

MARSHALL PLAN

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(In London there's enthusiastic support for the Marshall Plan. The British Government is hugely interested in the proposals made by the Secretary of State in his address at Harvard last week - proposals for the nations of Europe to get together and estimate their critical needs for the next four years, the United States then to underwrite the job of supplying those critical needs, at a cost of six billion dollars the first year.)

Today's applause comes from British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, who called the Marshall declarations at Harvard - "One of the greatest speeches made in world history." He hailed the Marshall plan as:-
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ "a conception of cooperation between Europe and the wonderful, great and powerful western hemisphere."

The British Foreign Secretary stated that the London Government is already consulting France and other European nations with a view *to* getting together on the basis of the proposals made by the American

Secretary of State. These involve an amount of international cooperation in Europe hardly dreamed of before. Secretary Marshall stated that all the nations participating in the American program of providing for their needs would have to muster their resources, and share their surpluses, and even their manpower, in an economic operation that would cross national boundaries - as only armies have crossed them before.

Britain is all for lining up the European countries, in a combination for collaboration with the giant program of aid from America - and today Foreign Secretary Bevin warned that nobody should be allowed to interfere. This referred to Soviet Russia, which is expected to oppose the Marshall Plan. The Secretary of State has declared the Soviets are welcome to be included, but American officials in Europe say the Soviets will object.

For one thing, the Marshall Plan would upset the arrangements the Soviets have made with their satellite countries - like the Balkan states. All the

surpluses of these puppets now go to Russia - while, under the Marshall plan, they would have to be put into a common pool for all Europe, and distributed where ~~and~~ needed the most, while the United States filled in the shortages that still remained.

The British Foreign Office announces that American under-Secretary of State William Clayton is expected in London for consultations with the British Government on questions for carrying out the program. And ^{tonight} ~~this afternoon~~ in Washington, Senator Vandenberg, the number one Republican in Foreign policy, threw his own support behind the Marshall Plan.

REFUGEES

Varied testimony was given today in favor of the stratton bill to admit four hundred thousand European War Refugees into this country. Former Supreme Court Justice Roberts, appearing before a sub-committee of the House of Representatives, argued that we have supported many of the refugees in their refusal to return to their own countries - have rejected demands of their Communist home governments wanting to get hold of them. "Consequently, said the former Supreme Court Justice, "we have a moral obligation to help them."

Congressman Gossett of Texas said he understood that many refugees had, in his words, "displaced themselves voluntarily." To which Roberts replied: "You can hardly ~~displace~~ call it voluntary. It was a choice of being displaced or of being shot."

President Green of the American Federation of Labor told a sub-committee that he did not believe the admission of four hundred thousand refugees would disturb employment. He said that this country had done little to provide sanctuary for the victims of Nazi

persecution, and he argued: "Are we to offer the same callous treatment to the refugees from Stalin's slave labor camps and to the few remaining survivors of Hitler's anti-semitic scourge?"

Another witness in favor of the Stratton Bill was Bishop Malloy of Covington, Kentucky, President of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference. He urged that the refugees be admitted, and ^{all} be settled on farms.

Opposition to the bill was expressed by Charles Babcock of Virginia, who spoke in behalf of the Junior Order of American Mechanics. "More than fifty per cent are displaced persons because of their own action," he claimed. "The American people have not been told the truth about the Stratton Bill. It is the ground work," he added, "for a program to bring the whole eight-hundred-and-fifty-thousand displaced persons of Europe into the United States."

TAXES

Present taxes are dangerously near the point of smothering private enterprise, and we cannot safely go on taxing at the present rate -- so said Senator Robert Taft of Ohio in a radio speech tonight.

The Ohio Senator also claims that the Administration is trying to block an income tax reduction now so that Democrats can get credit for themselves in the Nineteen forty-eight presidential election.

"The tax bill", said Taft, "is not, and should not be, a question of politics. It should be a question of facts and figures and sound economic policy. On that basis" he added, "congress passed the bill, and on that basis the President should approve it".

Taft says he can think of only two reasons why so many members of the administration oppose a tax reduction now:- Number one: "New Dealers in the Administration don't want to

reduce taxes ~~xxx~~ because they figure if less money is collected from the people, they, the New Dealers, will have less money to spend."

Second, that: "the Secretary of ~~xxx~~ the Treasury wants to pile up a huge surplus in Nineteen forty-seven available for a tax cut just before the Nineteen forty-eight elections."

And then Senator Taft of Ohio went on to say that should the President veto the current tax bill, Democrats in the Senate apparently have enough votes to sustain that veto.

FLOODS

The Midwestern flood story is being repeated all over again. It began last week with the Desmoines River surging in a deluge down to the Mississippi - causing that mighty stream to overflow. Simultaneously, the Missouri River rose with an inundating surge, pouring its flood waters down into the Mississippi.

