

MARSHALL PLAN

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( In Twenty-two national capitals today British and French envoys delivered diplomatic messages - invitations to the general European conference on the Marshall plan, to begin on July Twelfth. ) The word from London is that replies should begin to come in tomorrow, others next week -- with nations answering whether or not they want to participate in a concerted program for American help combined with European self help.

Well, (the replies were expected to begin tomorrow, but here's one already, this evening. A dispatch from Rome reads as follows: "Italy tonight officially accepted the British-French invitation to attend the Marshall Plan Conference in Paris." ) *The Italian Govt. acted 30 mins. after receiving the invitation.* From other national capitals the prompt word is almost as definite. From Holland, this dispatch: "A spokesman for the Dutch Foreign Ministry said today the Netherlands government would accept." ~~the Anglo-French invitation to take part in the Paris conference on the Marshall Plan for European recovery.~~

Similarly, from Dublin, a report saying

that Ireland will accept quickly. <sup>TP</sup> Here's word from Denmark -- the more interesting as it had been supposed that the Scandinavian countries might hesitate, because of their fear of Soviet Russia. Sweden and Norway in particular, might be expected to think twice before angering the Soviets. But there's no hesitation in Denmark. The Danish Prime Minister indicates that his country will accept. <sup>TP</sup> But what about the governments under Soviet Domination? That's a key question; -- will the satellite states dare to show any signs of cooperating with the western democracies for the economic recovery of Europe? No doubt they'd like to, -- tempted plenty ~~■~~ by the attractions of that good old American bounty, <sup>^</sup> aid from Uncle Sam. <sup>P</sup> But will they dare? Here's a dispatch from Prague, Czechoslovakia. It reads: "Usually well informed sources said tonight that Czechoslovakia would accept the Anglo-French invitation to the Marshall plan conference."

And something from Poland - - at least from the Polish Premier, who is visiting in Prague. He told a news conference today that, in spite of the Soviet boycott of the American aid program, Poland still maintains what he calls -- "a positive interest" in it.

These may be signs that Soviet satellites, some of them at least, may accept the invitation delivered to them today -- which certainly would not tend to tie them any closer to their Moscow masters. But probably it is too much to ~~hope~~<sup>hope</sup> that the puppets will venture any defiance of Soviet Russia.

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(Still later news from London, Portugal has accepted the invitation.)

And <sup>in</sup> Oslo: the Norwegians say they will probably take part. And that takes courage -- a quality the Norwegians have plenty of.

The first rejection? From Finland. Says a spokesman in Helsinki: "there is no possibility of Finland joining the conference." And he added: - "Official Finnish policy is one of friendship to the Soviet Union." And that's understandable.

The Finns are in no position to antagonize their conquerors.

## TRUMAN FOLLOW MARSHALL PLAN

Our American answer to the Soviet rejection of the Marshall plan was given in an appropriate setting today -- on the portico of a stately colonial mansion in Virginia, the home of Thomas Jefferson. The answer was made by President Truman in a Fourth of July address at the old southern plantation of the author of the Declaration of Independence.

The President concentrated on the big argument that Molotov put forward- the Soviet talk ~~XXXX~~ about national sovereignty, that ~~is~~, if the nations of Europe should get together for concerted action to help America help them, their sovereignty would be hurt. ~~We thought that this kind of narrow nationalism was of sinking nations that went to be~~  
~~ends~~

President Truman today put that thought in the following words: "Surely, after two world wars", said he, "nations should have learned the folly of a nationalism so extreme as to block cooperative economic planning for peaceful reconstruction".

*Of course it's* a good guess that all this Moscow emphasis on the sacredness of national sovereignty is mostly a twist of sophistry to disguise the real Soviet objection to the Marshall plan -- which <sup>does</sup> call for a kind of economic cooperation that might weaken the Soviet hold on its puppet nations, something getting in behind the iron curtain.

Along this line a satirical report was made in London today -- a British government spokesman reminding the Soviets that any attempt to intimidate the puppet countries and keep them from joining in the Marshall plan -- why, that would be a violation of their sovereignty. If the Soviets are <sup>so</sup> keen about national rights, <sup>as they keep shouting why</sup> they will surely be most careful about respecting the national rights of the Soviet satellites -- the sovereignty of the puppets.

President Truman today, at the ~~xxxx~~home of Thomas Jefferson, went on with words that would have pleased the ears of Jefferson himself. "So long" declared the President, "as the basic right<sup>s</sup> of men

are denied in any substantial portion of the earth, men everywhere must live in fear of their own rights and security."

Well, what are those rights? Thomas Jefferson ~~re~~ gave us the answer one-hundred-and-seventy-one years ago, in the Declaration of Independence. Let's take a look at the second paragraph -- phrases that have been repeated over and over, and can be repeated once again, with a maximum of meaning ~~xxxxxx~~ on this present Fourth of July. I wonder how those words, familiar to us from ~~m~~childhood, ~~xxx~~ would sound to the despots of the Kremlin and the enslaved masses of the Russian people? Suppose they were to hear the beginning of that second paragraph; *the para that reads:* - "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain ~~an~~alienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

ITALY FOLLOW TRUMAN

We noted previously that Italy today was the first country to announce formal acceptance of the invitation to the Marshall Plan. Well, the Italians have solid reason for valuing American help. Today in Rome an agreement was signed turning over to Italy one-hundred-and-twenty-five million dollars worth of supplies left over from U N R R A.

Moreover, we ~~are~~<sup>are</sup> transferring twenty-eight liberty ships to Italy; and, there's a hundred ~~mmf~~ million dollar loan already approved. In addition to which, we are negotiating treaties of ~~xx~~ friendship, commerce, navigation and aviation with the non-communist government at Rome.

