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-SUBSTITUTE MARSHALL PLAN-

( THE PASSING OF THE MARSHALL PLAN BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIS AFTERNOON MAKES ONE WONDER ABOUT THE LONG AND UPROARIOUS DEBATE. THE MAJORITY IN FAVOR OF EUROPEAN RECOVERY PLAN WAS OVERWHELMING -- TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY NINE TO SEVENTY FOUR. ) THE REPUBLICANS WERE IN FAVOR ONE-HUNDRED-AND-SEVENTY-ONE TO SIXTY-ONE, THE DEMOCRATS IN FAVOR ONE-HUNDRED-AND-FIFTY-EIGHT TO ELEVEN. THE LEFT-WING CONGRESSMEN, MARCANTONIO AND ISAACSON OF NEW YORK, WERE UNANIMOUS -- GIVING TWO VOTES AGAINST THE EUROPEAN RECOVERY PROGRAM. WHICH SEEMS TO GIVE A CLEW TO THE WHOLE AFFAIR -- OPPOSITION LOUD, BUT NOT SO LARGE.

( THE BILL NOW GOES TO THE SENATE, WHICH HAS ALREADY PASSED THE MARSHALL PLAN, BUT THERE ARE DIFFERENCES WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE IRONED OUT -- LIKE THE HOUSE VOTE TO INCLUDE SPAIN IN THE RECOVERY PROGRAM. )

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~~-SUBSTITUTE FINLAND-~~

FROM FINLAND WE HAVE A REPORT OF THE TERMS IN THE TREATY THE SOVIETS DEMAND. NEGOTIATORS FROM THE NORTHERN REPUBLIC HAVE BEEN TALKING WITH STALIN AND MOLOTOV IN MOSCOW, AND THE DRAFT OF THE TREATY THE SOVIETS PROPOSE ARRIVED IN HELSINKI TODAY. REPORTS EARLIER TODAY INDICATED THAT THE FINNS WERE PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE CONTENTS OF THE TREATY AND THAT PESSIMISM WOULD SEEM TO BE JUSTIFIED BY WHAT WE HEAR NOW.

THE LATE STORY RELATES THAT THE SOVIETS REQUIRE A JOINT STRENGTHENING OF THE BORDERS OF FINLAND. THAT IS, FINLAND TO ALLOW THE SOVIETS TO HELP IN PREPARATIONS AGAINST A POSSIBLE ENEMY. YOU CAN GUESS THE ENEMY THAT MOSCOW HAS IN MIND -- FINLAND BEING REQUIRED TO GET READY FOR DEFENCE AGAINST WESTERN DEMOCRACIES, WITH THE SOVIETS TAKING A HAND IN THE DEFENCE.


THE MOST OMNINOUS PART IS A STATEMENT THAT THE TREATY WOULD LEAVE THE ACTUAL EXTENT OF THE DEFENCE PREPARATIONS -- VAGUE AND INDEFINITE. ALL WOULD BE MADE CLEAR AND SPECIFIC LATER ON. IN OTHER WORDS, THE FINNS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO LET THE SOVIET MILITARY FORCES INTO AN EXTENT WHICH MOSCOW WILL PROPOSE AT SOME FUTURE TIME.

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ITALY....

( IN ITALY TODAY, THE REDS LET OUT A SCREAM )  
AND THEIR WALLS OF ANGUISH ARE OF A KIND TO  
INTEREST US AMERICANS IN PARTICULAR. (THEY'RE *are*  
HOWLING BECAUSE OF LETTERS WRITTEN BY ITALIAN  
AMERICANS AND AMERICANS OF ITALIAN DESCENT TO  
FAMILIES AND RELATIVES IN ITALY. LETTERS -  
GIVING SOUND ADVICE ABOUT FREEDOM AND CIVIL  
RIGHTS HERE IN AMERICA, AS COMPARED WITH THE  
TOTALITARIANISM OF SOVIET RUSSIA,) AND THE  
SOVIET SATELLITES. LETTERS - MAKING PLAIN THE  
FACT THAT AMERICA WANTS TO BUILD UP ITALY  
UNDER CONDITIONS OF FREEDOM, AND NOT ENSLAVE  
THE COUNTRY UNDER AMERICAN IMPERIALISM, AS THE  
COMMUNISTS ARE CHARGING. (ALL OF WHICH HAS ITS  
MEANING FOR THE CRITICAL ITALIAN FLECTION LESS  
THAN TWO WEEKS FROM NOW.)





