

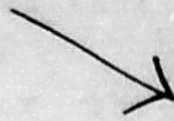
MARSHALL PLAN L.J.-P.+S. Friday, Feb 13, 1948.

(Hansov, U.S.A.)
In Washington, the Senate Foreign Relations

committee has agreed on a modified Marshall Plan --
the limit to be five-billion,-three-hundred million
for American economic aid to western Europe for the
first twelve months of the Marshall Plan program.

^{TP} President Truman had asked for six-billion,-eight-
hundred million to operate the European recovery
program for fifteen months beginning April first.

On a fifteen month basis, the spending ceiling imposed
by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee would average
only about a-hundred - and-seventy-five-million short
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The committee's decision however, is still subject to review and final approval by its membership. Committee Chairman ^{Sen.} ~~Arthur H.~~ Vandenberg ~~xy~~ says the ~~new~~ legislation will be brought to the floor of the Senate on March first. ~~Chairman Vandenberg~~ ^{He} indicated to news men his strong personal conviction that it will pass without too great opposition. ~~Even from the revisionists. These revisionists, led by Senator Taft who favored cutting spending to five billion dollars for the first fifteen~~ ~~months~~ months have thus received a substantial setback by this clear cut victory for the President and Secretary of State Marshall.

Sec. of St. Marshall has consistently demanded that Congress enact adequate and continuing aid for the sixteen European nations or the abandonment of the entire ~~program~~ program. No half measures would suffice he said. So now he ^{sees} ~~says~~ his recommendation about to be followed with ~~very~~ minor alterations. One of these, the striking out of the clause that allows the sale

of two hundred American merchant ships to western European states. ^{He sees} --_^ this provision replaced by the authorization of charter transfer of ~~two~~ three hundred cargo ships, provided the ships are not in operation here.

RUSSIAN ZONE

(In Germany the Soviets have set up a German administration of their own -- thus countering the policy of the British and Americans in their unified zone.) Moscow, having bitterly denounced the German administration set up by the western allies now follows suit.

(The Soviets are establishing a German council to administer eastern Germany,) and they ~~are~~ *are* going to impose on that council the job of seeing that reparations are delivered to the Russians. The Russians are taking a lot out of their occupied zone, and now the German government they ~~are~~ *are* setting up will have to do the collecting and handing over of reparations; -- not a pleasant job!

RUSSIAN MERCHANDISE

A good deal of notice is being taken today of the latest disclosure about economic affairs in Soviet Russia. In this latest blast, there are a couple of things that merit attention. One is the charge, made in Moscow, that Soviet industry has been turning out shoddy worthless and defective goods, as a way of filling the quotas imposed by the five year plan.

The complaint printed in a publication called the Moscow Bolshevik, is made by the official who runs affairs of trade in Moscow. He charges - inferior goods and false labels, defective merchandise falsely passed off as the real thing. He cites especially the case of clothing and states that the Soviet clothing industry has been turning out wearing apparel made out of any old kind of cloth - and never mind what cheap stuff and second rate shoddy the Soviet citizen has to wear on his back.

Also - sausages. The article in the Moscow Bolshevik accuses the Soviet sausage makers of turning

out an inferior grade of bologna and frankfurters - poor stuff ~~XXXXXXXX~~ decorated with fine labels. Almost anything may be inside the sausages, but the labels are wonderful. ^P ~~It would be inspiring to say that, under our~~

~~own kind of capitalism, we never have any such thing as a phoney label. That, in our system, it is unknown for a company to misrepresent merchandise by pasting a beautiful description on it -- but just ask the department of pure foods in Washington about that. So maybe the problem of the phoney label is neither Communist ~~XXXXXXXX~~ nor capitalist - just human.~~

However, in the Communist Utopia, they seem to have more reason for resorting to such ~~trickery~~. The story today explains that various branches of Soviet industry turn out shoddy stuff and label it falsely -- "just so they can meet their quotas under the five year plan". As the Moscow dispatch puts it. They are ~~XXXXXXXX~~ ordered to turn out a certain volume of merchandise, and they'd better do it, or else.

So, they've been doing it -- even if the stuff is terrible.

XX PALESTINE

In Palestine today, British soldiers were ~~xxxxxx~~ ordered to keep out of the Jewish quarter in Jerusalem -- the Zionist part of the old city placed out of bounds. The British commanders ~~xxxx~~ are afraid their soldiers will be attacked - the result of a new flare of Jewish bitterness against the British.

