

Gen. Marshall Makes Plea For Red Cross Support

Addresses 2000
In Armory Speech
By CARL HENN

Gen. George C. Marshall today left Indianapolis for Cincinnati, but the message he delivered in the Indiana National Guard Motor Armory last night remained.

The director of the American Red Cross told almost 2000 listeners his organization is the most important agency in the world for wiping out mistrust and misgivings.

He delivered a powerful plea for public co-operation with the Red Cross, which he was named to head in October, 1949, after he had resigned as Secretary of State.

"The world is in need of spiritual regeneration," Gen. Marshall said. "It will not come by prayer alone, but also from individual contributions. The Red Cross offers the individual his chance to contribute."

Given Standing Ovation
The World War II chief of staff received standing ovations before and after his speech, in which he outlined the services offered in America by the Red Cross.

He particularly emphasized the blood bank program. Gen. Marshall said research men have told him so many new uses for blood are appearing that 30 pints of blood soon will be needed where one pint suffices today.

Immediately preceding his speech, a Red Cross Certificate of Merit was presented to Frank D. Simons, 19-year-old Indiana University freshman, for the "bravery and fortitude" he displayed last Aug. 17 in rescuing a man from an automobile which had plunged into Fall Creek.

A Rhodius Park City lifeguard at the time, young Simons, 115 E. Fall Creek Pkwy., twice dived to the submerged car to free Roland Jenkins, towed him to shore and gave artificial respiration until help arrived.

He received the award from Ramone S. Eaton, Red Cross national vice president and assist-



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Gen. George C. Marshall . . . first the dinner, then the speech.

ant general manager. Mr. Eaton is traveling with Gen. Marshall on the speaking tour.

In a press and radio conference before the dinner meeting, Gen. Marshall refused to comment on national security and military developments occurring since he left the post of Secretary of State.

"I ceased to be Secretary of State some time back," Gen. Marshall said, smiling.

He did, however, speak of ERP, better known as the Marshall Plan. Although the next two years will be the hardest for the European Relief Plan, he

said, it should be carried through and completed in 1952 as scheduled.

Cited Difficulties
Two-fold difficulties involved in carrying out ERP, Gen. Marshall said, were the necessary lowering of tariff barriers and the necessary adjustment of European currencies.

"A sound economic basis must be achieved if we are to come to an agreement with European countries," he said. "The United States can't go on pouring money into the continent."

Gen. Marshall in his speech by Miss Mary Ann Kreiser, ac- praised the volunteer workers

who prepared and served the meal. He said the Red Cross program could not survive without such volunteers as Canteen Service, Gray Ladies, Motor Service, Staff Aides, Arts and Skills, Nurses' Aides and Production Volunteers.

Gen. Marshall was introduced by Charles J. Lynn, member of the board of directors, Indianapolis chapter, Red Cross. Harlan J. Hadley, vice chairman of the Indianapolis chapter, presided at the dinner.

Dinner music was provided by the Tech High School orchestra, directed by Walter Shaw. The Rev. R. A. Kirchhoffer, Bishop of Indianapolis Episcopal Church, gave the invocation. Benediction, "The Lord's Prayer," was sung by Miss Mary Ann Kreiser, ac-

state rehabilitation officer for the American Legion.

Check Theft Charged

EATON, Pa., Feb. 10 (UP)—Theodore W. Gilboy, 23, Scranton, Pa., magazine salesman, was held today on a charge of stealing an income tax refund check from a mailbox. Police quoted him as saying he planned to cash the check and use the money to help pay his own income tax.

Dedication Sunday

BEDFORD, Feb. 10—Mitchell Legionnaires will dedicate a new home Sunday afternoon during the organization's 30th anniversary celebration. Guest speaker will be Elvin Higdon, assistant state rehabilitation officer for the American Legion.

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