ITALY . . . .

TODAY IN ROME, THE COMMUNISTS AND THEIR RED ALLIES SHOUTED THAT THE LETTER ~~W~~ WRITING CAMPAIGN MUST BE STOPPED. THEY DENOUNCED IT AS WHAT THEY CALLED - "FOREIGN INTERFERENCE! I WONDER HOW FOREIGN THE ITALIANS WILL CONSIDER THIS INTERFERENCE BY

THEIR FAMILIES AND RELATIVES OVER HERE? THE

REDS <sup>are</sup> DEMANDED <sup>ing</sup> THAT THE NON-COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT STEP IN AND HALT THE FLOOD OF LETTERS. - <sup>They</sup> ~~AND~~ ALSO

ISSUE A PROTEST TO THE UNITED STATES.

TO THIS THE PROMPT REPLY WAS:- THAT LETTERS <sup>from</sup> AMERICA WERE NO CONCERN OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT. <sup>That is,</sup> IF AN

AMERICAN CITIZEN CHOOSES TO WRITE TO HIS PARENTS OR BROTHERS OR SISTERS OR UNCLES OR AUNTS, OR COUSINS,

BACK IN ITALY, AND THEY CHOOSE TO READ THE LETTERS

<sup>that's</sup> - ~~IT IS~~ THEIR OWN BUSINESS.

ITALY...

THE INTERESTING PART IS THIS:- THE VIOLENCE OF THE  
 COMMUNIST OUTCRY WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE THAT THE  
 LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN IS HAVING ITS EFFECT, AS *that*  
*all-important* ~~THE~~ ELECTION APPROACHES. WHICH IS NOT SO SURPRISING,  
 AFTER SOMETHING I WAS TOLD TODAY. WANTING TO GET  
 SOME FIRST HAND INFORMATION, I PUT IN A TELEPHONE  
 CALL TO GENE POPE, NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER AND RADIO  
 STATION OPERATOR, WHO WAS FOREMOST IN LAUNCHING  
 THE FLOOD OF LETTERS. HERE'S WHAT HE TOLD ME:-  
 "WE STARTED", HE SAID " BY FORMING A COMMITTEE OF  
 ONE THOUSAND, THE PLAN BEING TO GET ITALIAN - AMERICANS  
 AND AMERICANS OF ITALIAN ANCESTRY TO SEND A TOTAL OF  
 A MILLION LETTERS. WE NEVER DREAMED OF WHAT WOULD  
 HAPPEN. THE PLAN, " HE WENT ON, "SPREAD ACROSS THE  
 COUNTRY, AND RIGHT NOW THE NUMBER OF LETTERS HAS INCREA-  
 SED *4* TO A MILLION A DAY!"

ITALY...

THE FIGURE STARTLED ME - I COULD HARDLY BELIEVE IT. BUT PUBLISHER GENE POPE INSISTED THE FIGURE WAS ACCURATE. HE EXPLAINED BY SAYING THAT (ITALIAN<sup>an-</sup> LANGUAGE-NEWSPAPERS<sup>in N.W.S.</sup> PRINT DAILY-FORMS, SUGGESTING WHAT PEOPLE SHOULD WRITE TO ITALY.) ~~REDACTED~~

THERE'S A DIFFERENT FORM EVERY DAY, EACH PRESENTING SOME ANGLE OF AMERICAN FREEDOM 'AS AGAINST COMMUNIST DICTATORSHIP. SOME PEOPLE COPY THE FORMS, OTHERS CUT THEM OUT AND MAIL THEM. ALSO, WRITE LETTERS OF THEIR OWN, URGING FRIENDSHIP TO AMERICA, SPIKING THE FALSEHOODS OF ANTI-AMERICAN PROPAGANDA; <sup>FREE</sup> AMERICANS URGING THEIR ITALIAN KINSMEN TO VOTE FOR FREEDOM. THIS - AT THE RATE OF A MILLION LETTERS A DAY! NO WONDER THE ITALIAN COMMUNISTS ARE SCREAMING!



