

# Safety & **Coal Mines**

 $D^{\rm EATH}$  came slowly for at least some of the 111 miners killed in the Centralia, Ill., disaster. A notice on the rock face above a huddle of bodies told rescuers to "look in everybody's pockets. We all have notes. Give them to our wives." Grimy coal-smudged sheets, delegate to the Security Council, torn from a foreman's time book, bore

tragic messages scrawled in dark-

ness: "To my wife. It looks like the end. I love you, honey, more than life itself. . . "Goodbye. God bless you and the two 'oys. Please do as your father has told you & lissen to Mom-'

"My dear wife: LEWIS Goodbye. Name baby Joe, so you will have a Joe. Love

all, Dad Long before he read the messages, John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers head, bitterly proclaimed a week's shutdown for the soft coal industry as a memorial to the victims and a protest against conditions which make such

catastrophes an old story in the mines. The 400,000 soft coal miners walked out Monday at midnight in obedience to the Lewis order while probes were started by a special Senate committee, state and federal bureaus.

without serious shutdowns. Explained the Tri-State Industrial Association, decision of the General Assembly, it composed of 135 steel plants in Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania: "We it: assembly authority to making reclearned a lesson in the past and now ounmendations. have adequate coal stockpiles."

#### Called a 'Strike'

Walter Thurmond, secretary of the Southern Coal Producers Association, called the mourning period a "strike' and said forcing miners to lose \$28,000,-000 in wages was a "peculiar method of paying respect to the dead."

But Lewis had an answer for that. In his proclamation calling for the shutdown, he said:

"Coal is saturated with the blood of too many brave men and drenched with the tears of too many widows and orphans.

"There is public sorrow at the moment, but we know from harsh experience that it is only a momentary feeling of pity on the part of the public, and this sacrifice soon will be .forgot-

#### Federal Safety Code

Lewis accused Interior Secretary stead, finest in the far east. J. A. Krug, government mines opera- U.S. Army engineers are well into

# The WORLD This WEEK

U.N.: Does the 'Truman Doctrine' Bypass It?

 $P_{\text{Warren Austin, American}}^{\text{RESIDENT TRUMAN and}}$ emphasized this week that American financial aid to Greece and

Turkey was an emergency measure and that the United Nations eventually would be expected to take over the responsibility.

In Congress, Sen. Arthur Vandenberg (R-Mich) proposed that the U.N. given the power to change or halt American aid to Greece or Turkey any time a majority of the General Assembly or seven of the eleven Security Council members saw fit.

Vandenberg, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, said his amendment submitting American aid to U.N. review would end any suspicion that this country was flouting the authority of the world peace organization.

Congressional reaction to the Vandenberg proposal was mixed. Objectors claimed it would weaken the U.S. stand both in the eyes of Russia whom it was designed to stop and in the eyes of small states whom it was designed to buttress.

#### Legal Issues Raised

The Vandenberg plan, they said, would also involve the infant U.N. in Industry, in general, bridged the gap legal squabbles over interpretation of the charter. In agreeing to abide by runs counter to the charter which lim-

perts said, is in the phrase "if re-11, while on questions of substance matter of procedure.

Maps

#### Aerial Cartographers

The Philippines Republic comprises 114,830 square miles on 7.083 islands. of which only 2,441 are named. The archipelago has a 14,407-mile coast-line, with 21 good harbors, including Manila, with its 770-square-mile road-

tor, of "criminal negligence" in not en- a project to map the entire Philip-



"TAKES TIME TO GROW 'EM"

NEWSWORTHY

Another legal stumbling block, ex- frequently in the past by Russia. In view of council actions in the quested by a procedural vote of the past, it is regarded as highly unlikely Security Council." The charter pro- that it could accept, without challenge, vides that procedural questions be de- the position that any important phase cided by seven affirmative votes out of of the Greco-Turkish question was a

there must be seven affirmative votes, Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D-Va) said the nomic sanctions against Russia. At including all of the five permament Vandenberg plan was unworkable but present, he declared the U.S. is "trymembers. This is the vital veto power suggested that the President's plan to ing to ride two horses going in opposite policies without losing face.

possessed by the Big Five, and used combat communism be turned over to directions," by encouraging trade with Donkey Serenade the U.N. and that Russia be kicked out

if she vetoed it. "If Russia is an enemy and persists in being an enemy to free peoples," Byrd said, "it is better to have her out-

side the family than inside." Byrd also proposed the use of eco-

# Medicine

TB and VD

At the close of World War I, influenza raged through Europe. Modern medicine, using penicillin, vaccines, sulfa drugs and DDT, has been able to prevent serious postwar epidemics and hold influenza in check.

