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MARSHALL

( Secretary of State Marshall today told leaders of Congress all about his plan to help Europe. First, <sup>about</sup> emergency help, money for a stop-gap. He asks five-hundred-and-ninety-seven million dollars, immediately.) Of this, three-hundred-and-twenty-eight million to go to France, forty-two million to Austria, and two-hundred-and-twenty-seven million to Italy -- to tide those countries over until the end of March. This emergency help to be an outright gift, no question of repayment. Much of it to consist of food, ~~and~~ fuel, fertilizer, seeds and medical supplies.

( As for the long-term figures: Seven Billions, Five Hundred Millions, to be divided among sixteen nations of western Europe, during a fifteen-month period beginning April First.) After four years, the Marshall Plan estimates the needs of Western Europe at from sixteen to twenty billions. This is considerably more than the figures of the Harriman Committee, which put aid at twelve to seventeen billion.

The Secretary of State set forth his ~~plan~~

purpose as being to help the European nations support themselves as quickly as possible, and thereby help recovery throughout the world. His program, says General Marshall, is one of construction, production and recovery. He declares that it menaces nobody and seeks no special advantage -- pursuing no sinister purpose for the United States.

He paid his compliments to Russia, charging the Soviet Union with a deliberate plan to hamper the economic recovery of the western European nations.

The nations receiving our help will be asked to sign contracts to adopt money reforms so as to maintain stability in price and cost structures. They must also undertake to increase production, to increase their output of coal and basic food, also to cooperate in reducing barriers to trade and to promise increased interchange of goods and services. What's more, each country receiving aid must let its people know that

it comes from Uncle Sam. The reason for this being that the Soviet Union claimed the credit throughout the eastern countries for what we sent them -- and continues to claim that credit.

But, countries receiving money from Uncle Sam will not have to spend it over here. They are to buy, so far as possible, from other countries, everything that is scarce in the United States. This partly to protect us against inflation over here.

An important feature of the program is that Uncle Sam will encourage private capital to take a prominent hand in the reconstruction of Europe.

Further details will be presented to Congress when the special session gets underway next Monday. Then President Truman, in person, will say more about the Plan.

Later, during the session there will be a supplementary proposal for aid to China. The Chinese and their government should be left to solve their own fundamental problems themselves, says General Marshall;

but, we should give them certain economic help to make their job easier.

In the text of his program, the Secretary of State used these words: "We must not permit the free community of Europe to be extinguished; for, should it occur, it would be a ~~xi~~ tragedy for the world. We must not fail to meet this inspiring challenge," said he.

He frankly admits that he cannot guarantee the success of his plan, cannot promise that it will definitely stop the progress of Communism. The risks, he explains, are real, but they have been carefully calculated; and, he added: "I believe the chances of success are good."

## FRIENDSHIP TRAIN

The Friendship Train -- this good-will train collecting food for starving Europe -- rolled away from Ogden, Utah, today with three cars added. These cars loaded with Utah wheat and milk. The Friendship Train is now thirty-one carloads long, rolling out of the West to the Atlantic Coast where the food will be emptied into freighters to be carried to Europe's hungry countries. One of these two carloads of wheat loaded up in Ogden, Utah, was presented by the Church of the Latter Day Saints; the other bought with funds subscribed by the Utah Lions' Clubs.

At Green River, Wyoming, another four cars were added -- one of Wyoming condensed milk; three carloads of flour and sugar from Seattle; crackers and sugar from Portland; and wheat from Pendleton, Oregon.

It's good news that this Friendship Train is getting longer at each stop, heavy going for the two mighty engines of the Union Pacific Railroad that are pulling it East -- a heavy burden of good

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## RESTITUTION

People who were robbed or swindled by the Nazis are going to have some chance of recovering their property. That is, those who suffered on a big scale. Uncle Sam's Military ~~Government~~ Government in Germany today announced measures for returning a considerable volume of Nazi loot to their rightful owners.

The Property Control Office of A.M.G. is now holding some nineteen thousand properties, whose values is guessed at about five billion, four hundred millions. The U.S. high command tried to persuade the German legislature in the American Zone to pass a law for the restoration of those properties, but the ~~legisla~~ legislature failed to do it. So the A.M.G. today promulgated the law on its own account. It provides that these properties shall be restored to all people who have lost them through transactions under duress or arising out of discrimination because of race, religion, nationality, ideology and political opposition to National Socialism. The A.M.G. Finance Chief calculates that somewhere between eighty and ninety per cent of the rightful owners are Jews.

