

Truman Challenges Republicans To Answer Criticisms

President Says Gov Is 'Afraid' To Reply To Dewey Mapping New Offensive

President Truman said today his Republican opposition is "afraid" to reply to his criticisms.

"They dare not answer," he said at Bridgeport, Pa., in a speech before the GOP for high prices and hitting the Republican-backed Tait-Harley Labor Law. "So far as the campaign," Gov. Thomas E. Dewey has passed up what appeared to be bids from Mr. Truman for a direct hammer-blow exchange.

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Charlotte To Asheville

Rolling Mail Car Service Scheduled

A highway mail truck service between Charlotte and Asheville will be started between Oct. 25 and Nov. 15. Postmaster Charles A. Wister Jr. said today.

A highway mail truck similar to the railway mail cars will travel between the two cities to provide much faster mail service to both cities and intermediate points.

The Charlotte-Asheville route is one of the first four to be established in the nation. The other three, just authorized by the Post Office Dept., will be between Washington and Baltimore, Md.; Asheville and Blue Ridge; and between Washington and Winchester, Md.

The big truck will make one round trip daily between the cities. It will remain here overnight and will have here between the cities for

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Two-Way Street

Official Defends Propaganda Trade

WASHINGTON — (AP) — George V. Allen, Assistant Secretary of State, said today the United States should continue to let Russia and Soviet satellites distribute propaganda in this country.

He told a new advisory commission on the government's international information program that information activities "must be a two-way street" to avoid a justified accusation of imperialism.

"The American Government maintains reading rooms behind the iron curtain, distributes a daily information bulletin to any who are bold enough to take it, and of course we are ready daily in the principal languages of the area," Allen said. "Moreover, we send 500,000 of our magazine, America, to Russian, to the Soviet Union each month for sale throughout the country."

He contended that if the United States imposed a censorship or made difficulties for people who wanted to read the press in this country, "we would arouse ten times more interest in foreign propaganda than we have at the United States today."

The advisory commission, headed by the late Senator Charles McNutt of the Louisville Courier-Journal, opened its work under the auspices of the State Department's Office of International Information. This office is the "voice of America" overseas radio.

Allen told the group a prominent Soviet propagandist, who has asked whether the Soviet Embassy should be permitted to distribute a "Voice of America" overseas radio.

Allen expressed the belief the Government should have only a supplementary role in spreading information about the United States and its aims abroad — that private enterprise should take the major role. He said that now in France the radio is the main source of information about the United States comes from U. S. Government agencies.

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Rail Wage Talks Fail

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Attempts by the National Mediation Board to settle the wage and hour dispute between the nation's railroads and sixteen non-operating unions have ended in failure.

The dispute, involving 1,000,000 employees, now goes to an emergency fact-finding board which President Truman is expected to appoint within a few days.

This step is provided by the Railway Labor Act. The mediation board withdrew from the case and certifies that an emergency exists.

The mediation board's efforts, which began yesterday after the unions turned down a board proposal to work another 90 days without a new contract.

Direct negotiations between the railroads and the unions collapsed Sept. 15.

Naming of a fact-finding board will have any legal strike implications until 30 days before any legal strike.

The sixteen unions include shop and maintenance workers, clerks and telegraphers. They demand a 10 percent wage increase and a 10 percent daily rate for any work on Saturdays, double pay on Sundays and holidays and a minimum of eight hours pay on such days regardless of the time worked. These demands are to be made in November and 48 cents an hour. Their present rates vary widely according to classification of the job.

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Decline In Meat Prices Now Reaching Retail Markets

CHICAGO — (AP) — The drop in hog and lamb prices is spreading down today where it counts for most people — at the retail butcher shop.

Many stores throughout the country slashed pork prices for the second week-end, a direct result of the sudden outpouring of hog and lamb carcasses. The oft-mentioned but never very apparent "consumer resistance" to the hog and lamb price cuts is a cause for the decline.

And it was in the hog and lamb butchers who were posting the lower prices.

Today, however, the Chicago hog market bounced a full 10 cents to a record 10.25 cents. This was the highest price since Oct. 25 to 75 cents and recovered a good share of the 44 to 45 cents high hog market had recently.

The top price on good and choice hams today at \$25.50 compared with some late last

the mountain city later that day it will return here.

All cities between Charlotte and Asheville will receive the benefits of the new mail service. Letters mailed in Asheville, N. C. There is no direct train connection from Charlotte to Asheville.

The highway mail car is something of an innovation in mail service. Mail carriers ride on the big trucks but they do not drive the trucks. The mail is sorted at the main office. Mr. Wister said that exact schedules have not been arranged. The trucks will be in operation for the first day covers will be allowed to send letters here for the first day's cancellation.

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By FRANCIS W. CARPENTER
PARIS — (AP) — The six so-called "neutral" nations on the Security Council are expected to present a resolution next week calling upon Russia to lift her blockade of Berlin, informed sources said today.

Only the Soviet Ukraine backs Russia in the Berlin issue. Britain, Colombia, Argentina, China, Belgium and Canada are reported solidly behind the big three Western powers charge that the blockade menace world peace.

So far, however, none of the "neutral" nations of the Security Council has approached Russia directly for her position on the Berlin dispute. It is believed the six nations are planning to meet in Moscow with the expectation that the Security Council may take against her.

Observers say the big three Western powers who brought the charge against Russia in the Security Council are planning to call on the United States to act unilaterally to have decided to lift the small amount of food supplies from the next council move.

The fall of the sixth post-war government followed a conference in London. The conference was headed by Prime Minister MacArthur, presumably to obtain approval to resign.

"It is a matter of very great concern that a present Cabinet member has been called in for questioning in connection with the present Showa Denko case."

"I have come to the decision to give up my post as Prime Minister because I as Prime Minister feel deeply a moral responsibility."

The Tokyo prosecutor's office is investigating charges of bribery in connection with a 2,800,000,000 yen (\$10,200,000) Government loan to Showa Denko, a fertilizer company. Former Deputy Prime Minister Shigenobu Tamagaki today became president of the Economic Stabilization Board and member of the cabinet.

Among those arrested on suspicion of bribery were: Prime Minister Shigenobu Tamagaki, who is a member of the cabinet; and former Deputy Prime Minister Shigenobu Tamagaki, who is a member of the cabinet.

The Japanese government has announced that it will agree to a four-power plan to lift the blockade in the Berlin and general German question. The Russians, however, have refused to lift the Berlin case. It is one for the Big Three and not for the United Nations.

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