Europe's health, however, is far below prewar standards. The white plague of tuberculosis, flourishing

# **Moscow Conference** At Showdown Stage

THE Big Four conference in Moscow arrived this week at the showdown stage in the east-west deadlock over Germany's future After almost a month of preliminary discussion, the foreign ministers took off their diplomatic gloves and stopped talking generalities. The exchanges were sharp, the language at times bitter. At grips on disputed points, the ministers huddled closer, limiting conferees to a few aides in place of the big, un-

promised.

wieldy delegations. It was a tactic that

at times had proved successful in Paris

and New York in bringing about real

bargaining on points that must be com-

The restricted sessions followed a

blunt speech by American Secretary of

State George C. Marshall flatly reject-

ing Russia's ultimatum that repara-

tions from current German production

must be a condition of Germany's eco-

nomic unity. The United States op-

posed, said Marshall, policies which

would make Germany "an economic

Marshall used some of his sharpest

language informing the Russians it

would be impossible to reach agree-

ments on the basis of an "ultimatum."

Long-Range View

tuate our differences," he declared,

"but we should not seek agreement

merely for the sake of agreement. The

United States recognizes that its re-

sponsibilities in Europe will continue

and it is more concerned in building

minds and a real desire to carry out

both the spirit and letter of our agree-

ment, it would be better if none were

In referring to the Potsdam agree-

"It looks very much to us as though

**Crux Is Reparations** 

not understand U. S. concern about

reparations since it had neither been

occupied during the war nor suffered

managed to sustain a tremendous war

effort, he said, and the 10 billion dol-

lars in reparations which the Russians

dustry were revived and the German

people carried out their duties hon-

The Soviet diplomat said he could

ment and the Russian claim for cur-

rent reparations, Marshall said:

"Unless we have a real meeting of

solidly than in building fast.

reached."

out our consent."

"We are here to resolve not accen-

poorhouse in the center of Europe."

### Dates

Monday, April 7 Strike deadline, National Federation of Telephone Workers. Be Kind to Animals Week starts.

Anniversary (67th), Metropoli-tan Opera, N. Y. C.

#### Tuesday, April 8

Anniversary (434th), Ponce de Leon landed at St. Augustine, Fla., in search of the Fountain of Youth.

#### Thursday, April 10

World trade meeting starts in Geneva.

#### Saturday, April 12

Anniversary (second), death of Franklin D. Roosevelt and inauguration of Harry S. Truman as 32nd President of the U.S. Cherry blossom festivals start in Washington, D. C.

Sunday, April 13

Thomas Jefferson's birthday.

### Straws

Democrats from coast to coast took the Soviet Union is trying to sell the heart at the smashing victory of Mar- same horse twice."

"We do not approach this problem as tin H. Kennelly, 59-year-old political newcomer, elected mayor of Chicago merchants," retorted Vyacheslav M. last Tuesday in the nation's first major Molotov, Russian foreign minister, 1947 test of political trends. 'but we do not want other merchants selling our horse at a low price with-

Kennelly, who ran as an "independent" Democrat, piled up the greatest margin in a Chicago mayoral contest in 12 years and continues for another four years the control Democrats have held unbroken in the city since 1930. Heavy Democratic majorities in Chicago helped put Illinois' 28 electoral any war damage. German economy votes in the Democratic column in the last four presidential elections. Kennelly defeated Russell W. Root,

who as t'ook County GOP chairman. demand could be paid if German indirected his party to a lopsided victory over retiring Mayor Edward J. Kelly's Democratic machine in last Novem-

plan for Germany, if adopted, would reduce German rations to a starvation level. He also referred to former Ger Former Secretary of State James F. showed that only Sweden escaped a organization gave Root its active sup- many, last September, said this country did not consider final the assignment of this territory to Poland, Mar-Root injected international issues and shall's reiteration of the subject forecharged that a vote for his Democratic shadows another American-Russian dispute over German boundaries.

