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MARSHALL

~~In Washington~~, Secretary of State Marshall *tonight* appealed to Americans to use "cool judgement" in the midst of what he termed "The world's greatest crisis"

~~Sen.~~ Marshall told President Truman, and a distinguished gathering, at a meeting of the Federal Council of Churches, held in the National Cathedral this evening, that he had tried to keep a level head himself. He described his task as director of Uncle Sam's foreign policy as one of many frustrations. He told how everything we do in connection with foreign relations is "Misunderstood by someone abroad." Even our most generous motives suspected, our good intentions condemned. People in Europe who suffered during the war looking at us with hope because of our riches and security, or with dislike, if not hatred, for the very same ~~pixxx~~ reason.

~~The~~ ^{tonight also} Secretary of State [^] called for quick action on the European Recovery Plan, saying that when he proposed the plan last June he anticipated immediate and emphatic opposition, but there was little opposition, to his surprise. ~~He pointed out~~
^{IF He went to say that}
~~that~~ [^] the plan has led to a strong and promising effort to form a political association in Western Europe, -- obviously referring to the proposed agreement between Great Britain, France, Belgium and the Netherlands - which ^{as he put it: -} ~~is said~~ [^] "may be the first step to what has been the dream of many great minds."

~~Secretary of State Marshall declaring himself pleased with early results of the Marshall Plan, and urging us to use "cool judgement" Words of confidence from a cool thinking statesman.~~

WESTERN UNION

And that Union of the Western European nations appears *now* ~~to be~~ to be within sight. From the conference at Brussels we hear that Great Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, ~~xxxxxx~~ have reached an agreement, in principle; an agreement that sounds like a pretty solid base for an economic and military treaty of defense, to run for fifty years.

~~There are some secondary points still to be discussed. But~~ The word is that the delegates have proceeded so well with their work that a treaty will be ready for them to sign within six days, -- ~~by March seventeenth. That they need only one more meeting to iron out all points of difference.~~

The terms of the treaty-draft are not revealed; but the guess is that the five countries will bind themselves each to come to the help of any one of the five if attacked. Also, any disagreements to be settled by the International Court of Justice at The Hague. ~~And, if other countries want to join, they will be considered, but they will have to be approved.~~

unanimously by all ~~the~~ five of the original signing countries. In other words, one blackball enough to keep an applicant out.

~~The five countries also to bind themselves to ~~XXXXX~~ protect each ~~XXXXXX~~ other from political ~~infiltration.~~~~

TRUMAN

At his press conference today, President Truman, far more pessimistic than usual, said that recent events in Europe have shaken his confidence in world peace. But, he still has hopes that the nations of the world somehow will be able to get together and avoid the cataclysm of another world war. Then he added that whatever happens, the peoples of the earth should not for a moment relax their efforts to achieve peace.

Referring to the death of Jan Masaryk, the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, he urges us to withhold judgment until the full facts are available.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Another headline suicide in Czechoslovakia, at least it's suicide according to the Czech police. Josef Herod, ~~who~~ ^{former} ~~used to be~~ Regional Secretary of the National Socialist Party, killed himself in ~~the~~ prison, at Ostrava. He had been arrested on a charge of having been part of a network of spies ~~was~~ established by The National Socialists.

A Prague newspaper today reported that ^{Jan} ~~young~~ Masaryk ~~had not~~ left ^{no} ~~a~~ suicide note. On his desk, facing the window in the ~~Senate~~ Palace from which he jumped or fell, was an open Bible, opened at a passage in the New Testament, ^{with} ~~in that~~ two verses of St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians were underlined; but ~~they were~~ not such verses ^{that} as could be ^{as having a bearing on what happened.} interpreted ~~to indicate an intention at self destruction.~~

The Czechoslovak Parliament held a short session today and gave the Red regime of Premier Gottwald a sweeping vote of confidence. By a vote of two hundred and thirty to nothing, the deputies adopted the Communist legislative program. There was hardly any debate, ~~at all~~, just a ~~virtual~~

rubber-stamp okay.

There are three hundred deputies in the Czechoslovak Parliament, ~~and Two-hundred-and-thirty of them~~ attended.