## PALESTINE

on the subject of Palestine.

A real surprise from Lake Success. The differences

between Uncle Sam and the Soviet Union are being ironed out.

After weeks of negotiating, the two major powers are reaching

a workable compromise. This consummation hove in sight today,

when the Soviet Union submitted a plan which promises a

procedure whereby we can agree on all points. It promises,

moreover, a decision on the future of the Holy Land by the

United Nations before the end of the present session of the

General Assembly.

For one thing, Russia agrees that the British shall

hold onto their mandate until May First, thereby splitting the

difference with the U.S.A. Next comes the proposal that the

partition of Palestine shall be put into effect by the first of

July, on which day the new Arab and Jewish States become

independent. That will leave a transition period from May First

until July First.

( Most important of all is a compromise clause on the

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United Nations<sup>^</sup> General Assembly <sup>commission</sup> to superintend the process of dividing up the Holy Land and establishing those free states.

Last month Russia wanted this Commission to consist of ~~all~~ <sup>the</sup> eleven nations on the Security Council, including the Big Five, which would have enabled Russia to block everything by the use of the veto. Russia now consents to having the Commission

composed of three or five members, all to be representatives of small nations. This Commission to be appointed by the General

Assembly. However, it <sup>would</sup> ~~will~~ be guided by the instructions of the Security Council, <sup>latest</sup> if the Russian suggestion <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ accepted <sup>entirely</sup>.

Although the British mandate would cease under this <sup>cease</sup> plan, by May First, British forces would <sup>stay</sup> ~~hang~~ on until July First; ~~but only~~ to preserve law and order.

This proposal was considered today by an ~~the~~ executive session of delegates from the Soviet, Guatemala, Canada and the U.S.A. Uncle Sam's delegation immediately accepted May First as the date for the end of the mandate, changing the phraseology of the Soviet resolution to provide that partition

should be effective not later than July First.

~~Of course there are still details to be adjusted, and there are still latent possibilities of snags to be encountered.~~

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The tough job will be the formulating of the instructions for the supervision of Palestine by the Commission during the interim period. What our delegates want is a set of detailed instructions, eliminating any necessity for reference to the Security Council unless unexpected problems crop up.

The policy of the American delegation is to meet the Russians halfway and cooperate with a spirit of compromise they are now showing.

BRITAIN

The Attlee government got to work in earnest today on one of its most serious <sup>chores.</sup> ~~purposes.~~ That is, to break the <sup>remaining</sup> power of the House of Lords. ~~still further.~~ The upper Chamber of King George's Parliament has stood fast against several of the Socialistic measures that the Labor government has tried to put over. The Deputy Prime Minister told the Commons today that, with its present powers, the House of <sup>Commons</sup> ~~Lords~~ could cut down substantially the effectiveness of the majority in the House of Lords. Unless something is done, added the Prime Minister, the Lords can prevent the Labor Government from nationalizing the iron and steel industries and putting into effect the rest of its Socialization program.

Some members want to abolish <sup>entirely</sup> the hereditary principle of the peerage. ~~entirely.~~ Others are determined that the Lords should be elected just as members of the House of Commons. Still others would <sup>just eliminate the</sup> ~~abolish the House of~~ Lords altogether.

PRISONER

A young American woman walked onto New York soil today from the gangplank of a liner, free after two-and-a-half years as a slave laborer in Russia. ~~What she told newspapermen was a vivid addition to what we've heard about some of the horrors that are going on inside the Soviet Union.~~

Irma Mohaupt was born in Cincinnati, of Hungarian parents. When she was six years old her father took her to Yugoslavia. There she lived through the Nazi occupation more or less unharmed. But five days before Christmas Nineteen Forty-four, the Russians entered the village. They took all the girls off to work, refused to tell their parents where they were going. Irma was in a gang taken first to the Ukraine, then to Moscow. <sup>There they</sup> ~~They~~ were set to carrying bricks ~~and~~ and cement and driving trucks; <sup>---</sup> working, as she put it, "like horses to rebuild the cities the Germans had wrecked." And, said this American girl, "We didn't complain because there was no one to listen."

Their food consisted mostly of thin soup. They worked

all day, didn't care much what they ate or where they slept.

She saw old men and women waste away to skin and bones in the labor camps, then fall and die.