This follows the killing of four members of Haganah, the Jewish Army. The record shows that they were taken in custody by British troops; then were found dead. What happened? The Zionist accusation is that the British soldiers ~~re~~ released the four ~~xxxxxx~~ members of Haganah in an Arab quarter, leaving them to the mercy of the Arabs -- who showed no mercy.

~~Today the Jewish agency ~~xxxx~~ sent a strong protest -- to which the British authorities are giving serious attention. Lieutenant General G. H. A. MacMillan, British commander in Chief has ordered a full military investigation of the killing of the four members of Haganah.~~

With this new tension in Palestine, there

WASHINGTON CENSORSHIP

In Washington today, a decree of censorship was issued, an edict of silence. This is of the most rigid sort, and is to be applied ruthlessly. The victims are the top officials of the Army, Navy and Air Force, ~~The~~ civilian chiefs, and ^{the} high brass, putting it impolitely, ~~they~~ are told to shut up.

~~Secretary of Defense Forrestal today issued instructions that any statement to be made by top men in the armed services must be submitted to his office - for censorship. On previous occasions, Forrestal has decreed something of the same ^{sort} ~~thing~~, but not so strongly. This time it is absolute, the muzzle, the gag.~~

The reason? - ~~a~~ new outbreak of the ancient feud between the Air Force and the Navy. They've been in a state of intermittent war ever since the Air Forces were founded, at the time of World War One; and now there's new cause for ~~new~~ feuding - the report issued by the President's committee on air power. That report recommended that the Air Force be largely increased,

while the sky fighting arm of the Navy be kept pretty much as it is.

All of which drew some criticism from Admiral Nimitz, recently retired as Chief of Naval Operations. The Nimitz declaration got a lot of publicity - contending, as it did, that the defense of our country should concentrate on great aircraft carriers, floating air bases. ~~This was necessary, the Admiral argued, ~~not~~ because we haven't got enough of the right kind of land-bases to rely on land-based planes. The Admiral's pronouncement had a good deal of public appeal - with its vision of giant carriers acting as air bases^{es} that could go anywhere on the ~~Seven Seas.~~~~

The public may have got a thrill out of this, but what the Air Force got was a violent headache. Word from Washington is that the ^{recent} Nimitz giant-carrier-proclamation burned up the Air Force officers so badly, that words almost failed them. But not quite.

The Air Force managed to utter a few choice words about ~~the~~ the Navy, as the Air Force is usually able to do.

The net result is a new flare up of bickering, a new hot installment of the old inter-service warfare. This, we are told, has burned up Secretary of Defense Forrestal. - Everybody burned up. The result being - today's edict of censorship - no public statement to be issued without the okay of the Secretary for Defense.

~~Well, it's an old story - one that goes back to the legended Billy Mitchell, that seer and prophet of air power was the great original palladin in the war between aviators and admirals, and his spirit has lingered on, both in battles against the enemy and against the Navy.~~

The new flareup ~~is~~ is the more awkward because of the recently instituted unified command, which ~~is~~ ^{was} supposed ~~to~~ to promote peace between the armed services. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~Which makes it all the more necessary to do what was done today - get a nice big gag and~~

PRICES

Grain prices went into wild gyrations today, corn leading in a dizzy dance of up and down. To start the day the price of corn took another plunge, for the limit. Then there was a reaction, and corn bounced up again. The bouncing up and down continued; but the trading day ended with corn flat on the floor once more - the price down as far as it was permitted by law to go. In the big decline since last week corn was sunk from two-dollars-and-seventy cents a bushel to a ~~one~~-dollar-and-ninety-seven; - a nose-dive of seventy-three cents a bushel.

Wheat was steadier today, and July wheat made a gain, up one-and-a-fourth cents a bushel as a net result of the days trading. However, except for the July ^{crop} ~~seed~~, other prices of ~~wheat~~ wheat declined slightly.

There was a slight rise in oats, but butter took a drop from three-and-a-half cents to six-and-a-half cents a pound.

The whole picture is one of a ~~kn~~ jittery

market; but, the signs are that commodity prices ~~are~~ are leveling off. That is, the collapse is being checked with prospects of steady prices at a level considerably lower than the inflation peak of more than a week ago. In Wall Street, the stock market was steady and firm today.

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Now about retail prices - the way the collapse of the grain market is being reflected in the amount of money the ~~housewife~~ housewife has to pay for groceries. In Washington today, the government announced that in many parts of the country retail prices have gone down faster and farther than the commodity ^{markets} ~~markets~~ plunged in last week's big break.

