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State Dept. Official In Prediction At Hearing

House Committee Opens Probe

WASHINGTON (AP)—Undersecretary of State Acheson expressed conviction today that American help in Greece and Turkey to block the spread of Communism will not "lead to war."

That question was raised by Rep. Mansfield, Democrat, Montana, as the House Foreign Affairs Committee questioned Acheson on President Truman's broad program to send money, material and military missions to the two Mediterranean countries.

Acheson hesitated for a moment but then solemnly declared, "I was going to say no possibility that it would lead to war. I am sure that there is no possibility that it would lead to war. By strengthening the democratic movement in Greece and Turkey, you do a great deal to eliminate the friction between the two powers."

On the other hand, he said, collapse of Greece and Turkey "might have a reaction in other areas in which we may not be able to give help. There are countries in which we may give aid in a different way."

He stated that help for Greece and Turkey to resist Communist aggression cannot wait for United Nations action and assured the lawmakers:

"We are giving serious consideration to ways in which the United Nations may take hold of the problem after the present emergency is passed."

Committee questioning ranged from the broad implications of Mr. Truman's request for authority to send \$400,000,000 and military aid to help the Greeks and Turks.

POINTS COVERED

Some of the major points covered:

1. Acheson mentioned no specific aid to the Greek and Turkish Republic, Connecticut, whether the Administration will ask \$500,000,000 for Greece and Turkey is occupied by U. S. troops, Acheson said only that some funds will be made available for the present situation. (Acheson told reporters after leaving the hearing that he "absolutely" said that an agreement on \$500,000,000 for Korea was made at a conference last night attended by him and Secretary of War Patterson and Secretary of the Navy Forrestal.)
2. The Administration has no plans to bring about a new election in Greece.
3. Acheson assured Rep. Bolton, Republican, Ohio, that the United States "is not trying to step into Britain's shoes, only put on shoes of the Ohio Congresswoman phrased it."
4. The military aid proposed to Greece and Turkey is for the Army, Rep. Jackson, Republican, California, had asked: "It is not the money that is important, it is the fact that the military forces will take the field against the Communists."

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OOPS, SORRY!

Last week we took a look at the weather and announced that Spring was two weeks away. (It seemed like two months to us.) But a close look at our calendar shows that tomorrow is the real first day of Spring. That is good news!

Howe Reports Greensboro Golf Tourney

Sports Editor Ray Howe left this afternoon for Greensboro to report the tenth annual Greater Greensboro Open Golf Tournament which will feature many of the stars of the Greater Charlotte Open next week.

Mr. Howe's report will be featured in The News tomorrow.

HOWE

Record Income Tax Payments

Charlotte Bank Clearings Hit \$85,460,311 In Week

Reflecting record income tax payments for the Charlotte area, bank clearings for this city totaled \$85,460,311 in the week ended yesterday, a gain of \$22,000,000 compared with \$63,266,819 in the same week of last year.

These figures were compiled by J. M. Brice, manager of the Charlotte Clearing House Association.

Mr. Brice commented that "it looks like this month will be another of the few \$80,000,000 months for Charlotte." He pointed out that clearings for the first seventeen business days of this month totaled \$209,636,723. Last January's total of \$313,000,000 exceeded the previous monthly records set in October and December, last year.

Revision Planned

Tax Cut Accord Reported Near

WASHINGTON (AP)—Chairman Republican, Minnesota, reported today that Republican members of the House Ways & Means Committee are "near agreement" on a revision of his 20 per cent across-the-board tax-cutting bill to give \$386,000,000 extra relief to small taxpayers.

Portal Pay Ruling Asked

WASHINGTON (AP)—Attorney General Tom C. Clark today asked the Supreme Court for an immediate review of the decision by U. S. District Court Judge Frank A. Bland which ruled that employees of the Mt. Clemens Pottery Co. portal-to-portal pay.

"The public interest in the prompt settlement of the scope of the minimum wage law is so great that courts will not deal with trivial matters," as applied to walking time and preliminary activities under the Fair Labor Standards Act is apparent."

"Since the decision in this case (by the Supreme Court) which was handed down in June, 1946, numerous suits seeking very substantial sums purporting to rest on that decision, have been filed throughout the country."

Mediation Service Girds To Block Phone Strike

WASHINGTON (AP)—Conciliation Director Edgar L. Warren said today the Government's Mediation Service is being fully mobilized to head off a threatened national-wide telephone strike April 7.

Cash Found In Basement Puzzles Geds

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—How \$92,600 in new bills got into the hands of a Philadelphia police officer puzzled police today.

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Farben Linked To Atrocities

MUNICH, Germany.—(AP)—A German newspaper today has returned from Poland with evidence that Farben, a giant industrial combine, was indicted as war criminals for the deaths of Jews.

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