Ten ~~of them~~ were away on leave. ~~of absence~~. The speaker

announced ~~that he had~~ the formal resignations of six non-Communist members, ^{with} ~~and~~ ^{resignations} ~~others were~~ expected.

(^{the chief} At Lake Success, a Czechoslovak delegate is trying to prevail upon the member countries of the United Nations to ^{so far futile} back up his attempt to bring charges against Soviet Russia in the United Nations. ~~for its part in the Communist putsch at Prague.~~ He tried to bring the matter up before the Security Council, yesterday, ~~as you will remember~~ ^{and} Secretary Trygvie Lie declared he was out of order on the grounds that although Papanek is nominally still the chief Czechoslovak delegate to the United Nations, he actually no longer represents the Prague government.) Papanek today, to newspapermen, denied in bitter terms that he was now nothing but a private person. ^{He said that by this} ~~By that~~ ruling, the United Nations is

treating him as the League of Nations treated President Benes
of Czechoslovakia in Nineteen Thirty-Nine, when the Nazis ~~took~~
~~the country over~~ moved in on that unfortunate
country.

(Uncle Sam made a plea to Britain today, asking that the evacuation of troops from the Holy Land be postponed. Britain's answer was a polite -- "No!" May Fifteenth has been set as the date of the withdrawal, and that date stands.)

The Jewish Agency today repeated its ~~determined~~ determination to accept nothing less than partition as a solution of the Zionist problem. The American head of the Agency, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, after a conference with Warren Austin, our delegate to the U.N., ~~repeated~~ his former declaration with emphasis.

(All this following the news of the latest tragedy at Jerusalem, the killing of eleven and the injuring of ninety, Jews. One wing of the headquarters of the Jewish Agency, completely destroyed -- the wing occupied by Vaad Leumi, the national council of Palestine Jews. Several important ranking officials, including four officials of the Palestine Foundation Fund, are among the dead and injured.

The authorities in Jerusalem ^{say} ~~believe~~ the explosion was touched off by an Arab driving a car stolen from the U.S. Consulate ^{— a car} ~~and~~ flying the Stars and Stripes. We hear that was how Arabs ~~gmk~~ managed to get by the Jewish guards.)

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Gromyko, stating the Soviet position, said today that Russia will have nothing to do with any emergency negotiations of the big powers on Palestine IF the Arabs and Jews are allowed to take part in the discussions.

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At Washington, President Truman today vehemently denied that he ever accused New York Jews of disloyalty to Uncle Sam. He never, he declared, said anything even approximately like that.

VIENNA

First Class Private Jack Grunden of ^{Portland,} Oregon, has recovered sufficiently from the effects of the bullet fired into his back by a Red soldier on Monday, to receive a visit from red-headed Elfrieda, the pretty ~~xxxxx~~ young Viennese who was with him when he was shot and kicked.

She learned that the Oregon ^{ian} G.I. will not lose his left arm. But he wasn't able to put it around Elfrieda when she smothered him with kisses.

(Jack, we hear, probably will be sent back to the U.S.A. for special treatment.) So far he isn't strong enough to be questioned by ~~Colonel de Harlan~~, the Provost Marshal -- the Colonel who said the episode was deliberately ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ provoked by the Russians.

~~Reporters told Jack about First Sergeant Larry Davis of Terre Haute, Indiana, who said he was his cousin and wanted to be sent to Vienna to avenge him. Jack replied that he had no cousins, and if he did, their name ~~xx~~ wouldn't be Davis.~~

The red-head, the Viennese maiden, said that when the Russian sentry shot ^{Jack} Grunden, she herself went wild and hit the comrade over the head with a bottle.

Anyway, that's the story. And that was what led to her being arrested by the Russians and held incommunicado for sixteen hours. They told her they would send her to Siberia unless ~~xx~~ she'd sign a statement. She said she signed it in order to escape, but that she hasn't the ~~fxim~~ faintest idea what was in it; that it was in Russian.

