done so in the past, but he is not opposing any cuts at this time.

If we don't cut taxes now, we'll never cut them, he said.

DOUGHTON FLEA  
This was the answer to an appeal by Rep. Doughton, Democrat, North Carolina, to go slow because of new clouds hanging over the world.

The North Carolinian, who managed legislation as Ways and Means chairman, said Democrats controlled Congress, said last night "recent developments" have raised serious doubts that President Truman's tax-cut measure would pass.

He urged delay "until we know what our foreign commitments and expenditures will be."

Over loud protests by Democrats the committee last night voted up its two-day hearings on the income tax reduction bill.

The committee also voted to divide income taxes by \$3,500,000,000 this year. The Democrats' measure would reduce income taxes by \$3,500,000,000 by the Republican majority without public witnesses being allowed to testify.

RETROACTIVE  
Knutson said the 25-man committee, with the fifteen GOP members, will report to the House in substantially its present form, including a provision that the tax reduction be retroactive to Jan. 1.

Under present plan it will go to the House for a showdown vote on March 18.

"While the Knutson bill appears to have been backed by 'Pay-as-you-go' supporters, there are indications of a GOP family fight over the measure," he said.

Representative Keating, Republican, New York, sent each House Republican a letter today proposing a different approach to the bill, which he said might form the basis of "united party support."

Keating said the bill would reduce in each of the three brackets.

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#### Union Takes Stand Strike Threatens N. Y. Stock, Curb And Cotton Markets

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NEW YORK (AP)—M. David Keefe, president of the AFL-United Financial Employees, said today 30-day notices of termination of its contracts with the New York Stock, Curb and Cotton Exchanges would be issued, resulting in a "strike which will paralyze the industry."

As Keefe entered Schram's office, he was hit by a strike.

Schram declined it would be "impossible" to determine losses the exchange might suffer.

The UFE announced last night its members voted 1,444 to 114 to cancel contracts in 30 days to wage a strike intended to shut down the financial district.

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He was asked when contract termination notices would be sent and replied: "Not until we have the tenor of our conversation now." He said the union "is not looking for trouble."

During a two-hour work stoppage members of the union last August, Schram said, "the members did their own work."

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#### Funderburk And Keesler Lose Lives In Tragedy

#### Wilmington Man Also Victim

Coroner W. E. Bell of Southport told The News by telephone this afternoon that Banks H. Funderburk and Johnson A. Keesler of Charlotte, and Captain Oscar T. Sewall of Wrightsville, were found dead today on Mr. Funderburk's yacht in the Inland Waterway just above the South Carolina line.

Mr. Funderburk is well-known here as the owner of the Funderburk's yacht in the Inland Waterway just above the South Carolina line.

Mr. Keesler lived at Davidson and 5th Sts.

It was reported that the three men were en route by boat to Cuba, through the Inland Waterway.

ACCIDENTAL DEATHS  
Coroner Bell said the deaths were accidental, resulting from a leakage of carbon monoxide gas into the cabin, and that he did not plan to hold an inquest.

The coroner said that Captain Sewall's body was found slumped over a table at the pilot's wheel, and the bodies of the two Charlotte men were found in bunk beds in the yacht's cabin.

The bodies were discovered about 7 a. m. by two fishermen who noticed the craft which had run aground. The motor of the boat was still running when the bodies were found, the coroner said.

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#### 'Black Kitten'

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#### Talmadge Signs Georgia Closed Shop Ban Bill

ATLANTA—(AP)—Legislative bills banning the closed shop and prohibiting mass picketing by labor organizations in Georgia have been signed into law by Governor-elect Herman Talmadge.

The closed shop bill also prohibits compulsory check-off of union dues by the employer.

The measures, which received overwhelming support in both Houses of the Georgia General Assembly, were signed by Talmadge yesterday.

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#### Sugar Control Extension Backed

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The House Banking Committee voted late yesterday to recommend extension of sugar rationing and price controls until Oct. 31.

Ratifying will end March 31 and price controls June 30 unless continued by Congress.

Weather  
Partly cloudy this afternoon and tonight. Cool this afternoon. Slight rain or drizzle, but mostly cloudy and cool. Lowest temperature, 40 degrees.

Temperatures at 5:30 today:  
Sun and sky last 24 hours:  
Highest and lowest:  
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