ITALY....

PUBLISHER GENE POPE <sup>also</sup> TOLD ME THAT SOMETHING ELSE  
WAS COMING, (AN EVEN HEAVIER BLOW TO BE LAUNCHED  
ON THIS SIDE OF THE WATER AGAINST THE ITALIAN  
COMMUNISTS. THIS WEEKEND THEY <sup>are</sup> ~~ARE~~ GOING TO SEND  
A MILLION TELEGRAMS. YES, A MILLION TELEGRAMS WILL  
BE SENT BY ITALIAN AMERICANS AND ITALIANS OF AMERICAN  
ANCESTRY, TO CHAMPION THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM IN ITALY.)

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**-FOLLOW ITALY-**

HERE IS A LATE STORY THAT PROVIDES A LIVELY ILLUSTRATION OF THE FOREGOING. TODAY A COMMUNIST RALLY, ADDRESSED BY RED LEADER TOGLIATTI, TURNED SUDDENLY INTO A PRO-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATION. THIS HAPPENED AT THE CITY OF LECCE (LAY-CHAY) AT THE HEEL OF ITALIAN BOOT, EXTREME SOUTHERN ITALY. WE MAY NOTE HOW LARGE A PART OF THE ITALIAN IMMIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES WAS FROM SOUTH ITALY. TOGLIATTI, NUMBER ONE RED, STARTED OUT WITH HIS USUAL BLAST OF ANTI-AMERICAN PROPAGANDA BUT THE CROWD BOOED HIM DOWN AND DROWNED OUT WITH SHOUTS OF -- "LONG LIVE THE AMERICANS."

~~(NOTE FOR MR. THOMAS) CHANGE THE DATE OF THE ITALIAN ELECTION TO THREE WEEKS HENCE.~~

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-BERLIN-

( A GOOD DEAL OF ATTENTION IS BEING GIVEN TO A SOVIET MOVE IN THE BERLIN AREA -- THE REDS TIGHTENING SUDDENLY ON TRAVEL CONTROLS.) ~~ACTUALLY, THIS IS LITTLE MORE THAN A RIGID ENFORCEMENT OF REGULATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN IN EFFECT ALL THE TIME -- BUT TO A CONSIDERABLE EXTENT IGNORED.~~

THE RUSSIAN COMMAND ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HEREAFTER THE SOVIET CONTROL STATIONS ON THE INTERNATIONAL HIGHWAY WEST FROM BERLIN WILL KEEP A CLOSE CHECK ON THE IDENTITY CARDS OF ALL TRAVELLERS, BE THEY GERMANS OR CITIZENS OF THE WESTERN ALLIES. MOREOVER, ALL OUTGOING FREIGHT SHIPMENTS MUST BE CHECKED THROUGH THE SOVIET OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES.

( THE CENTRAL FACT IS, OF COURSE, THAT BERLIN LIES INSIDE OF TERRITORY ASSIGNED TO THE RUSSIANS, AND OUR PEOPLE MUST TRAVEL THROUGH THE SOVIET OCCUPATION ZONE TO GET TO AND FROM THE GERMAN CAPITAL. SO NOW THE REDS ARE MAKING THIS MORE DIFFICULT, MORE OF AN ANNOYANCE. IS IT MERELY IN THE NATURE OF AN ANNOYANCE? OR IS IT A SIGN OF A SOVIET CAMPAIGN TO SQUEEZE THE WESTERN ALLIES OUT OF BERLIN -- A THING LONG RUMORED.) NO ANSWER IS AVAILABLE TONIGHT.



BERLIN-2

WE ONLY KNOW THAT THE AMERICAN, BRITISH AND FRENCH MILITARY  
AUTHORITIES BERLIN HAVE RAISED OBJECTIONS AND OUR COMMANDER, GENERAL  
LUCIUS CLAY, HAS ANNOUNCED THAT RUSSIAN SOLDIERS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED  
TO BOARD AMERICAN MILITARY TRAINS TO CARRY OUT ~~THE~~ <sup>such</sup> ~~INSPECTION~~ SOVIET  
INSPECTION.