The experts are astonished. Normally, it takes about three months for retail prices to be affected by a break at the top. It takes time for the retail dealers, stocked with goods they bought at high prices, to begin to buy from the wholesalers at lower prices. So, according to the rules, last week's collapse of commodity prices should not be reflected

to any great extent in the retail stores right now.

But according to the government experts, ~~now~~ competition has set in, and stores have had to reduce to compete with one another. Economists of the government are so interested in this unexpeted reaction, that they are beginning a telegraphic - spot-check of retail prices all over the country, getting quick reports on the drop of retail prices in twelve major cities.

As against all this you hear plenty of housewives ^{complaining} ~~complaining~~ that they haven't found any price reduction at all in the retail stores -- or ~~might~~ little of it. ~~Maybe~~ things ~~are~~ are different in various areas.

ROCKEFELLER WEDDING

Tonight Palm Beach is having what might be called - a social resurrection. Always known as the swankiest American winter resort, dedicated to the social register, Palm Beach has lived a quiet life the last few years - the war and before that the depression, having toned down celebration and ceremony. But tonight the members of the ~~the~~ old guard, veterans of the social register, are out in force for the top ranking event of years; gala festivity, ^{coming} ~~case~~ rather as a surprise, unexpected.

Last week the news headlined a Florida airplane crash, and columns of print related how veteran pilot Dick Merrill had performed an exploit, bringing his crippled airliner safely to the airport. It was noted ~~that~~ at the time that one of the passengers in that thriller of aviation, was Winthrop Rockefeller, son of John D. Rockefeller, ~~the~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ ~~Junior~~ That was followed by word that the Rockefeller airplane trip to Florida had to do with romance - the first hint of

wedding bells, ~~we~~ then came the announcement of the nuptials tonight - Winthrop Rockefeller~~s~~ marrying Mrs. Barbara Sears.

Sentimentalists are likely to find a Cinderella note in the wedding - but it's hardly that. The Bride, a radiant blonde, was born in Pennsylvania, of Lithuanian immigrant parents. - ~~At~~ the Chicago World's Fair in Nineteen Thirty-~~Three~~, she ~~was~~ was hailed as "Miss Lithuania". She married, was divorced, and has been an actress - playing, for example, in "Tobacco Road". When Winthrop Rockefeller met her, she was living in a tenement building in New York, in a walk-up flat. The Rockefeller courtship, we are told, was accomplished by dint of ~~the~~ frequent

walk-ups three flights. *Win R - has been called the Black Sheep of the family*
Because when he went to Yale, he didn't stay - instead

he pulled up stakes, went to Texas and became an oil Johnny. A suggested job among rugged men.

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Several weeks ago the bride-to-be went to Palm Beach, invited by Mr. and Mrs. Winston Guest, close friend of the Rockefellers. Whereupon Winthrop Rockefeller visited her by air, making trips from

New York to Palm Beach; one trip getting him into

But all who know Win R - regard him as a ¹² regular fellow.

the aviation adventure last week, the near crash.

The reception tonight is at the home of the Winston Guests and all wedding arrangements were made by James Lee - which recalls a bit of history. James Lee is a member of the public relations firm of Ivy Lee, which years ago directed the task of establishing good public relations between the Rockefeller fortune and the public.

The ~~elder~~ John D. ^{The Elder} Rockefeller_^ was aware of the antipathy aroused by great accumulations of ~~wealth~~ wealth, such as were built up toward the end of the last century; - ~~and the~~ greatest of these ^{in all} ~~was~~ the Rockefeller fortune. The original John D. did not believe in any policy of - "the public de banned." As a result of which the feeling of people toward the Rockefeller^s changed; - one large factor being the great work in medicine done by the Rockefeller Foundation. The ^{top} public relations job was done by Ivy ~~Lee~~ Lee, wizard of publicity - and now all arrangements

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for the wedding tonight were made by James Lee of the firm of Ivy Lee.

The guest list is headed by the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, and includes fifty of the top ranking social names. Many of the guests, we are told, are strangers to Winthrop Rockefeller. They are members of the Palm Beach Old Guard, who have never met the younger generation of Rockefellers - but were well acquainted with the original John D.

In one way, tonight's wedding presents an oddity - you seldom hear of a couple getting married at midnight. But that's the way things were arranged, the wedding ~~reception~~ reception this evening - followed by a midnight marriage. The reason is that Winthrop Rockefeller took out a license at Okeechobee, Florida, and the Florida law requires that three days must elapse between license and marriage. The three day period ~~will~~ will be up tomorrow, and the Rockefeller wedding will be solemnized as soon as possible tomorrow -- immediately after midnight tonight. *And now back to you Nelson.*