

Economists Have Edge on Lawyers In War of Words

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—If a bunch of lawyers and a batch of economists were cast away on a desert island, it would be even money which group would talk the other to death. The odds should probably be given to the economists, though, because lawyers eventually come to the point. Economists, however, ramble all over the lot, take twice as many words as necessary to say anything, and finally hedge around with ifs, maybes and on-the-other-hands.

This observation is made after taking one look and then running fast from Volume II of the Marshall Plan report from the 16-nation Committee of European Economic Cooperation, drawn up at Paris.

When Under Secretary of State Robert A. Lovett remarked the other day that the Marshall Plan "was now confused by an excessive amount of figures," he said a mouthful and he wasn't kidding. At first, he said they didn't have enough figures to make any intelligent decisions on how much aid was needed or how much the U. S. could give. But now, "they have so much stuff it's indigestible."

Secretary Lovett hopes that, eventually, the European Recovery Plan can be set up simply. It will have to stay out of what he calls "the miasma of statistics," where it is today.

There are now five volumes of studies on the Marshall Plan.

Volume four in this documentation is the President's Council of Economic Advisors' report. It was released under the snappy little title of "The Impact of Foreign Aid Upon the Domestic Economy." It's about as simple as these things can probably be made. This seems to be what the Council of Economic Advisors says:

The purpose of the Marshall Plan is to lay the foundations for a stable world economy. Any aid given to Europe will be less than the war and postwar programs. It should therefore be a reduced strain on the country. In 1943 and 1944, 40 per cent of American production went to war. In the first half of 1947, less than 10 per cent has gone overseas.

The effect of this export program on the average American citizen has not been too tough. Per capita consumption of meat, fruits and breakfast cereals is higher now than before or during the war. Consumption of milk, eggs, poultry, vegetables and wheat is not as high as in wartime, but it is higher than pre-war.

Aid to Europe will exert some upward pressure on prices, but this pressure will be reduced in succeeding years.

Knotty Problems Ahead
Three grave dangers are pointed out. Some low-income families cannot now afford to buy enough to eat. High prices will lead to a demand for higher wages. Higher prices will cut down foreign purchasing power. The problem is to prevent price rises from spiraling.

Ready to Slice



Royal cakemaker Jack Bryant, whose father made Queen Elizabeth's wedding cake, puts the finishing touches on the four-tier cake for Princess Elizabeth's marriage to Lt. Philip Mountbatten on Nov. 20.

ing into a further inflationary movement.

Some control will have to be put over the uses of food and steel. Wheat will have to be confined to humans and not fed to animals. Sending scrap iron abroad, as requested by the Europeans, is illogical.

Bottlenecks in the production and distribution of coal and fertilizer will have to be broken. Farm and industrial machinery will have to be allocated to Europe to increase her production.

The ERP is going to cost America's some money. Taxes won't have to be any higher than they are now, but they can't be made any lower right away if the budget is kept balanced. The idea of paying for European aid by borrowing and increasing the national debt is rejected.

On the question of repayment, the Council of Economic Advisors does a little dicking. It says there is now no way to measure Europe's ability to repay. But it indicates the advisability of making part of the aid an outright gift.

The failure to authorize any aid programs at all would be likely to spell industrial paralysis for some countries. This might bounce back on the U. S.

FALL FROM BED FATAL
PITTSBURGH, Nov. 12.—(AP)—Mrs. Margaret Shields, 23, who fractured her skull in falling out of bed, died in a hospital today.

Senators in the Philippines legislature serve a six-year term, representatives, a four-year term.

Unsolved Problems Confront U. S. In Education Needs

By JANE EADS
WASHINGTON—On the eve of American Education Week, Nov. 9, to 15, the National Education Association says that never before have people been so aroused about the inadequate support for public education.

While progress has been made in building better financial foundations for schools in many places through state constitutional amendments and legislative action, NEA points out that in other communities the problem is still unsolved.

"We have fallen short," says NEA, one of the sponsors of Education Week, and lists the following:

1. In 1940 the average American citizen over the age of 25 years had only 8.4 years of schooling.

2. Ten million adult citizens in 1940, had attended school for less than five years.

3. Nearly 3,000,000 of these had not been to school at all.

4. Nearly 700,000 young men were rejected for service in the armed forces in World War II because of mental and educational deficiencies; 35,000 signed their names with a mark.

5. During the war years nearly one-third of the qualified teachers left the profession—most of them never to return.

Progress Being Made
"American Education Week provides opportunities for planning together to build a better world through education for all," says NEA's executive secretary, Willard E. Givens.

He adds that the task is not easy, "yet our only hope for survival is world-wide education for peace."

Other sponsors of the week, the theme of which is "the schools are yours," are the American Legion, U. S. Office of Education and the National Congress of Parents and Teachers. All agree that we are making progress.

They point to the fact that in 1947 some 44 state legislatures in session made substantial increases in state financial aid for education and adopted other legislation designed to improve the schools.

That salaries for teachers have been generally on the upgrade. That more than 1,000,000 veterans are attending colleges and universities; 454,000 are in schools of all other types.

And that, with more than 30,000,000 persons attending public and private elementary and secondary schools and colleges.

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Frequently there is a lack of fresh air and an excess of heat and cigarette or cigar smoke. This type of atmosphere is not congenial to the average house plant. Just like a human, plants, too, require clean air.

Indoor plants should not be placed in a draft. Such treatment increases the rate of evaporation from the foliage. It is the same sort of situation as an outdoor garden subjected to a prevailing wind. No matter how much moisture is applied the wind or draft seems to dry it up immediately. The specimens lose their shiny

appearance, the foliage often turns yellow. These symptoms usually indicate a lack of moisture.

It is advisable to wash the foliage at frequent intervals. A plant actually breathes through the pores on the leaf surfaces. Should these become clogged with dirt or dust the process of transpiration becomes difficult. But frequent washing should restore a healthy condition.

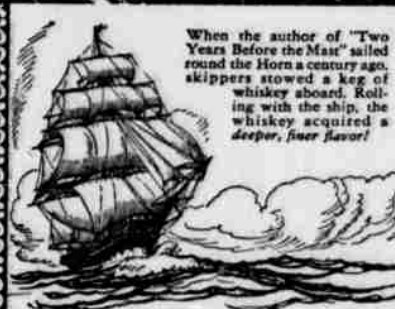
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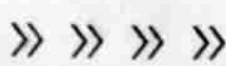
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