DEFENSE

Congress appears to be in the mood to act fast on the matter of national defense. Speaker Martin told newspapermen today that the Air Force will have top priority when it comes to defense funds in this year's budget. This would seem to be the reaction to the publication of the report of the Congressional Commission on Aviation Policy. No pruning of the budget for the armed forces. In fact, Congress may appropriate even more than the President asked for.

Said the Speaker of the House: "We must have the strongest Air Force in the world, both for defense and offense."

Congressman Hinshaw of California, Vice-Chairman of the Aviation Policy Board, made a speech on the floor of the House today, in which he took the Office of National Defense to task. He charged that the bill to reorganize and unify the Services has resulted, not in unification, but in triplification. The Californiangave a picture of the top brass either running around the Pentagon in circles or bogged

down by controversy. For instance, he cited the Navy - Air Force argument over the question of which should drop the atomic bombs -- nexttime; if there ever is a next time. The Admirals saying it should be done by planes taking off xx from super carriers, like the eighty-thousand-tonner we are building. (According to the Navy, such a carrier even can handle planes as big as B-29s, and release them within easy range of any target in the world.)

~~On the other hand, the Air Force is busy on a bomber able to fly anywhere in the world.~~

And the Air Force says that giant carriers, floating bases, will be twice as vulnerable as land bases. And so on, and so on!

Congressman Hinshaw inferentially puts the blame for this confusion on the President -- in this election year.

INTERNAL REVENUE

A couple of days ago a sub-committee of the House on Appropriations hauled the Internal Revenue Bureau over the coals, accused its employees of loafing on the job and of being fantastically inefficient. All this revealed through the activity of Committee Investigator Robert E. Lee. Today the Congressional sub-committee disclosed that Investigator Robert E. Lee received a telephone call -- an unidentified voice threatening to blow his head off. Also threats against Mrs. Robert E. Lee.

Congressman Taber of New York then told how the administration had set a well oiled propaganda machine to work, trying to smear the House Appropriations sub-committee, because it recommended a slash in appropriations for the Internal Revenue Bureau.

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Night Show:
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HOLLYWOOD -- (The American motion picture industry and the British government are at peace again.

~~That is the big news for California tonight. Britain~~
~~to revoke its~~ ^{That} seventy-five per-cent tax on American
^{revoked -} film earnings - on condition that our producing
companies spend part of their profits in England.)

The agreement was reached after ten days of conferences between Eric Johnston, President of the American Motion Picture Association, and British Board of Trade Secretary. Harold Wilson. But the settlement was approved only after all American producers had approved in a series of dawn-to-dusk telephone calls between London and the film capital.

Principal clause in the agreement is that American producers can take out of England, seventeen million dollars a year, plus a sum equivalent to the revenue earned by British pictures in the United States. The balance of the money earned by our

productions to be spent in Britain - on film production, or to be invested in industry.

The announcement of this agreement is being ~~greeted with joy~~ ^{cheered both} in Hollywood, and ⁱⁿ Denham - the British film center. It means back to work again for the thousands laid off. - ~~a return to the pay-envelope~~ "Super-colossal" productions, hitherto shelved going back on the schedule of the studios. Mink coats and cadillacs coming out of hock. - ~~these fabulous five-hundred dollar-a-week office boys of newland emerging from hibernation.~~

Everybody happy, including the British public, ^{The} ~~who~~ ^{British we hear - are} ~~so I hear~~ are getting tired of seeing five-year-old American movies over and over again.

~~The cameras to turn on both sides of the Atlantic - the U.S and Britain to profit mutually by the new agreement.~~ A "super-colossal" achievement

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~~by Eric Johnston breaking Hollywood's nine~~

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~~month deadlock with Britain, and bringing~~
comes to an end -

prosperity back to the motion picture industry *we hope,*

~~on both sides of the Atlantic.~~

WEATHER

The Farmer's Almanac appears to have been a pretty accurate prophet about this winter's weather. Officially and according to the calendar, we ought to be ^{approaching} ~~in~~ the first days of Spring. But another whopping snowstorm has invaded the Middlewest and is on its way east on the wings of ^{high} ~~the~~ winds. In parts of Minnesota, the thermometer was down to thirty-six below; at Sibley, Iowa, thirty below. A nine inch blanket of ~~a~~ snow ⁱⁿ ~~covered~~ Chicago. ~~The weather story reports~~ ^{TP} ~~in~~ Cleveland, in fact all northern Ohio, ~~as being~~ in the throes of the worst of ~~all this~~ ^{the} winter's storms. In Cleveland ~~itself~~, six hundred factories ~~were~~ without gas; thousands laid off. ~~Excess~~ Planes ~~are~~ grounded, highway traffic stalled, planes and buses hours late.