So what have we today? (The Des Moines River has risen in another flood, ~~is~~ overflowing its banks, ~~and~~ pouring a new deluge down the Mississippi. The same thing for the Missouri River, which is having a second flood rolling down after the first.)

Once again areas of farmlands are like inland seas - the same spacious cornfields of the Middlewest from which the previous flood waters had receded. For thousands of people washed out of their homes, it's a wretched repetition of misfortune. Many, who had returned to their flooded farms and towns, are being driven out again by the rising waters. Others, ~~who~~ about to return, have been warned to stay away - because if they go back they'll be promptly flooded out again.

More heavy rains.

PLANE BULLETIN

Pennsylvania Central Airlines report one of their D C fours missing tonight enroute from Pittsburgh to Washington. The plane left Pittsburgh at six twenty, and was due at Washington an hour later. The last report, from the ship came when it was over Martinsburg, West Virginia.

P C A officials say it had^{gas} enough to stay in the air until ten forty-five. So if the plane hasn't made a landing at some remote airport, it ran out of gas fifteen minutes ago.

KLAN

The Ku Klux Klan was abolished today ~~is~~ -- at least as a ~~xxxx~~ corporation. The State of Georgia has been taking legal measures to cancel the charter under which the hooded order was incorporated. ^{TP} The Klan put up a stubborn fight to retain its charter, but today it suddenly yielded. Before a court in Atlanta, the lawyer of the K.K.K. dropped his case, you might say he dropped his K's and his case both. ^{TP} The charge was that Ku Klux Klan, while chartered as a nonprofit organization, actually did make a profit, and a fat one, out of the sale of robes and paraphernalia - the nightgown outfit. To this the defense offered no evidence in disproof, and just let the whole thing go.

So the Ku Klux Klan is no more - that is in a technical sense. The hooded order no longer exists as a corporation - ~~though that does not necessarily put an end to it as an incorporated outfit. The national klan which lost its charter today, and the State Klans may go on without the charters~~ ^{But} they may apply for incorporation somewhere else.

GAMBLING

In Reno Nevada, one Carlo Penicara, is wondering about Friday the thirteenth. Today in his hotel room, Carlo found a note from the previous occupant and the note was written on the back of an old Reno ticket. Carlo had a hunch. He decided to replay the fifty cent ticket. And to his astonishment the dealer handed over nine hundred ~~and~~ dollars. He had won on an eighteen hundred to one shot.

Then Carlo decided to celebrate. He ~~he~~ walked into a place of refreshment and on the floor he found a wallet. In it -- a hundred ~~and~~ and thirty five dollars. For finding it he was given a reward.

He decided to phone his wife. But, when he dropped in his money it came back, and more too. He had hit the jack pot.

All on Friday, the thirteenth.

A modern Noah's ark - an air-ark-landed today after a two-and-a-half day trip from Siam. A D-C four, with a strange cargo, including a three hundred and fifty pound baby elephant; a ten month old elephant calf weighing eight hundred pounds; fifteen Asiatic bears; two ~~leopards~~ leopards, forty pythons; two hundred monkeys; and hundreds of gay ~~plumaged~~ plumaged birds. On their way to the Van Nuys, California zoo.

Senior Pilot Pete Carruthers announced on landing that he thought he had set a record for the longest commercial flight with a full load -- more than seven thousand miles.

It must have been long in more ways than one. ~~Suppose the~~ ~~that the~~ eight hundred pound elephant had decided high above the Pacific, that what it wanted was to go home to Siam?

Or suppose one of the pythons decided to explore the plane? Or, ~~even~~ one of the bears? But there they are, in California, tonight, the baby

elephant squealing with delight. The fifteen
oriental bears enjoying a meal of boiled rice.

All quite ~~xx~~ happy about their record~~ix~~ breaking

trip, from far of Asia
~~trip~~ in their flying Ark.

of his grandchildren. Which surely must be an all-time combined record for a College President, and a Minister-of-the-Gospel.

RETAKE

Something of a record for college presidents appears to have been set at Sioux City, Iowa - by Earl Roadman of Morningside College. Word from Sioux City tells how he conferred a degree on his daughter Katherine - ~~and~~ she ^{being} ~~was~~ the sixth of his children to whom he handed diplomas, and the eighth member of his family ^{to get diplomas from him.}

Previously, Dr. Roadman was President of Dakota Wesleyan, and there he graduated three of his children. Transferring to Morningside College, he has now conferred degrees on three more ^{-- the latest ~~total~~ daughter including Katherine.} He has likewise presented a deiploma to a son-in-law and bestowed an honorary degree on his wife - at the request of the College Trustees.

