

# Clarification Ends Sensation Over 'Ultimatum' to Stalin

WASHINGTON, April 24—(P)—President Truman stirred up a short-lived sensation today by saying he sent Premier Stalin an ultimatum—backed up by the presence of U.S. troops and ships in the Middle East—and forced the Russians to get out of Iran in 1946.

Truman's "disclosure," which he volunteered at a news conference, startled and even amazed official circles until the White House, some three hours later, announced officially that:

1—The President did not send a personal note to Stalin that led to Russia's evacuation of the Middle East country, and

2—Truman used the word ultimatum in a "non-technical, layman sense"—that is, he didn't mean to imply he told the Russians to get out or we would go to war.

### Volunteered Information

The President meant, it was explained, that U.S. leadership exerted in the United Nations, and "through diplomatic channels," was a major factor in bringing about Russian withdrawal from Iran.

The President brought up the Iran matter himself in outlining some of the actions he and other presidents have taken to meet national emergencies.

He said also that he never has given any thought to taking over the nation's newspapers and radio stations, despite a lot of published hokey to that effect.

### Sent 'Ultimatum'

The White House "clarification" of Truman's statements about Iran were pretty much at odds with what the President himself said, and repeated under questioning, at the news conference—adding that he was telling the correspondents something not previously divulged.

He said that in 1946—at first he said 1945, then decided it might have been later—he had to send an ultimatum to the head of the Soviet Union to get out of Iran. The Russians got out, the President said, because "this country was in a position then to meet a situation of that kind."

This ultimatum, he said at another point, was a message from him to Stalin and told the Russian leader that unless he did get out of Iran by a certain date we would put some people in there. The U.S., Truman noted, had ships in the Persian Gulf then, and had plenty of troops in the neighborhood.

## Kansas City Hit By Missouri

KANSAS CITY, April 24—(P)—Kansas City stood the strain today as the upper Missouri River's greatest flood surged past on its way to the sea.

"I'm smiling today because it looks awfully good," said Brig. Gen. Don G. Shingler of Omaha, Missouri river division engineer. "But when the record flood on the Missouri is passing your door, and you're sitting behind dirt, you have to be watchful."

Shingler explained the Missouri is carrying about 400,000 cubic feet of water a second—much less than the paralyzing flood of 1951. Last year the rampaging Kaw (Kansas) river dumped more than 500,000 cubic feet into the Missouri at Kansas City.

That disaster last July caused almost half a billion dollars damage in the industrialized bottomland of Kansas City, Kas., and Kansas City, Mo.

Today none of those rich industrial districts suffered as the river's crest reached Kansas City.

## Prisoners End Riot In Michigan

JACKSON, Mich., April 24—(P)—Convict rebels at Southern Michigan Prison, their five-day mutiny won, surrendered their fortress cellblock today. They released eight groggy but unharmed hostage guards.

The 169 mutineers discarded a pile of weapons—knives, cleavers, ball bats and clubs—outside their cellblock, a monument to the worst riot ever to sweep a Michigan prison.

A roaring cheer broke the tense silence of the vast prison as the lost of the rebels walked out of isolation cellblock 15 with the guards.

One convict died during the flaming rampage of 6500 dangerous men, many of them merciless killers who would have paid with their lives for their crimes in other states. Michigan has no capital punishment.

Cellblock 15, punishment center for convicts who break prison rules, was the first seized and the last surrendered, General rioting in the world's largest walled prison ended earlier in the week.

A long-term convict in block 15 tricked a rookie prison guard and captured him to touch off the riot last Sunday night.

Wives of the long imprisoned guards—some with babies clutched in their arms—screamed and sobbed hysterically in a mad dash into the arms of the freed but badly shaken hostages.

## Library Display Features Life Of Priestley

An exhibit commemorating the life and works of scientist and educator Joseph Priestley is on display at the Pattee library this month.

The exhibit includes sections on Priestley's scientific works, his religious works, his political, educational, and historical writings, and the history of the Priestley lecture series at the College. Photographs of the Priestley home and museum at Northumberland are also on display.

The home is now the property of the College, because of the efforts of the late Dr. Gilbert Pond, former dean of the School of Natural Sciences.

Although best known as the discoverer of oxygen, Priestley wrote on many other subjects. He came to America as a result of his activities opposing the religious views of his time.

### Student Among Ten

Austin Edgington, a third semester agronomy student, was one of ten persons arrested yesterday by State College borough police and charged with speeding.

John R. Juba, borough chief of police, warned that the arrests were the first of a series of traps which will be operated in all sections of the borough.

# Government Says Courts Are Powerless in Steel Seizure; Judge Surprised

WASHINGTON, April 24—(P)—U.S. District Judge David A. Pine indicated surprise today at a government attorney's contention that the courts have no authority in time of emergency to interfere with such actions as President Truman's seizure of the nation's steel mills.

The judge put off until tomorrow completion of legal arguments on the steel industry's plea for an injunction which would void Truman's seizure. But he said that when arguments have ended, probably tomorrow, he will rule as promptly as possible.

Industry attorneys urged immediate action, contending that the government is about to take action which they said will result in "almost incalculable" damage to the steel companies.

**President's Emergency**  
Holmes Baldrige, an assistant attorney general replying for the government, argued that the president has unlimited power in time of declared emergency and that the courts have no authority to review his executive orders. The steel seizure was such an order.

