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### *United States determined on Korea*

The Truman Doctrine for Greece and Turkey may soon have to be applied to South Korea, if the Soviets continue to sabotage the Moscow Agreement as they have done in the past. Such unequivocal warning came from Secretary of State Marshall in Moscow. In a note addressed to Foreign Minister Molotov on April 8, 1947 he stressed that the failure of the United States-Soviet joint commission in Korea compels his Government to act independently in its zone. The joint commission has been adjourned *sine die* since May 8, 1946, when the Russians unilaterally broke off negotiations, following the political disagreement on what constituted "democratic parties and social organizations." There the Russians tried to apply their own definition of democracy, which would exclude all non-communist elements from the Korean interim government. General Hodge, United States Commander in Korea, unhesitatingly rejected the Soviet proposal as not consonant with "the democratic right of freedom of opinion." Secretary Marshall asked again that the Soviet Union and the United States instruct their respective commanders to reconvene the joint commission as soon as possible in order to implement the Moscow Agreement of December, 1945 regarding Korean independence. Moreover, he pointed out that the United States, "mindful of its obligations under the Moscow Agreement, sees no alternative to taking without further delay such steps in its zone as will advance the purposes of that agreement." This will mean the establishment of some sort of provisional government as well as providing economic help. This would cost the American taxpayers

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