■ After having graduated Katherine, the ^{quickly} Doctor [^] changed over from college president to Methodist Minister and performed a wedding - the marriage of Katherine, who got ^{the} degree ^{in the} ~~in the~~ morning and a wedding ring later in the day, her father officiating both times. Just to complete the occasion, there was a baptismal service in which Dr. Roadman christened three

of his grandchildren. Which surely must be an all-time combined record for a College President, and a Minister-of-the-Gospel.

FIDDLE

In a New York courtroom today, the Judge played a fiddle. But that was no breach of Judicial dignity - because the violin was a Stradivarius. Of course it might have been an indignity if the Judge had fiddled too badly, with too many sour notes - but that would have been an indignity to the violin, ~~not~~ ^{to} the Judge.

It all came about in the course of an extraordinary ~~story~~ story which tells of a twenty-five thousand dollar Strad pawned in a New York hock shop for thirty bucks. The precious fiddle belonged to a music teacher of Bloomington, Illinois, Caryl Oakes. He says he made an arrangement with a man named Porter, Commissioned ^{Porter} to sell the violin in New York:- price, not less than twenty-five thousand dollars. So Porter and the Strad started for New York, after which the owner at Bloomington, ~~in~~ Illinois, heard no more. So he came to New York, and consulted with the police, who made a search, and located ~~Porter~~ Porter. In his

possession they found a pawn ticket - the Stradivarius hocked for thirty bucks.

The case today came before Magistrate Edgar Bromberg, who is an amateur violinist. The musical instrument was produced as evidence, and his honor was intensely interested, reverential. With the hushed voice of an amateur fiddler, he said: "So this is a Stradivarius - I never saw one before."

Well, he not only saw one today - but, taking advantage of his prerogatives as a Judge, he played on a Stradivarius. He took it, tucked it under his chin, and rasied the bow.

The owner exclaimed nervously: "I hope you don't drop it, Your Honor."

The Judge didn't. ~~He~~ just played a tune. I don't know how good a tune it was - but a Judge fiddling on the bench is remarkable, no matter what the tune. ~~Oh.~~

BABE

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There's a word from Scotland, ^{that's} not so surprising, ~~some sidelights on the golfing victory of Mrs. Zaharias - the incredible Babe~~. Anywhere you go, golf and country-club-circles feature ladies who lift the eyebrows easily - and, that's particularly true of Britain, where social affairs like the Royal ^{and} ancient game of golf, can be most aristocratic, not to say stuffy. TP Now Mrs.

Zaharias, The Babe, ~~who~~ comes from a Norwegian family in Texas, ~~and is the wife of a Greek wrestler~~ ^{and} has an ample share of our American gift for doing things high, wide and handsome, ~~not to mention free and easy. She's~~ ^{So she} blithely unhampered by formality. ~~and~~ ^{and} was likely to astonish some people at the British open ~~golf~~ ~~the~~ ~~championship~~ for women. The Babe, with her exuberance, might run into a snub or two. ^{and} she did! ~~and the snubs were really something.~~

The Babe herself, isn't saying anything. Her attitude, as expressed in today's news dispatch, is something like this - losers shouldn't complain, so why should a winner? The complaining is being done by

the newsmen -- and not the Americans. British newspapers today printed their own acid comment about the way the Babe was given the social ice and the frosty chill.

British Sports writer John Grime says that, on the eve of the first day of the tournament, somebody piled a lot of furniture outside of the door of the Babe's hotel room. Maybe they figured she was strong enough to wrestle the furniture out of the way, and she was.

Then there was an episode in the locker room, after the Babe had won a tournament match by the usual lopsided score. Laughing and beaming, full of exuberance, she called out to the British women players-- "Has anybody here got a cigarette?"

Whereupon a sweet anonymous voice from behind a screen replied: "I've got some arsenic."

The Babe whirled around and snapped: "Who said that?"

The answer was -- an anonymous laugh.

On another occasion, the Babe, before teeing off, danced a Highland Fling. And -- she did that at the

request of some Scottish newsmen. But that too caused more lifting of eyebrows.

I suppose they were afraid the Babe might win the Championship at dancing the Highland Fling -- and she might at that.

All of which is raising ix an uproar in British newspapers -- with scathing comment on the cold shoulder given the Babe. The British papers point out, however, that this was the doing of a small clique, too aristocratic for their own good, and that the attitude of the Scots at large was one of unstinted admiration for the way the Babe hit that golf ball. Time and again the exclamation was "She's a bonnie golfer." And, from a Scot, there is no higher praise.

And now Nelson, a few words of praise from you.

WALLACE

A suit was filed in Washington today, to keep Henry Wallace from using a public park for his speech on Monday night. The American Anti-Communist Association declares that the outfit sponsoring the Wallace address is what it calls - "A Communist group." Wallace himself is denouhced for his pro-Soviet campaign - and a court injunction is asked to keep him from using a public park. *All of which probably will increase the size of his audience.*