Judge Pine expressed surprise, noting that the President himself declares the emergency.

He told Baldrige that under his theory, the government could seize him, Baldrige, and order him executed and that he would have no recourse to the courts.

**'Greatest Emergency'**  
"I'll have to think that one over," Baldrige replied.

Truman defended his seizure of the steel mills, telling his news conference he acted because the country was in what he termed its greatest emergency. But new challenges to his seizure order were voiced on Capitol Hill.

Truman brushed off as politics a move by some Republican House members to impeach him because of his seizure of the steel industry on April 8. The GOP Congressmen have a right to try, he said, but he has a pretty good defense.

Secretary of Defense Lovett told one of three Senate groups inquiring into the seizure that any prolonged stoppage of steel production "could result in tragedy and disaster."

## Over \$3400 Raised For Jewish Appeal

Over \$3400 was raised on campus for the United Jewish Appeal, Sara Bassel and Stanley Goldman, co-chairmen, have announced.

The sum is a ten per cent increase over last year's collection. Miss Bassel presented the \$3400 check to Michel Harvel, "Miss Israel of 1951," at the UJA dinner in Pittsburgh Sunday.

The local Hillel foundation was represented at the dinner by the co-chairmen and Selma Fine, Aron Hoffman, Laeh Kadinov, and Sheldon Vilenky. Regina Resnick, Metropolitan Opera star, sang. General Ginsbergh, assistant to the Secretary of Defense, spoke.

### GE Announces Layoff

ERIE, Pa., April 24—(P)—General Electric Co. disclosed today it will lay off 2,500 workers in the refrigerator and freezer division of the Erie works May 9 because of high inventories.

## The World At a Glance

### Red Newsmen Hint Of Break in Deadlock

MUNSAN, Friday, April 25—(P)—Communist newsmen hinted yesterday that a new development was imminent in the bogged-down talks on a Korean armistice.

They spread their hints at the conference site of Panmunjom in the wake of sharply pessimistic reports from Washington and Peiping on the prospects of a truce. They gave no indication of the nature of the development.

Tension mounted at the tiny tent town of Panmunjom. It appeared obvious that off-the-record negotiations on the crucial issue of exchanging prisoners were approaching a climax.

### ANPA Blasts Truman

NEW YORK, April 24—(P)—The American Newspaper Publishers Association censured President Truman today for his seizure of the steel industry and declared it would "resist and defeat" a similar move against the press "by any president."

A resolution on the seizure issue was adopted at a closed session of the annual meeting of the ANPA with only four dissenting votes among the 500 publishers attending.

### Red Rally in Berlin

BERLIN, April 24—(P)—About 25,000 Communist blue shirts stormed West Berlin's frontier tonight in a professed peace rally that resulted in a few cracked heads and 14 arrests.

The regimented youths of East Berlin were sent to stir up trouble with shouts of "Ami, go home" and "We demand a peace treaty." It was the first time in months that Communist street-fighting tactics have been employed in divided Berlin.

### Crimmings to Speak

The Reverend Everett Crimmings of the First Baptist Church, Millville, N.J., will speak to the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship at 7:30 tonight in 405 Old Main.

The Reverend Crimmings is a graduate of Baylor University and Eastern Baptist Seminary.

## Political Roundup

### HST Hints of Choice

WASHINGTON, April 24—(P)—President Truman threw out a hint today that he may soon break his silence on the scramble for the Democratic presidential nomination and name his choice as the party's standard bearer.

Four avowed candidates are now in the Democratic race: Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, Sen. Richard B. Russell of Georgia, Sen. Robert Kerr of Oklahoma, and Mutual Security Director W. Averell Harriman.

Truman defended Harriman's refusal to quit his post as foreign aid chief or withdraw from the presidential campaign.

### Stassen Bows Out

WASHINGTON, April 24—(P)—Daniel C. Gaaney, manager of the Stassen-for-president campaign here, said today he thinks Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower has the "best chance" to win the Republican presidential nomination.

Gaaney made the statement in response to questions at a press luncheon where he formally announced the closing of the local campaign headquarters for Harold E. Stassen.

He said he is not counting Stassen out of the race but clearly indicated a belief that Eisenhower will win.

### Taft Critical of Poll

WASHINGTON, April 24—(P)—Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio, a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, today criticized an Associated Press tabulation of preferences among national convention delegates elected to date.

He was asked specifically at a news conference about an AP tabulation for morning newspapers of today which showed 239 delegates for Taft and 220 for Eisenhower.

### 'Ike' Back in Harness

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, Allied Powers in Europe, April 24—(P)—Gen. Eisenhower, in high good humor despite a five-day illness, returned to harness today for his last full month as supreme allied commander in Europe.

Eisenhower spent the afternoon with staff officers planning his activities between now and his scheduled departure for the United States and the political arena around June 1.

## Kennedy to Close Priestley Lectures

Dr. Joseph W. Kennedy, chairman of the Department of Chemistry at Washington University, will deliver the last of the series of Priestley lectures at 7:30 tonight in 119 Osmond laboratory. His topic will be "Self-Diffusion of Aqueous Ions."

Dr. Donald S. Cryder, professor and head of the Department of Chemical Engineering, will preside.

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