

AMERICAN AID

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(A huge program of world economic help is being prepared in Washington.) The Departments of State and War are working out a program to get needy nations on their economic feet all over the world - at a cost which some estimate ~~at a~~ total of five billion American dollars a year for the next three or four years.

(The plan was announced by the Secretary of State Marshall today, who told a news conference that a study of world economic rehabilitation ^{is} being made - the first of its kind.)

REFUGEES

The Secretary of State ^{also} calls for the admission of European Refugees. To a ~~d~~elelegation of churchmen and ~~R~~epresentatives of Labor, Secretary Marshall today declared that the nations of the world should give homes to the homeless. Further, he said, "It is my opinion that the United States should take the lead in this matter."

Secretary Marshall explained that our Government is against any idea of making displaced persons go back to their native lands - where they may face racial, religious or political persecution.

SCIENCE

The Senate passed legislation today for a great national foundation to train promising young scientists. The bill provides for twenty million dollars a year to subsidize the development of talent in experimental research, and keep the United States well advanced on that all-important matter for the modern world - science.

Three cheers for the Senate for passing that bill.

NEW LEAD TRUMAN

The President's ninety-four years old mother left her sick bed today and spent an hour and a half in her comfortable old rocking chair. But tonight the news again is-not so good. According to the White House Doctor, General Graham: "There has been no improvement." The President is with her working when he can, on official papers flown from Washington. His daughter Margaret spent most of the day there. The word is that her arrival raised her Grandmother's spirits.

Here's later word:- a bulletin just in says the President's mother has made an unexpected rally -- feeling better than at any time in the last week.

BEVIN

Our Secretary of State takes issue with the British Foreign Secretary - on the subject of the news coverage of international conferences. Over in London, Bevin stated that at the Moscow Conference, the amount of news given out was a handicap, and blamed this largely on the American newsmen. Over here Marshall issues a denial, stating today that the trouble with Moscow was, not the amount of news given out, but the way the Foreign Ministers themselves acted.

He suggested that the diplomats should appeal less to passion and prejudice and more to calm reason in expressing their views at conference tables. If they did that, there would be less objection to the publication of the news. Secretary Marshall pointed out that two secret meetings were held by the Big Four in Moscow, with no news issued at all - and they were failures.

Bevin indicated that more restrictions would be placed on the news men at the next Big Conference, to be held in London in November. Marshall rejects that. He will oppose any attempt to suppress the news.

CHINA

~~China is having a series of violent student~~

students ~~states~~ At Nanking today, a mob of x six thousand *Chinese* clashed with the police, two students reported killed and twenty beaten up *in* ~~it was~~ a demonstration against the Civil War between Chiang Kai-Shèk and the Reds - the students demanding an end to the internal strife.

There was a similar disturbance in Peiping, with five thousand students on the rampage. - All this as Chiang Kai-Shek announced that his government would resume negotiations with the Communists. That is, as soon as the Reds stop what the proclamation call^s ~~it~~ "their rebellion." Meaning, the Chinese Communist Armies must lay down their arms; which they are not likely to agree to do.

ECLIPSE

The astronomers who studied the eclipse in Brazil have a lot of scientific problems to work out. But not the tribes of the Xingu - they ~~have~~ ^{have} it all figured. The astro-physicists will puzzle their brains about the meaning of the eclipse phenomena with reference to cosmic rays, the atomic explosion theory of the sun, and Einstein relativity. But the tribes of the Xingu know all about what it meant when the sun turned black.

The main party of scientists, camped on a high jungle plateau of inner Brazil, had a great break of luck. Until just a quarter of an hour before the eclipse, the sky was cloudy, but it cleared quickly. At other places in Brazil, other observers were out of luck - the eclipse hidden by dense clouds. But on that remote plateau ^{they} had the ~~perfect~~ ^{ideal} conditions for using their complicated equipment? Both on the ground and in the air - U.S. Army planes flying to a high altitude to make observations and ~~try to~~ photograph the shadow of the eclipse racing across the surface

of the earth. So all the ~~xx~~ scientists have to do now is interpret the data they gathered; ~~and~~ figure ^{out} what the eclipse ^{can tell us} ~~has to teach~~ on the subject of cosmic rays, solar atomic explosions and the Einstein Theory.

Our expedition was on the upper reaches of ~~the~~ the Xingu ~~=~~ River, where are found some of the most primitive tribes in the South American jungle.

~~Some who~~ ~~They~~ have never seen a white man before, and know nothing of the white man's notions about eclipses and such. The scientific party, told them ~~xx~~ nothing about it. They wanted to see how the ^{man of the} jungle, ~~the~~ with his primitive ideas, would react to an eclipse of the sun. That was one interesting point of observation - ~~the~~ anthropological aspect in the study of the eclipse. ^{It} So what happened, when the black shadow began to spread across the face of the sun?

The Indians were mystified, then terrified. They ran to the scientists busy with the complicated paraphernalia of astronomy, and cried out in fear: "Is the sun going to die? Let the sun live." They

seemed to take the scientists for magicians of some sort.

But the tribes of the Xingu knew how to do things for themselves ~~in~~ in a weird emergency like that. They seized the food they had cooked for their morning meal and ran with it to the river. They hurled the food into the Xingu - as a sacrifice to appease the Gods. ^{also} Women and children took ashes ~~fr~~ from their camp fire and smeared these over their faces - to propitiate the angry spirits. The warriors, brave and bold, seized their bows and shot arrows into the sky aiming arrows at the enemy that was blacking out the sun.

Then, as the sun grew bright again, the Indians became quiet and calm, joyful and serene. The Gods had answered their sacrifices, and all is well again - their magic had worked. The scientists then tried to explain the eclipse to them -- the astronomical facts of life. But the tribes of the Xingu only responded with smiles of superior wisdom. ^m They

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knew, it was one of two things - either some monster had attacked the sun and been defeated - or the Gods had grown angry, and then had changed their minds and decided not to kill the sun.