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SUBSTITUTE LEAD ~~EXXET~~ COSTA RICA...

AT THE PAN AMERICAN CONFERENCE IN BOGOTA, THE  
REPUBLIC OF CHILE TODAY PROPOSED THAT ALL THE  
NATIONS OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE LINE UP WITH  
THE UNITED STATES AGAINST SOVIET RUSSIA -- IN THE  
" COLD WAR ". THE CHILEAN DELEGATE DECLARED THAT  
THE WORLD IS NOW DIVIDED INTO TWO FRONTS, FREEDOM  
AND COMMUNISM. AND HE CALLED ON ALL THE AMERICAS  
TO JOIN THE FREEDOM FRONT.

~~EXPLOSIVE NEWS FROM COSTA RICA, WHERE AN AIRPLANE  
TODAY, ETC... ETC...~~

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EISENHOWER....

THE DRAFT - EISENHOWER BOOM, WHICH <sup>Gen.</sup> IKE HIMSELF HAS TRIED SO HARD TO BUST, TAKES A NEW AND REMARKABLE FORM TODAY. THE SOUTHERN LEGISLATORS, IN THEIR REVOLT AGAINST PRESIDENT TRUMAN AND HIS RACIAL POLICIES, REFUSE TO GIVE UP HOPE OF HAVING THE GENERAL, INSTEAD OF THE PRESIDENT, ON THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET - AND THE MOST HOPEFUL OF ALL WOULD SEEM TO BE (CONGRESSMAN ABERNETHY OF MISSISSIPPI ~~HE~~ WANTS TO DRAFT IKE ON BOTH TICKETS!)

<sup>TP</sup> THE MISSISSIPPI LAWMAKER SUGGESTS THAT BOTH THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN CONVENTIONS DO THE SAME - DRAFT IKE. A DOUBLE DRAFT, HE IS SURE, WOULD PERSUADE THE RELUCTANT WARRIOR. <sup>TP</sup> HOWEVER, SUPPOSE EVEN THAT SHOULD NOT WORK? WELL, THERE IS STILL ANOTHER POSSIBILITY: <sup>The General</sup> ~~HE~~ MIGHT BE PERSUADED, IF HE WERE DRAFTED, NOT ONLY BY THE DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS, BUT ALSO BY THE HENRY WALLACE THIRD PARTY, THE PROHIBITIONISTS AND THE SINGLE TAXERS. IF THAT HAPPENED, <sup>Gen.</sup> IKE WOULD JUST GIVE UP UP IN DESPAIR - AND BE PRESIDENT.



## JAPANESE HOUSEWIVES ....

IN TOKYO TODAY, THERE WAS ASTONISHMENT AND  
CONSTERNATION IN THOUSANDS OF HOMES. JAPANESE  
HOUSEWIVES MUST HAVE THOUGHT THE ELEMENTS WERE GETTING  
ALL MIXED UP OR <sup>that</sup> MAY-BE GENERAL MACARTHUR HAD GONE  
HAYWIRE, BECAUSE WHEN THEY TURNED ON THE GAS, OUT  
CAME SPOUTS <sup>of</sup> WATER. <sup>IF</sup> READY TO START COOKING THE *Evening*  
SUKIAKI, THEY TRIED TO LIGHT THEIR GAS BURNERS,  
BUT WERE DRENCHED WITH STREAMS OF WATER.  
THE MYSTERY OF THE WATER-SPOUTING-GAS-STOVES WAS  
SOLVED WHEN IT WAS DISCLOSED THAT THE PLUMBERS AT  
THE CENTRAL GAS AND WATER STATION HAD MADE A MISTAKE.  
THEY HOOKED UP THE WATER MAIN WITH THE GAS LINE, AND  
THE TOKYO HOUSEWIVES MUST HAVE WONDERED:- WHAT IS  
GENERAL MACARTHUR UP TO NOW?

