

# Give Foreign Aid Now -- Gen. Marshall

## Delay Might Be Costlier, Congress Told

U. S. Hesitancy Would Be 'Most Unfortunate,' As To Effects Abroad

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Gen. George C. Marshall told Congress today that hesitation in approving President Truman's program of foreign arms aid would be "most unfortunate" and have "wide ramifications."

The former secretary of state, who was army chief of staff during World War II, testified before the House Foreign Affairs committee that, while failure to approve the program at this time would result in a "minor economy," it also might result in the possibility of a major outlay later on.

Endorsing President Truman's \$1,450,000,000 program, Marshall agreed with previous statements by Secretary of State Acheson and the army chief of staff, General Omar N. Bradley.

Marshall told the committee that he had not sat in on consultations while the plan was being worked out, but that he was briefed on it at the State department last Friday.

"I had been strongly of the opinion . . . that action of this nature was urgently necessary," he added. "As to the fundamental policy involved there is no doubt in my mind as to the desirability of action of this nature immediately."

It is necessary, he said, for the nations of Europe who are friendly to the United States and are resisting Russia to have "mutually cooperative action against aggression."

In the long run, Marshall testified, the program will strengthen rather than weaken the military position of the United States and will give momentum to our foreign policy.

Marshall said that in 1933, if the military requirements stated by the armed services could have been met "even to a modest degree, we could have whittled away at least six months of the duration of the war."

He emphasized that he was not criticizing Congress or the administration when he said that. He said "the real issue" at that time was the attitude of the American people, which was affected by "a real aggressive and vocal minority."

Marshall stressed the value of

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JOHN MARAGON  
Accused by Drew Pearson

## Disposal Of Federal Surplus Property Subject Of Senate Probe Of "Five Percenters"

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—(AP)—John Maragon's secret testimony under oath in the Senate "five percenter" inquiry deals in part with the disposal of government surplus property, it was learned today.

That is shown in the official record of the hush-hush investigation of the one-time Kansas City bootblack who once had a pass to the White House.

The record also discloses that the inquiry has gone searching into Maragon's bank deposit from 1945 on, and has dealt extensively with the sources of his income.

Maragon was questioned behind closed doors on three consecutive days last week by the Senate's special investigations subcommittee. The group is checking on the activities of persons who help others get government contracts in exchange for a fee, usually five per cent of the gross proceeds.

That practice in itself is not illegal. The subcommittee wants to find out whether any five percenters have tried to influence government procurement officials, as has been alleged.

Public hearings are scheduled to start August 8, Senator Hoyer, the subcommittee chairman, said today the group has unearthed evidence it regards as more important than the information it has obtained from Maragon.

Hoyer said other witnesses probably will be heard in secret later this week.

Ex-Army Officer Eyed  
Meanwhile, housing expeditor Tighe Woods said in an interview that the Senate investigators have been combing the files of his agency in tracking down the activities of former army officer James V. Hunt, a key figure in the case. A Senate source said the file search also turned

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## Cruiser Slips From Trap In Yangtze River

Amethyst's Daring Dash For Freedom Top Action In British Navy Annals

ABOARD H. M. S. JAMAICA AT SEA, AUG. 1.—(AP)—This E.-Aton cruiser sped today to rendezvous with the British sloop Amethyst, whose bold attempt to escape from Chinese red captivity in the Yangtze river Saturday made naval history. The meeting is expected tomorrow.

Dramatic details of the Amethyst's dash for freedom were recounted by Vice-Adm. A. C. G. Madden, second-in-command of the British navy's far eastern station.

The vessel had been pinned down by the communists in the Yangtze since April 20 when she was caught in a disastrous duel with red shore batteries.

Madden said the escape was "all very well planned and conducted." The timing also was a vital factor.

"The Amethyst slipped cable Saturday night, making as little noise as possible," Madden said. "She followed astern of a steamer."

The ship was challenged and, ironically, a red gunboat also in the same area was set afire by the reds' gunfire.

The Amethyst replied to the shore batteries with one round of her main armament and a large amount of fire from her Bren and Oerlikon guns, Madden said.

Madden said the sloop turned in an amazing performance, covering 140 miles through varying currents and shifting sandbanks and sharp turns in an effort to get past the Woosung

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## Bees vs. Swatters

Couple Battles Raiders As Cops, Firemen Watch

CAMDEN, N. J., Aug. 1.—(AP)—You could almost hear the "bzzz" over the woman's shouted plea in the telephone receiver.

"For pity's sake, hurry," Mrs. Helen Coffman told police. "They're coming through the ceiling, through the windows, everywhere."

The police hurried to her home. So did firemen who received a similar phone call.