ELECTION FRAUDS

There ^{is} a demand that the Senate do something about alleged election frauds in Kansas City. Today, Senator Kem of Missouri attacked Attorney General Tom Clark for his decision that there's no basis for federal prosecutions.

^{All of which}
~~one~~ goes back to the Missouri primary last summer, in which Democratic Congressman ~~sa~~ Slaughter, ~~now~~ opposed by President Truman, was defeated for renomination. The successful Democrat was subsequently beaten in the November elections by a Republican.

The charge had been made that corruption was used in swinging the vote in the primary. And today R Senator Kem made charges against what he called - "The Pendergast Machine," and declared: "Election frauds were again rampant." So he wants a full Senate investigation of the Attorney General's refusal to do anything ^{about} that Missouri Primary.

TAXES

The bill to cut taxes was put before the Senate today and Republican leaders are predicting ~~that~~ *it will be put* ~~they will pass it~~ through promptly. The measure calls for a reduction of income taxes to the tune of four billion dollars. The Democrats are trying to put the matter off, delay it until the middle of June. But G.O.P. leaders insist they have enough votes to get prompt action.

CLARK

Every so often a great story comes along, but you feel that a final touch somewhere is lacking.

This was true of one of the ace high thrillers of the war - General Mark Clark's mission to North Africa, the secret journey to confer with patriotic French Military Officers and prepare for the North African invasion.

When the episode was disclosed, it was told how General Clark, with other high American officers, were taken in a British submarine to the North African Coast, where they went to the country villa of a French civilian. There they were joined by high French Officers, and the whole thing turned into a thrill, suspense and desperate peril. One thing however, was left none too clear, none too plausible - one final touch was lacking.

~~Now we are~~ given that final touch - in a full story of the mission to North Africa written by General Mark Clark himself and printed in the New York Times. General Clark repeats the account, ^{which}

we've had before - the story of a sudden alarm. The police were coming. The Vichy authorities had got a tip and were sending a force of Gendarmes to raid the place. There was wild pandemonium. French officers went scurrying away - dashing through doors, jumping out of windows, to get clear.

That left General Clark and his officers with a few British Commandos who had accompanied them. They and Robert Murphy, American Consul to Algiers. And an Assistant of his. The two American Diplomats had come with the French Officers. The owner of the villa said there was only one place to hide - down in the wine cellar. So down into the pitch black wine cellar ducked General Mark Clark and the other American and British Military men - leaving American Consul Murphy and his Aide with the French civilian - to face the police.

All Murphy had to do was try to talk the Gendarmes out of searching the house. If they had started searching, they would promptly have found

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General Clark and the others in the wine cellar. General Mark Clark states that he and his companions were ready for an attempt to shoot their way out, if necessary. But it wasn't necessary.

The one thing that previous accounts never made clear was this - how did the American Consul Robert Murphy contrive to talk the police out of searching the place? You'd think that, having been tipped off to a conspiracy of some sort, the Gendarmes would have started hunting high and low immediately. So what kind of blarney did Murphy use? Of that we were not informed. The final touch was lacking.

Today we get the
~~We now have that~~ final touch - in General
- how
Clark's own story, [^] Murphy used not irish, but French blarney. "Murphy", relates General Clark, "Identified himself as the American Consul ^{from} ~~General~~ Algiers. He boldly indicated that a little party was in progress, and there were women in the upstairs rooms - and urged the French police not to embarrass them.

So that's the final touch, Blarney A La

Gay Paree. It was something to appeal to any Frenchman, and the Gendarmes could sympathize. The American Consul and his Aide were at the villa in the country on a party with ~~xxx~~ ladies. The ladies had taken refuge upstairs. They would be embarrassed, and what Frenchmen would want to embarrass ladies in such circumstances? So the Gendarmes shrugged their shoulders, and said Oui Oui. A political conspiracy was ~~was~~ one thing, but a rendezvous of love was another - and they would cause no embarrassment.

So they made no search and away they went, General Mark Clark and his companions, emerging from the wine cellar, got as quickly as they could to their submarine and back to Britain to report to ^{the} American Commander, General Eisenhower. So it was okay for the North African invasion all because some French Gendarmes observed proper Parisian respect for a love ~~xxx~~ nest.

BLINDNESS

We all know that worry can cause a lot of madadies. Now we hear that worry can also cause blindness. That in Boston, Dr. Robert Moss of the Massachusetts Memorial Hospital declared that a number of eye disorders are the result of emotional strain -- especially worry. "The eye killing disease," said he, "is glaucoma -- and getting your self in an overwrought dither about something can cause it."

So don't worry! Not even about next month's bills! Just don't worry about anything. For as philosophers have been telling us all down the ages -- worry just doesn't do anybody any good.

Take Nelson for example. He's known here at CBS as never-wrong-Case.

TRUMAN

Better news about
~~Today~~ the President's ninety-four year old
She ~~mother~~ *today -* left her sick bed and spent an hour-and-a-half
in her comfortable old rocking chair. Mrs. Martha
Truman rocked slowly back and forth, and talked, gay
and lively, with the President and his sister, Miss Mary
Jane Truman.

In spite of this we hear
~~But this does not mean an optimistic~~
that ~~report~~ the President's mother had a bad night ~~last~~ last
night, and today the doctors said; - "She's just about
holding her own." The fact that she was allowed to
leave her sick bed for a long session in her favorite
rocking chair, is explained, by the News Dispatch
from Grandview, Missouri, in the following words:
"More than anything else, it meant that her physicians
and her family were permitting her everything possible
that made her happy."