A cousin of hers heard through the underground what had happened to Irma, and applied to the State Department. ~~So~~ She was taken to the Russian Zone of Germany and then released, released with no money, her clothes in rags.

As she came home <sup>aboard</sup> ~~in~~ an American ship, she still started in terror every time the ship's bell sounded.

TRUMAN

Today, President Truman issued a Proclamation designating Thursday, November Twenty-Seventh, as Thanksgiving Day. In his Proclamation, the President of the United States calls on the people of America of every faith to consecrate November Twenty-Seventh for thoughts of gratitude, acts of devotion, and a firm resolve to assist in the efforts being made to aid the undernourished, the sick, the aged, and all sufferers in war devastated lands.

"May our Thanksgiving this year be tempered by humility, by sympathy, and by compassion for those who lack abundance," says the President. "~~May we~~ remember that it is ~~more~~ more blessed to give than to receive; and may we manifest our remembrance of that precept by generously sharing our bounty with needy people of other nations."

HUGHES

( In Washington, <sup>today,</sup> Howard Hughes told the <sup>Senate</sup> sub-committee investigating war contracts, that Major General Bennett E. Meyers of the Air Force Procurement Office had tried to borrow two hundred thousand dollars from him. <sup>Had</sup> ~~He~~ made that request while Hughes was conducting the negotiations for a seven hundred million dollar contract to build <sup>reconnaissance</sup> ~~photo~~ planes. )

Hughes added that he did not give the General the money because he thought it might be open to improper interpretation. Hughes added that Meyers made the ~~an~~ request of him through his former attorney, Neil McCarthy.

Hughes also told the Senators that he had given pudgy little Johnny Meyer his job as Public Relations Officers because

he had learned that the <sup>Air Force</sup> officers at Dayton ~~Field~~ disliked him

(Howard Hughes) so heartily. In fact, said he, the staff at Dayton ~~Field~~ was

known as the Hate-Hughes Club.

Hughes also testified that the General had asked him for a job, and had been similarly turned down. Then he went on to say that General Meyers had been partly instrumental in preventing the showing of Hughes's movie, "The Outlaw" in New York.



## WINDSOR

The British will receive nothing out of the Marshall Plan if some thousands of American women have their way. What is their objection. They are furious -- so I hear because the Duke and Duchess of Windsor will not be among the guests at the wedding of Princess Elizabeth. They are not so indignant on the Duke's account, it is the Duchess in whom they are concerned. So, they are writing to Queen Mary, expressing themselves frankly. Men are writing too. So I'm told. Correspondence from the United States being dumped by the bagful at Marlborough House where the dowager Queen lives.

The Duke and Duchess by the way, are aboard the liner Queen Mary, already on their way to the States, to escape the embarrassment of being in Britain on the day of the wedding and not among those present. Most of the dispatches from London have included x the unofficial inside information that it is the irreconcilable opposition of Queen Mary which excludes Wally the Duchess from Baltimore.

Today's news dispatches from London do not tell us

whether Queen Mary reads all these letters or not. All we do hear is that she doesn't answer them.

Meanwhile what do we hear from you, Nelson.

## CHICKENS

Uncle Sam is going into the chicken business. This is the latest step in the program to save ~~xxx~~ grain for the hungry nations of Europe. Last Friday, the poultry industry promised to cut down ~~their~~ flocks by forty million before the end of the year. To help them out, the Department of Agriculture will buy a considerable volume of the dressed hens ~~they~~ <sup>ed</sup> cull from ~~their~~ flocks. Uncle sam will pay from twenty-two-and-a-half to twenty-eight cents a pound, for Grade A birds.

TRUMAN

President Truman announced today that Greece was saved from economic collapse and remains free, thanks to help from Uncle Sam. But, added Mr. Truman, the situation still is grave, because the Communists are keeping up their guerrilla warfare.

Although economic collapse has been averted, the economic situation in Greece has not improved basically. So far the work of the American mission has been largely one of preparation. <sup>R</sup> Mr. Truman said further that the effects of many of these actions will not be evident until later this year.

*All this as*  
~~This, incidentally, was merely~~ a quarterly report. <sup>and</sup> It included a broad hint that more money may be needed to achieve our objects in both Greece and Turkey.

FRANCE

In France, there is a movement to drive Communists out of <sup>key</sup> positions in that powerful group of unions called The General Confederation of Labor.

During the war and after, the Communists filtered into the unions in some numbers -- taking over key positions. But now they may be on their way out. At any rate, the fight is on.