

# The Truman Doctrine

- March 1947: Greece and Turkey were in desperate economic shape
  - Close to approving forms of government supported by the Soviet Union
- Truman held a joint session of congress to prevent the two countries to becoming part of the Soviet Bloc
  - A plan to provide economic and military aid to Greece and Turkey
- The speech and policy marked the beginning of the U.S. strategy of containment
- U.S. now committed to assisting any nation needing help resisting communist aggression
  - Some consider this the start of the Cold War



Truman announcing this plan to assist Greece and Turkey before a joint session of Congress

"All the News  
That's Fit to Print"

# The New York Times.

LATE CITY EDITION

Mostly sunny and mild today.  
Occasional rain and mild tomorrow.  
Temperatures Yesterday—Max., 47; Min., 32  
Sourer today, 41 to 44. Max., 48 to 51. Min., 34.  
Full U. S. Weather Bureau Report, Page 5.

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## TRUMAN ACTS TO SAVE NATIONS FROM RED RULE; ASKS 400 MILLION TO AID GREECE AND TURKEY; CONGRESS FIGHT LIKELY BUT APPROVAL IS SEEN

### DEWEY TO REQUEST \$135,000,000 MORE TO AID CITY HOUSING

O'Dwyer, by Agreement, Drops  
Further Bid for Money in '47,  
Insures Planned Projects

### REALTY TAX TO GO TO \$2.97

Due, Says Mayor, to Jump in  
Budget—City Wins Albany  
Accord on Finance Bills

By LEO EGAN  
Special to The New York Times.  
ALBANY, March 12—Governor  
Dewey and Mayor O'Dwyer agreed  
today at a conference in the Gov-  
ernor's office that the state hous-  
ing loan fund should be increased  
by \$135,000,000 and that New York  
City could get along without any  
further financial help from the  
state this year.

The additional housing loan  
fund, which must be approved by  
the Legislature and then by the  
voters at a referendum in the fall,  
will insure that projects already  
planned can be completed. It will  
not permit the undertaking of any  
new projects beyond those already  
under contemplation.  
Construction costs on public

### Bridges Says Plan to Slash Budget 'Is Knocked Askew'

He Indicates Revisions Must Be Made to Fit  
Truman's Plea for Aid to Greece, Turkey  
—Proposal to Reduce Income Tax Upset

By JOHN D. MORRIS  
Special to The New York Times.  
WASHINGTON, March 12—Rep-  
ublican fiscal leaders in Congress  
gave serious attention today to the  
effect on proposed tax and budget  
revisions of the new foreign pol-  
icy line as enunciated by President  
Truman.  
"It knocks budget plans askew,"  
said Senator Styles Bridges, of  
New Hampshire, chairman of the  
Senate Appropriations Committee.  
Mr. Bridges is a member of the  
Joint Conference Committee named  
to settle differences between House  
and Senate resolutions to limit  
Federal spending in the next fiscal  
year.  
The impact, if any, on Republi-  
can plans to reduce personal in-  
come taxes 20 per cent was un-  
settled as the House Ways and  
Means Committee planned to go  
ahead with hearings on the ques-  
tion tomorrow.  
Senator Bridges said the Presi-  
dent's request for \$400,000,000 to  
strengthen Greece and Turkey was  
something that had not been taken  
into consideration in the Con-  
gressional economy drive.  
Other Republican budget con-  
ference, however, either were not  
prepared to assess the effect on  
their plans or disagreed with Mr.  
Bridges' conclusions.  
Representative Everett M. Dirksen,  
Republican of Illinois, who in-  
dicated his opposition to the re-  
commended outlays, said that if  
Congress should approve them they  
still would be charged against the  
present fiscal year instead of the  
year beginning next July 1.  
Mr. Dirksen maintained, on the  
other hand, that the funds were re-  
quested for expenditure in the con-  
flictual year and consequently  
would have to be taken into ac-  
tion.

### SCHOOL PAY VOTED BY STATE SENATE

### PRESIDENT STARTS KEY WEST VACATION

### BEVIN SHARP IN BIG 4

Cites Report That Soviet  
Is Enlisting Germans  
in Armed Forces

### MOLOTOV IS SET BACK

He Admits Delay in Ship  
Demolition, Agrees to  
Prisoner Census

Excerpts from Bevin state-  
ment at Big 4 parley, Page 12.

By DREW MIDDLETON  
Special to The New York Times.  
MOSCOW, March 12—Ernest  
Bevin, Britain's chunky, gravel-  
voiced Foreign Secretary, de-  
manded of the Russians today an  
explanation of reports that they  
were enlisting German war vet-  
erans in the Soviet armed forces.  
Interrupting a Soviet recital of  
alleged United States and British  
fallings in demilitarization in Ger-  
many, Mr. Bevin also demanded  
in the Council of Foreign Ministers  
that Foreign Minister Molotov of  
Russia explain what the British  
described as the transfer of a "vast  
number" of old and unfit Germans

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### CONGRESS IS SOLEMN

Prepares to Consider  
Bills After Hearing the  
President Gravely

### SOVIET CALLED ISSUE

Some Hold Truman Plan  
Is Blow to U. N.—All but  
Marcantonio Applaud

By C. F. TRUSSELL  
Special to The New York Times.  
WASHINGTON, March 12—A  
much-shaken Congress squared off  
today to meet, concededly, one of  
the toughest deadlines in modern  
history. This deadline was the  
providing of the financial and tech-  
nical aid to Greece and Turkey  
that President Truman urged at  
the Congressional Joint Session be-  
fore British commitments are  
withdrawn from those countries on  
March 31.  
Congress stepped into its new  
task somewhat bewildered. Mem-  
bers, as they listened to the Chief  
Executive, saw their country's for-  
eign policy undergo radical change  
in the space of twenty-one minutes.  
They reacted sharply. At points  
they were in violent conflict. At

### ASKING AID FOR GREECE AND TURKEY



President Truman addressing Congress yesterday  
Associated Press Wirephoto

### Yugoslavs Block U. N. Entry To Reported Guerrilla Base

### NEW POLICY SET UP

President Blunt in Plea  
to Combat 'Coercion'  
as World Peril

### PLANS TO SEND MEN

Goods and Skills Needed  
as Well as Money, He  
Tells Congress

Truman's message to Congress  
on Mid-East crisis, Page 2.

By FELIX BELAIR Jr.  
Special to The New York Times.  
WASHINGTON, March 12—  
President Truman outlined a new  
foreign policy for the United States  
today. In a historic message to  
Congress, he proposed that this  
country intervene wherever neces-  
sary throughout the world to pre-  
vent the subjection of free peoples  
to Communist-inspired totalitarian  
regimes at the expense of their na-  
tional integrity and importance.  
In a request for \$400,000,000  
to bolster the hard-pressed Greek and  
Turkish Governments against Com-  
munist pressure, the President said  
the constant coercion and intimidat-  
ion of free peoples by totalitarian in-







- "Iron Curtain"
- Communist nations not in Warsaw Pact
- Warsaw Pact countries
- Non-Communist nations not in NATO
- NATO countries
- ⊙ Capital



### Geography Skills

By the mid-1950s, two powerful military alliances, NATO and the Warsaw Pact, were facing each other in Europe.

**Applying Geography Skills** How many European nations had Communist governments in 1955?