

Congress—

Aid Plan Halting Totalitarianism, Acheson Says

Recites Progress of Marshall Setup At Joint House-Senate Hearing

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (UPI)—Secretary of State Dean Acheson told Congress today that the Marshall Plan "is succeeding" in restoring stability in Western Europe and halting the advance of "totalitarianism."

Testifying before a joint session of the Senate and House Foreign Relations Committees, Mr. Acheson urged congressional approval of a 15-month, \$5,580,000,000 extension of the aid program to consolidate non-Communist nations against aggression.

He said the westward advance of communism in Europe has been stopped cold since the Marshall Plan went into operation last spring.

Heads Their Own

The Western European nations helped by the United States, he said, "are all still to be counted in the ranks of the democracies."

Without the program, he added, "the situation would probably have been very different."

"As it is," Mr. Acheson said, "the free community of Europe has not only held its own, but it has during this period made great strides forward."

Mr. Acheson testified after Foreign Aid Chief Paul G. Hoffman asked the two committees to approve the second payment on the Marshall Plan to help assure the world's "peace and stability."

Holds Red Activities

Mr. Acheson said the "enemies" of recovery in Europe had not confined their activities to the political field. He said Communist-inspired attempts to defeat recovery and sabotage domestic production both in France and Italy had been met with energy and courage by those governments.

Mr. Hoffman told the joint committee that the Marshall Plan would be "the greatest bargain the American people ever had" if it succeeds in bringing peace and stability to the world.

He explained in some detail the administration's request for the second 15 months of the program, calling for an immediate authorization of \$5,430,000,000 and another \$150 million to be granted later.

Economic

One of President Truman's economic advisers said today that a comprehensive price and wage control program is more necessary now than at any time since the war.

Leon H. Keyserling, vice chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisors, told the joint Senate-House Economic Committee that the dangers of inflation still exist.

He said the recent drop in food prices "had been exaggerated or misinterpreted" and there is no assurance that living costs will not go up again.

He testified after Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan assured the committee that the administration will offer a concrete program to deal with the twin problems of inflation and deflation.

Mr. Keyserling agreed in effect with the committee chairman, Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.) that consumer demand for goods and services is still strong.

Air Force

The House Armed Services Committee today unanimously approved a bill to authorize a 70-group Air Force.

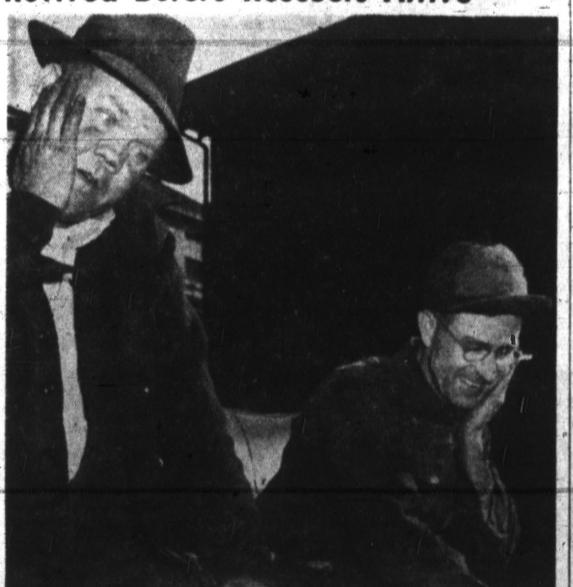
Both the Army and Air Force would be specifically authorized under the bill to buy and use guided missiles.

The bill would not, in itself, get the air power program going. Congress still would have to put up the money. This would be done in separate legislation.

After approving the authorization, however, the armed services committee formally endorsed a plan to shift to the Air Force \$800 million which President Truman in his budget for fiscal 1950 requested for universal military training.

Other congressional developments:

Revived Before Rescuers Arrive



George Mathies (left), 42, of 1422 Winfield St., and Stanley Whiteker, 33, of 716 W. New York St., construction workers for the Geupel Construction Co., were overcome by fumes from an air compressor as they worked yesterday in a grease pit in the garage of the C. H. Wallerich Co., 950 N. Meridian St. Revived by the cold air outside, the men were able to return to work before the police rescue squad arrived.

4 Escape Ring Of Fire In Flash Blast By Smashing Window To Make Door Fly Open



Photos by Lloyd R. Walton, Times Staff Photographer

Close shave . . . These four attendants, Walter Mann, Fred Losey, Elmer Boo and Russell Fisher, were trapped momentarily in a circle of flames, but escaped after Mr. Mann broke a plate glass window.

Delaware St. Service Station Burns; Damages Are Estimated at \$150,000

A flash explosion ripped through the Tansy Service Station, 803 N. Delaware St., early today, momentarily trapping four attendants in a circle of flames.

The men escaped unharmed when one hurled a battery through the plate glass window, releasing the attendants in a circle of flames.

Two-alarm fire raged for several hours following the explosion, causing damages estimated at \$150,000. All merchandise and equipment in the station, including a truck and a car, were destroyed and the building was gutted.

Demands Stiffer Terms

This appeared to be routine procedure. The court hardly acknowledged it. Then the prosecutor demanded stiffer sentences for each of the others in turn. Again the judges agreed and many bowed by routine. They sat almost unnoticed, their faces stern. All wore plain dark business suits.

Then the defense lawyers, in their turn, asked milder sentences, and announced that they wished to the Supreme People's Tribunal.

Mr. Nagy, Father Ispanky, and Dr. Justin Baranyai, university professor, who originally was charged with leading a plot to overthrow the government, but was found guilty of being an accomplice, said they also wished to appeal.

Accept Their Sentences

The Rev. Fr. Andras Zakar, young priest, who was the Cardinal's secretary, and Prince Esterhazy said they would accept their sentences.

Then there was played a grim comedy bit, which only Dr. Otti in the whole quiet courtroom seemed to find humorous.

The seventh defendant, Aging Journalist László Toth, who was found guilty of espionage, is deaf.

He had not heard a word as the verdicts and sentences were read. Once he had sought to interrupt and had been restrained by a uniformed guard.

Now it was necessary for him to answer whether he wished to appeal.

Again and again Dr. Otti repeated his question. Finally, smiling broadly, he shouted it directly into Mr. Toth's inefficient hearing aid.

"Sentence Too High"

Mr. Toth still did not hear, and he screamed back:

"What? What?"

"Yes," Dr. Otti thundered, "Ten years, 10 years!"

Finally Mr. Toth understood.

"The sentence is too high," he roared as loudly as the judge.

"I appeal. I appeal."

The court approved the appeal requests, and agreed with prosecution suggestion that all defendants be held in "preliminary detention"—that is, in prison pending hearing of the appeals.

Then the men, in single file with a guard leading and another between each two defendants, were walked from the courtroom back to their cells, which are in the same block-square building.

The final session of the historic trial had taken only about an hour.



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