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## LONDON JOCKEY CLUB...

IN LONDON, THE JOCKEY CLUB HAS ISSUE AN ORDER - AND BRITAIN'S HIGHEST RACING AUTHORITY PUTS FORTH A DECREE, THAT'S THE EQUIVALENT OF PROMULGATING AN EDICT. BECAUSE THE JOCKEY CLUB REPRESENTS THE ULTRA ULTRA, THE TOP OF THE ARISTOCRACY, ITS MEMBERSHIP ROSTER BEING A LIST OF THE HIGHEST LORDS OF THE REALM, INCLUDING HIS MAJESTY THE KING, THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH, AND, THE DUKE OF WINDSOR.

*TP* THE LONDON JOCKEY CLUB IS HAVING A TIF<sup>F</sup> WITH THE NEWSPAPER CAMERAM<sup>AN</sup> WHO COVER THE RACES.

~~THE JOCKEY CLUB GIVES THE COMMAND: "TAKE PICTURES OF THE HORSES."~~

THE RACES IN ENGLAND ARE ATTENDED BY ROYALTY AND THE HIGHEST NOBILITY, AND THE LONDON PHOTOGRAPHERS HAVE BEEN SPECIALIZING IN CANDID CAMERA SHOTS OF THE DUKE, THE DUCHESS, THE EARL, THE COUNTESS, THE NOBLE LORDS AND LADIES OF THE REALM. *but not the horses -- or seldom of the horses.*

LONDON JOCKEY CLUB...

THE PICTURES GETTING INTO THE NEWSPAPERS HAVE CAUSED EMBARRASSMENT, NOT TO MENTION PAIN AND DISMAY. BECAUSE, IN THE PHOTOGRAPHS, THE DUKE IS NOT ALWAYS WITH THE DUCHESS NOR IS THE NOBLE EARL ALWAYS WITH HIS COUNTESS. DOMESTIC TROUBLES HAVE ENSUED, AND EVEN DIVORCE CASES. SO NOW <sup>comes</sup> THAT STERN JOCKEY CLUB DECREE:- "PHOTOGRAPH THE HORSES! <sup>!"</sup> PRESUMABLY, THE HORSES WILL NOT BE EMBARRASSED, EVEN WHEN THEY <sup>are</sup> SHOWN RUNNING LAST IN THE RACE. NOR DOES THE HORSE, PICTURED WITH ANOTHER HORSE, EVER CAUSE A SUIT FOR DIVORCE.

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CIGARETTES...

WE'VE HEARD OF MANY A SCHEME TO BEAT THE CUSTOMS LAW, AND HERE'S A NEW ONE FROM DENMARK. A MAN ARRIVED AT COPENHAGEN, TRAVELING BY PLANE FROM NEW YORK, AND HE HAD A THOUSAND CIGARETTES! *too many to* BE BROUGHT INTO THE COUNTRY BY ANY ONE PERSON.

*TP* YET THE DANISH CUSTOMS INSPECTORS COULD ONLY SCRATCH THEIR HEADS IN PUZZLEMENT, AND LET THE CIGARETTES GO THROUGH. BECAUSE, THE INGENIOUS INDIVIDUAL HAD TAKEN THE PRECAUTION OF LIGHTING EACH OF THE THOUSAND CIGARETTES, TAKING ONE PUFF, AND THEN PUTTING THEM OUT. HE SURE HAD A LOT OF PATIENCE, BUT IT WORKED, BECAUSE THEY WERE USED CIGARETTES, AND THERE IS NO LAW IN DENMARK TO KEEP YOU FROM BRINGING IN CIGARETTE BUTTS.

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MOON...