Loring, Providence Bulletin

estly Marshall said that Russia's import ber's election, winning 14 of the 17 county offices at stake. The Democratic triumph dealt Republican aspirations a stunning blow. Carroll Reece, Republican national man provinces now taken over by Pochairman, had termed the contest an land, which Russia has insisted are "important preliminary engagement" now permanently Polish. in the 1948 presidential battle. Gov. Dwight H. Green's Republican state Byrnes in his speech in Stuttgart, Ger-

Russia and her satellites while planning to pour out millions of dollars to

fight communism. The death of King George of Greece from a heart attack does not materially affect the situation. If anything, it may facilitate matters by making it easier for his successor to retract some of the

Greek government's undemocratic

forcing the federal safety code. Bureau of Mines statistics show, he said, that of 3,345 federal inspections in 1946,

only two mines were found "complying completely" with regulations. One official in the Coal Mines Administration, which Krug heads, said

the safety record had shown "steady improvement" since May 29, 1946, when the government took over the mines. Fatalities, he said, had declined to an average of 72 a month compared with an average of 93 a month before pines, remarked last year during the trial which led to his death that any-

The coal stoppage might prove an extended one. Union officials in a number of local districts declared miners would not go back to pits considered dangerous.

broadcasts to Russia barely hopped

U.S. State Department revealed why:

someone had sabotaged the Munich

relay transmitter by beaming its an-

tenna not at Russia but at South

Muting America's Voice

America.

pines, something never before attempted.

taking bombsight readings and making photographs of hitherto unknown mountain and jungle areas, some of them within 40 miles of Manila. The Army also is training two companies of Philippine Scouts for on-the-ground surveys.

The late Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, Japanese commander in the Philipone, who fought on Leyte in the future deserved better maps. "Both MacArthur and I," he said, "used the same American maps and thus lost a good deal of time."

Planes of the 13th Air Force are



GOOD WILL TOUR-U. S. Cruiser Providence arrives at Malta, British bastion against the Nazis, after participating in Mediterranean maneuvers recently with other American vessels.

#### **RADIO:** Sabotage in Munich doors of the transmitter station had been broken and the antenna switch The first- American shortwave. "purposely reversed." The "Voice of America" broadcasts to the Soviet the "iron curtain," could be heard in Union during the week of March 17 Moscow only as faint splutterings in to 25 failed apparently because of the most expensive receivers. The sabotage by a technician. William Benton, assistant secretary of State, declared in Washington that the sabotage was corrected on March 25. He quoted news reports that U.S. broadcasts now "pound into Moscow A special consultant to the State as loud as the Moscow radio, clear, Department cabled from Munich that and with no interference."

Hot Shots

• In Philadelphia, the Metropolitan Society School for Crippled Children teaches pupils to talk by having them blow bubble gum. Teachers say speech is a matter of exhaling and blowing gum blisters is one way of learning the first step.

• In Pittsburgh, a mysterious "Spirit of Easter" Samaritan who gave away three-pound Easter eggs, \$1 and \$5 bills was revealed as a nine-year-old boy who appropriated \$43 of his parents' money.

• In Newark, N. J., an imbiber looked the judge straight in the eye, quoted the Bible, Timothy 5, 16: "Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine own infirmities," won a suspended sentence. • In Aurora, Ill., a 16-year-old boy was quoted by the prosecutor as saying he shot a telegraph repairman from ambush because "I just wanted to

shoot somebody to see him die." • In Columbus, Ohio, a 29-year-old blind woman and a sightless Cincinnati man-who struck up a romance through correspondence in Brailleeloped to Indianapolis to be married. • In North Chicago, Ill., the city firemen's dinner was a casualty of the cal- A fine volcanic ash fell in Copenendar. On Tuesday, while smoke-eat- hagen, 1,250 miles away. ers lolled outside the station, a reporter told them: "Your stew's burning back in the kitchen." "Ha, ha," jibed the firemen, "bet you thought we didn't know what day it is." The stew was a total loss!

er seized in Hollywood, Fla., with a missing 44-passenger New York bus: "I didn't know where I was headed-Florida, Mexico, California. . . . I just started out and kept going. Fellows at the bus company will understand, I'm sure.' Henry Wallace, former Vice

Quotes

William L. Cimillo, Bronx driv-

President and Cabinet member: "Sooner or later Truman's program of unconditional aid to anti-Soviet governments will unite the world against America and divide America against herself."

# Volcano

Mt. Hekla on Rampage For the first time since 1845, Mt. Hekla, a 4,764-foot volcano in Iceland, blew its top. The peak was ablaze clear across the top and thousands of tons of glowing boulders and lava were tossed high in the air.

Dense clouds of fumes rose six and seven miles, blacking out a wide area.

Geologists, who set up stations near the volcano, said they expected the eruption to continue for several months. Previous eruptions of Mt. Hekla usually have lasted at least that long.

### DIPLOMATIC HANDSHAKE-Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov (right) greets U. S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall in Moscow. At left is Molotov's daughter, Svetlana.

