

## FRENCH CHANGE POLICY TOWARD RUSSIAN REDS

Ready to Recognize Govern-  
ment if it Will Honestly  
Consult the People.

### MUST CALL ELECTION FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Understanding With Britain  
on New Policy May Result  
from Warsaw Battle.

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Paris, Aug. 20.—The first definite statement of a change in French policy toward the Soviet was given to the Public Ledger foreign service today by M. Poincaré, acting minister of foreign affairs in the absence of Premier Millerand. M. Poincaré said:

"Premier Millerand would recognize the Soviet government tomorrow if the Soviet leaders would solemnly promise to hold a general and honest election with the Russian people. It is that the sole condition of French recognition," he was asked.

"Yes," was the reply, "that is the one requirement. All others are of secondary importance. Let a general Russian election be called for a constituent assembly and France will recognize the Soviet now."

"Then France no longer demands as a preliminary a guarantee of the payment of the Russian debt?" it was suggested.

"No, that is secondary consideration which will be decided if a constituent assembly is established in Russia. You have noticed the Soviet already have offered several times—and another such offer was made recently by Mr. Kollontai—to pay the debt due France, but France has not accepted it. A consideration far more important in French eyes is the establishment of a Russian government in the will of the people. When Russia has a constitutional government it will need to have foreign credit, and before it can get that it must promise to pay its former debts."

"Premier Millerand recognized General Wrangel because he had held consultation with the people and had set up a popular government. France is especially pleased with General Wrangel's policy of the distribution of land to the peasants."

M. Poincaré admitted failure up to date, despite the desire of both parties to weld the policies of Premier Lloyd George and Millerand into one Allied policy concerning the Soviet and recognition of General Wrangel. A formula on which both can agree has not yet been found.

M. Poincaré believed an agreement might be reached today, though perhaps it will be necessary to await a definite result of the Warsaw battle which is expected soon.

Unable to Agree With Britain.

M. Poincaré's statements are the more important when it is known that he has been conducting the policy with Lord D'Orsay, the British ambassador in Paris. He declared that the Quai d'Orsay was satisfied with Mr. Lloyd George's speech to the Commons yesterday and said he believed it would help smooth over the minute difficulties.

"It is useless," he said, "to hide that there has been a constant divergence between the Russian policy and our own. Mr. Lloyd George would recognize the Soviet government while we would not. The few days must have shown Mr. Lloyd George the danger of admitting Russia and Britain to London. France does not want the Soviet system in Paris. The city of the Soviets has not been peaceful, but propitious. France has given now and waits to maintain it."

France does not intend to give military support or send troops to Poland or to Russia. Wrangel. There is a strong feeling in the French army that French soldiers in Siberia have been sent to help Poland. They have remained and will remain in the present area.

The result of the negotiations with England depends in a great measure on the fate of Warsaw. Because the divergent lines will produce a situation which will bring the Allies to an agreement. News of the battle of Warsaw received today is favorable, but tomorrow it may be just the opposite. Battles which begin well do not always end well.

"The French Government is in agreement to every point with the word taken by the United States in the note to Italy."

"But," he said, "the American policy upholds the sovereignty of Russia and refuses to recognize the Soviet States. How can France recognize these states?"

"France has recognized these states," he said, "but only as a tactical move. Only a few days ago one of the British countries asked us for a firm recognition, but we refused. The present recognition is only a temporary move while waiting definite arrangements of Russian affairs."

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