HERES A THING TAKEN SERIOUSLY ENOUGH TO BRING ABOUT A CONFERENCE BETWEEN SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR KRUG AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNMENT BUREAU OF LAND

MANAGEMENT. - ~~THEY~~ <sup>In fact the two</sup> HAVE ISSUED A LEGAL OPINION. TWO

PENNSYLVANIANS, ROBERT E. EATON AND CHARLES

HONHOLD, OF THE TOWN OF SEAWICKLEY, PUT IN A CLAIM

TO JOINT OWNERSHIP OF THE MOON. <sup>What do you think of that for</sup> THEY APPLIED TO

<sup>Uncle Sam's</sup> ~~THE FEDERAL~~ DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS, AND DEMANDED

THAT THEIR TITLE BE RECOGNIZED - LEGAL TITLE TO ALL THE LUNAR REAL ESTATE, THE MOUNTAINS, PLAINS AND VALLEYS ON THE MOON.

I DONT KNOW WHAT THE TWO PENNSYLVANIA BRETHERN,

EATON AND HONHOLD, <sup>could</sup> ~~can~~ POSSIBLY <sup>have in mind.</sup> ~~BE~~ HAVE THEY

SOME SORT OF ROCKET SCHEME FOR FLYING <sup>to</sup> THE MOON, <sup>and</sup> then trying to develop it -- as a suburb to OR ARE THEY JUST HAVING A JOKE AT THE EXPENSE OF

THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS? IN

ANY CASE THEY HAVE RECEIVED AN OFFICIAL ANSWER FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

What do you think of that for Uncle Sam's moon - madness? Is the land in the moon some town? Some town?

MOON....

*That eminent member of the President's cabinet,*  
 SECRETARY KRUG AFTER CONSULTING WITH DIRECTOR CLAUSON

OF THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, WRITES THAT <sup>the</sup> U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS NO JURISDICTION OVER ~~THE~~ MOON, OR ANY *or even over a satellite.*

PLANET OR STAR. UNCLE SAM, AS THE SOVIETS KNOW, IS <sup>according to Moscow,</sup> OUT FOR WORLD CONQUEST. YOUR UNCLE SAM IS PLOTTING

TO TAKE POSSESSION OF THE SIX CONTINENTS AND

SEVEN SEAS ON THIS GLOBE OF OURS -- AND NOTHING ELSE.

HE HAS NO PLANS FOR IMPERIALISTIC AGGRESSION AGAINST THE SOLAR SYSTEM, NOT TO MENTION STELLAR SPACE.

*TP* ALL THIS IS EXPLAINED BY SECRETARY <sup>Krug</sup> ~~OF THE INTERIOR~~

KRUG IN HIS LETTER TO THE TWO PENNSYLVANIANS WHO *the Sec. of the Dist.,* WANT THE MOON: "NO LAWS," ~~HE~~ WRITES, "HAVE YET BEEN

ENACTED BY CONGRESS AUTHORIZING ACTION UPON OWNERSHIP CLAIMS TO THE MOON OR OTHER PLANETS, SUCH AS YOU HAVE

IN MIND," *was the way he put it.*





MOON....

SO, THAT'S THE ANSWER TO THOSE TWO <sup>hopeful would-be</sup> LUNAR REAL ESTATE  
OPERATORS - I SAID " LUNAR " .

■ ■ And now Nelson, what are you  
mooning about?

MARSHALL PLAN

Early

(The House of Representatives has just passed the European Recovery Program.) The Roll Call began a half hour ago, at 6:15 and ever since then the Congressmen have been balloting, and the result is just in.

The Marshall Plan okayed by a majority in the House.

And here's the final tally -- just in -- the E.R.P. passed by a vote of 379 to 74.

(The Senate has already passed the Marshall Plan, but there are differences which will have to be ironed out - like the House vote to include Spain in the Recovery Program.)

FINLAND...

( FINLAND HAS RECEIVED THE SOVIET TERMS. NEGOTIATORS FOR THE NORTHERN REPUBLIC HAVE BEEN TALKING WITH STALIN AND MOLOTOV IN MOSCOW, AND THE DRAFT OF A TREATY HAS BEEN FRAMED ACCORDING TO THE DEMANDS OF SOVIET RUSSIA. ) THE DRAFT ARRIVED IN HELSINKI TODAY AND IS NOW BEING CONSIDERED BY THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT. THE TERMS HAVE NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC, BUT THE WORD FROM HELSINKI IS THAT THE OUTLOOK IS PESSIMISTIC -- -- THE PROBABILITY BEING THAT MOSCOW HAS LAID DOWN CONDITIONS THAT WILL MAKE FINLAND A SOVIET SATELLITE.