## COAL

The southern coal mine owners failed to reach any decision today. Instead of taking a holiday, they devoted the Fourth of July to a conference- trying to figure out what to do in the face of the agreement between the northern coal operators and the union headed by John L. Lewis.

The union made a remarkably good deal with the northern mine owners, John L. Lewis getting the best contract he ever negotiated -- which leaves the southern ~~mi~~ operators on the spot.

Today their conference adjourned without a result. More facts were needed before they could come to a decision, said the southern coal mine owners. Meanwhile, a spokesman for the northern mine owners including the United States Steel corporation, hailed the agreement with Lewis as opening the way to steel production on a full scale, which will bring down the exorbitant price of steel.

## ENGLAND - SPORTS

The All-American angle of sports in Britain continued today, at Wimbledon three of the five tennis events were sure to go into all-American finals. The other two probably.

Previously, in the game of golf, the British Amateur Champion-ships in Scotland produced an all-American final, Willie Turnesa winning. Then Mrs. Didrickson Zaharias, the mighty Babe, ran away with the British women's golf championship. And now, tennis.

*And,* Over at Wimbledon, the Fourth of July ~~has~~ began today with two American women, Margaret Osborne of San Francisco and Doris Hart of Miami, scheduled to battle it out for the women's singles championship. The men's singles, too, had become all-American -- Jack Kramer of Los Angeles and Tom Brown of San Francisco having eliminated all other contestants.

Then, this morning, the women's doubles became all-American when two pairs of our gal tennis players beat the last of British opposition, and won

their way into the finals. In addition, it looks as if the men's doubles and the mixed doubles would go the same way -- all five of the Wimbledon events producing all-American finals.

This afternoon, in the mens singles, Jack Dramer won an easy victory, star of our Davis Cup Team, out-classed Tom Brown, of the University of California, and became the first of this year's Wimbledon champions.

And then the news from the Henley regatta where John B. Kelly of the University of Pennsylvania scored a victory over the British champion, Bertram Bushell, by four boat lengths -- without extending himself. The finals, tomorrow, with a Norwegian.

And, at the Henley regatta, the eight-man-crew championships look like another of those All-American finals. Today a crew from the Keny School in Connecticut won its race xx from a British crew, as did eight husky rowers from Tabor Academy in Marion, Massachusetts; putting both Kent and Tabor in the semi-finals. If each wins again, the two American crews will row it out for

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the annual eight-man crew title at Henley. Appropriate news for the Fourth of July. But all these American athletic victories are not surprising when you consider post-war conditions in Britain and other European countries.

## WEATHER

In addition to the usual Fourth of July fatalities always deplorable, and this year as bad as ever -- mother nature chimed in today with a few pranks of her own, <sup>—</sup><sub>^</sub> the elements misbehaving.

There are, of course, those midwestern floods. They've eased up in the St. Louis area, the crest moving downstream. The Mississippi ~~river~~ at its highest flood point in one-hundred-and-three years, is carrying its menace down toward Tennessee and Arkansas -- after doing five hundred million dollars worth of damage in Missouri, Illinois and Iowa.

Far to the northwest of the floods -- a tornado. The twister roared out of Canada today and raised havoc in North Dakota, blowing on into Minnesota; -- ten lives lost. The death list would have been greater, if it hadn't been for a baseball game. At Oslo, Minnesota, a crowd of four hundred was at the ball game, when the black-funnel-shaped cloud came bearing down on the ball grounds. Spectators and players ducked to safety, until the storm passed over -- and then forgetting about the game organized

themselves into rescue squads. With so many gathered at one place, it was easy for the ball players and the fans to divide up into parties for systematic life saving along the line of the tornado <sup>with its</sup> ~~2-1~~ miles <sup>and miles</sup> of wreckage. In the ruins of houses they took out scores of injured, and hurried them to a hospital.

In California the story is -- brush fires. ~~The burning of what merely amounts to a lot of weed doesn't sound very formidable, but in western mountain country with great areas of dense brushwood, the sweep of raging flames can be as terrifying as a forest fire.~~ <sup>with</sup> One whole town, in southern California, ~~was~~ encircled by the brush fire today, a <sup>town</sup> ~~town~~ set in a huge ring of roaring flame.

The blazing tempest began its havoc by burning some seventy-five homes in a vacation community, then swept around the ~~town~~ <sup>town</sup> of Chatsworth. <sup>re the</sup> The people, thousands of them, got out as fast as they could, as the ring of fire closed in rapidly ~~and got~~ to within half a mile of the center of the

town before fire fighters were able to check the rush of the flames.

## SAUCERS

Those flying saucers again. They are rapidly becoming airborne bad pennies -- always turning up. They are plaguing northwest Oregon again. Even on the Fourth of July.

Today they were sighted over Portland once more. This time by the Oregon police, and Deputy Sheriffs. Two police cars wired headquarters simultaneous: "Flying saucers over suburban Portland." A few minutes later confirmation from the Sheriff's office in Clark County. Still estimated at around twelve hundred miles an hour.

Speculation now has even entered the realm of the metaphysical. One Southern California editor calls them etheric bodies from another world and says he had received messages from passengers aboard them. A Chicago scientist replies: "huh, a lot of people seeing spots before their eyes." Huh!

## RED WHITE AND BLUE

At Cleveland, Mike Sep, a sixty year old immigrant American did not display the stars and stripes at his house today. Hitherto, on the Fourth of July Mike has hung out the Flag -- but not this year. The reason? Mike painted his whole house Red, White and Blue. He started work a couple of weeks ago, and put the finishing touches on last night. So today the whole house was virtually an American Flag.

And how about another Fourth of July message from you