(This by the way -- today -- is the ~~the weather story also brings bad news about our~~ 60th anniversary of the Great Blizzard coming feed bill, because heavy freezes in northern and central ~~a '88.~~

~~Texas have destroyed fruit crops and elsewhere damaged some of the winter wheat crop.~~

A huge crowd gathered on New York's Fifth Avenue today. Traffic came to a standstill for a few minutes, while the bewildered people wondered what it was all about. Somebody said it was King Michael of Romania, and ~~that made~~ the crowd ~~larger~~ grew and grew.

But it wasn't the young exiled King. It was just Governor Jim Folsom of Alabama, ~~doing~~ ^{at} his ^{hobby} ~~specialty~~. Anybody would have thought ~~that~~ it was a procession for a victorious general. The limousine carrying Big Jim was preceded by motorcycle policemen with a screaming siren. He stopped when he came to a school of modeling, and there a hundred pretty girls, blondes, brunettes, red-heads, ~~long, short~~, were waiting for the politician who has won fame, if not fortune, ~~by his~~ ^{just} ~~by~~ ^{the girls -- all who are willing. Well,} ~~process of~~ ^{by} kissing. They clustered around him and he kissed everyone in sight. But in the crowd was a venerable lady who as she looked on, shook her head and said: "Why doesn't he go to work?"

Now Nelson — time for you to go to work —

45 seconds

revised

Case: There's a special guest in the studio tonight,
Lowell. Miss Doris McFerran, Editor of Radio Mirror.
Miss McFerran, may I present Lowell Thomas.

Doris: How do you do, Mr. Thomas.

Thomas: Hello, Miss McFerran.

Doris: I'm here to present you with an award, Mr.
Thomas. The first annual Radio Mirror Award as America's
favorite newscaster...There are many radio awards each
year, but this one is the result of the only large
listener popularity poll now being held...I want to
congratulate you in behalf of Radio Mirror and its
many readers who voted for you....

Thomas: Thank you, Miss McFerran...Incidentally, I'd
like to congratulate you on the fine magazine you're
turning out as Radio Mirror's Editor...

Doris: Thanks very much, Mr. Thomas...Your listeners
might be interested in knowing that the complete list
of awards can be found in the April issue of Radio
Mirror.

GARSSONS

The Garssons --Murray and Henry -- the Garsson brothers, are in hot water again. Another Federal grand jury has indicted them. This time in Baltimore.

Right now they are out on bail, having been sentenced to from eight months to two years in jail on a bribery conviction, along with former Congressman May of Kentucky; out on bond while the courts decide on their appeal.

Today's new indictment charges the Garsson brothers with conspiring to defraud Uncle Sam out of more than a million dollars on seventy-eight million dollars' worth of war contracts. Specifically, they are accused of having been too modest about their profits on those contracts and of having padded the expense accounts in the old familiar fashion, listing large sums for traveling expenses where no traveling was done, and so on!

President Truman wants fifty-five million dollars
more for France, Italy and Austria, ^{at once,} It is necessary because when
Congress last December authorized the spending of five-hundred-
and-ninety-seven million dollars for first aid to those
countries, with its right hand, the appropriation made by the
left hand was only five-hundred-and-twenty-two million. Hence
the latest emergency request.

With his message the President said that the events
which have taken place in Europe during recent weeks make it
unsafe for us to permit a break in the supply flow at this
critical moment. ^{Republican Senator} ~~Senator Henry Cabot~~ Lodge of Massachusetts
^{is} backed ^{ing} the President, up, ^{According to the Senator, the} ~~said the conspiratorial activities-~~
^{Soviets are} ~~emanating from Moscow are~~ crowding us all over the world.