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COSTA RICA...

~~NEWS FROM LATIN AMERICA PICTURES THE PAN-AMERICAN  
CONFERENCE AT BOGOTA IN ORATORICAL SESSION -- WITH  
MEXICO MAKING FERVENT PROPOSALS THAT THE AMERICAN  
AID PROGRAM SHOULD INCLUDE THE REPUBLICS TO THE  
SOUTH.~~

*Also, explosive*  
~~MORE EXCITING IS THE NEWS FROM COSTA RICA, WHERE  
AN AIRPLANE TODAY BOMBED THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE.  
A REVOLT HAS BEEN ON IN THAT CENTRAL AMERICAN REPUBLIC  
FOR NINETEEN DAYS -- AFTER A RIGHTWING PRESIDENT WAS  
ELECTED, AND THEN WAS TURNED DOWN BY THE COSTA RICAN  
CONGRESS ON CHARGES OF ELECTION FRAUD. A RIGHTWING  
MILITARY REVOLT FOLLOWED, AND AT FIRST APPEARED TO  
BE DEFEATED. BUT RECENTLY THE REBELS HAVE BEEN WINNING  
VICTORIES, AND TODAY AN INSURGENT AIRPLANE BOMBED  
THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE -- WHICH WAS DAMAGED SOMEWHAT.~~

*More melodramatic than effective,  
apparently.*

COAL...

WORD FROM WASHINGTON INDICATES THAT PRESIDENT TRUMAN WILL NOT TAKE SUCH QUICK ACTION IN THE COAL STRIKE. TODAY, HIS FACT - FINDING BOARD SENT TO THE WHITE HOUSE A REPORT PLACING MOST OF THE BLAME FOR THE WALKOUT ON JOHN L. LEWIS. WHEREUPON THE IMMEDIATE SUPPOSITION WAS THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD PROMPTLY ASK FOR A COURT INJUNCTION AGAINST LEWIS AND THE UNION, TO COMPEL A TRUCE IN THE STRIKE. BUT NOW A STATEMENT FROM THE WHITE HOUSE INDICATES THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL TAKE HIS TIME BEFORE INSTRUCTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO APPEAL TO THE COURTS -- HE'LL THINK IT OVER FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS.

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SPAIN...

YESTERDAY'S CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON SPAIN HAS DIS-  
CONCERTING REVERBERATIONS ABROAD. THROUGHOUT THE

LIBERAL COUNTRIES THERE IS MUCH DISAPPROVAL OF

THE VOTE IN ~~THE~~ <sup>our</sup> HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ~~WHICH~~ <sup>the suggestion</sup>

~~DECLARES~~ <sup>that would include</sup> FRANCO SPAIN INTO <sup>on</sup> THE MARSHALL PLAN. THE

BELIEF IS EXPRESSED <sup>over there that this House of Rep idea</sup> ~~THAT IT~~ WILL ONLY HELP RED

PROPAGANDA, BY GIVING THE COMMUNISTS A CHANCE TO

SHOUT THAT AMERICA IS SUPPORTING A FASCIST TYPE

OF DICTATORSHIP.

OF COURSE, THE VOTE IN THE HOUSE ~~WILL~~ <sup>has</sup> STILL ~~BE~~

TO RUN THE GAUNTLET OF THE SENATE, WHICH ~~SHOULD~~

~~ENOUGH~~ MAY RULE OUT THE ADMISSION OF FRANCO- <sup>Spain</sup>

~~INTO THE EUROPEAN RELIEF PROGRAM.~~ <sup>as a beneficiary of E.R.P.</sup> THE VIEW ABROAD

WAS EXPRESSED TODAY IN EXCEEDINGLY BRITISH VERBIAGE

BY A LONDON SPOKESMAN. HE CALLED <sup>our House</sup> ~~THE~~ VOTE TO INCLUDE

FRANCO SPAIN; - "A PERFECTLY FRIGHTFUL ACT REFLECTING

INCREDIBLE POLITICAL NAIVETE".