MR. MARSHALL AND MR. MOLOTOV



STREET CLEANER-Solution to the nation's parking problems may prove to be this new device for vertical parking. Mobile lift places car on top deck in less than two minutes. In garages, racks would be placed side by side without need of diagonal braces. This demonstration was held in Spokane, Wash.

among millions of ill-fed and illhoused, has reversed the downward trend of a century and now is the continent's chief scourge. Venereal disease is the No. 2 problem.

wartime increase in tuberculosis. Ger- port. many, Poland, Romania, Yugoslavia, Austria and Greece are the continent's blackest plague spots with Moldavia, perhaps, the blackest of all. Germany, which before the war had one of the world's lowest TB rates, now has one of the highest.

Britain, Italy and Spain apparently are recovering from wartime health slumps. In Britain, TB spurted briefly early in the war but again is on the decline. Despite cold, hunger and medical supply shortages, Italy's birth rate is up and its death rate down.

Spain, almost isolated from the rest of Europe, is recovering steadily from the effects of its civil war. The 1946 death rate probably was the lowest in Spanish history.

# Science

#### Fuel of the Future

Conversion of coal to liquid fuel to replace oil derivatives at a reasonable price is not too distant, an Ohio research worker .old the Mid-West Power Conference.

"Our proved reserves of petroleum and natural gas appear great enough for only a relatively short period in the face of increasing demand," said Ralph A. Sherman, supervisor of the fuels division of the Battelle Memorial Institute. "But our reserves of coal are almost limitless and technological advance has been so rapid our earlier fears of excessive cost for converting coal to liquid fuel now appear wholly unjustified."

He said there is a trend toward using fluid fuels in industry and home heating but said that coal remains "our basic energy source."

# In Short . . .

Sworn: Prince Paul, 45, as new Greek king, succeeding his brother, George II, who died of a heart attack.

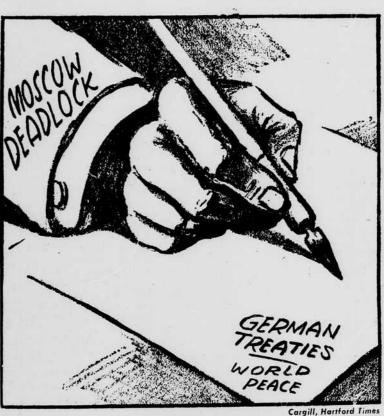
Proposed: By Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York City, a municipal budget for the next fiscal year of over a billion dollars, largest ever submitted in the U.S. except by the federal government.

Nominated: By the President, seven new ambassadors: Cavendish W. Cannon to Yugoslavia, Stanton Griffis to Poland, John C. Wiley to Portugal, Walter J. Donnelly to Costa Rica, Williamson S. Howell, Jr., to Uruguay, Albert F. Nufer to El Salvador and Fletcher Warren to Paraguay.

Set: By the Wisconsin Employment Relations Board, a new bargaining election for employes of the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co., back to work after a 328-day strike.

The campaign was a stormy one.

opponent was a "vote for war."



WRITER'S CRAMP

## **ABROAD:** Three Trouble Spots

Holy Land's Easter It was an uneasy Eastertide in

Palestine. While pilgrims gathered for their annual devotions at the stations. of the Cross, the Jewish underground continued its terrorist activities. Ten days ago England's highest

court, the Privy Council in London, refused to lift the death sentence imposed on Dov Bela Gruner of Irgun Zvai Leumi for participating in a raid in which two policemen were killed. Jewish terrorists struck back by firing the Haifa oil docks which blazed 36 hours before they were brought under

control. Damage was estimated at \$4,000,000 and a British spokesman said the "community would have to pay for the damages." Haifa's 80,000 Jews were placed under house arrest but the curfew was lifted shortly after.

India's Holy War Meanwhile in India, Hindu-Moslem

disorders in Bombay, Calcutta and Cawnpore killed 49 persons and injured 187. The Bombay riots were

broken up only after police fired repeatedly into the mobs. In New Delhi, Mohandas K. Gandhi,

spiritual leader of the predominantly Hindu Congress party, conferred with Viceroy Viscount Mountbatten on problems relating to Britain's plans for relinquishing sovereignty over India. Gandhi had just returned from a several weeks' tour on foot of the Bengal and Bihar provinces where communal rioting had accounted for hundreds of deaths.

#### **Troubled Ruhr**

Ten days ago a crowd of 50,000, biggest gathering of Germans since the palmy days of the swastika, massed in Dusseldorf to protest inadequate food rations.

British administrators conceded that full food rations had not been met in big Ruhr towns "for some time" but blamed the failure on tieup of water transport on the frozen Rhine and stupidity of German administrators in not allowing industry less and rail-

roads more coal to meet the emer-(All Rights Reserved, AP Newsfeatures) gency.