There they found Mrs. Coffman and her husband, Charles, pounding away with fly swatters. Big welts covered their face, neck and arms.

Inside thousands of bees buzzed. Outside the windows swarmed thousands more. Honey fell in a slow drip from the ceiling to the floor.

Mrs. Coffman said a tree felled yesterday in her back yard held a bees nest. The homeless insects moved into the Coffman residence.

Police and firemen retreated to a safe distance, surveyed the situation and told the Coffmans they could do nothing.

The Coffmans now are seeking a beekeeper—but meantime their fly swatters are busy.

## Catholics Hit By New Edict In Romania

Decree Erases Welfare Orders, Tells Priests To Isolate Themselves

ROME, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Communist Romania struck a new blow today in the spreading war between communism and the Roman Catholic church.

A decree of the Romanian government dissolved 15 Roman Catholic welfare orders and directed the priests, monks and nuns of the orders either to leave the religious life or to isolate themselves in cloisters or old age asylums.

The church delivered its latest counterattack yesterday, with western Germany as the arena. Catholics there were told in a pastoral letter read in the churches to vote only for "Christian" candidates in the Aug. 14 parliamentary elections.

The postoral letter lumped all leftists together under the blanket term "socialist," and recalled to voters Germany's recent edict in favor of the social democrats to avoid contamination by communism under pain of excommunication.

The letter drew a quick attack from socialist leader Kurt Schumacher, who accused the Vatican of interfering in the election in favor of the Christian democrats, rightists rivals of the social democrats. The two are about evenly divided in west Germany, where the communists are relatively weak.

Assailed in Germany  
The church also was attacked in west Germany by communist leader Max Rilmann, who addressed 80,000 persons at Dortmund in the Ruhr. He charged the church had aligned itself with "the old powers of war and social injustice."

Parties to the church-state war in Czechoslovakia marked time. Dr. Oldrich John, chairman of the Czechoslovak national parliament, flew to Moscow yesterday. He is the eighth high government official to go to the Soviet

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## Youth In Critical Condition After Fall Down Cliff On Mt. McLoughlin

KLAMATH FALLS, Aug. 1.—(AP)—An ambulance arrived here this morning with Ed Freuer, Poe valley farm youth, who was seriously injured in a fall down a cliff near the top of Mt. McLoughlin, 25 miles northwest of here yesterday.

Doctors immediately began a complete examination of the youth at Klamath Valley hospital. Ambulance attendants said they believed him critically hurt, with cuts and bruises virtually covering his body and a long gash over the bridge of his nose.

His back and hips had been badly battered in the fall into a huge, crater-like rock-strewn depression.

Freuer fell when a snowbank gave away as he clambered over it on the way down from the peak. He stood up just after coming to rest in the depression, but then collapsed and was reported unconscious when the first help reached him.

Freuer had climbed the mountain with five other youths, all of them students or ex-students of Henley high school.

Freuer was a regular tackle on the high school football team last year. He graduated as salutatorian of his class and plans to enter Oregon State college this fall.

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## ACOLYTE UNIT FORMED

These 11 boys pictured with Father A. S. Tyson formed the charter members of St. George's Acolyte guild of St. George's Episcopal church and were admitted as servers in a special service held during the Sunday church service. Formed to give the boys a "unifying fellowship" through which to serve, the guild will serve at summer church services and assist at church school services during the winter. Reading from left to right, front row, Charles Cornwell, Brady Montgomery and Jim Bernhard; second row, Howard Turner, Wayne Henninger and Robin Hellwell; third row, Terry Jones, Jerry Long, Bob Harrell; fourth row, Secretary Billy Riley, Father Tyson, President Larry Henninger. Treasurer Bill Sumner is missing from the picture. (Rod Newland photo.)

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## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THIS oddly interesting dispatch flicks off the wires from London:

"In all of Britain ('Britain' consists of England, Scotland, Wales and north Ireland) only SEVENTY people are left with a net income of 6000 pounds for the year, after paying taxes."

(The value of the pound is officially pegged at \$4.03. So, you see, in Britain there are only 70 people with \$24,000 a year left after they have paid their taxes.)

THIS is the \$64 question:

Do you reckon the common run of people in the British Isles are any better off now that they

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## Distress Air Signals Bring Hush-Hush Order

PORTLAND, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Air Force security bans have halted air-line pilots' discussion of an unidentified aircraft that dropped red and white flares in this vicinity Saturday night.

But police of two states and several towns are still puzzled by the distress-type signals that caused the Portland-Columbia municipal airport to order commercial traffic away for an emergency.

The Oregonian reported the McChord Field, Wash., air force flight service officers had asked the airline pilots to say nothing on the subject. The newspaper said the air force officials confirmed the subject had been classified as "security matter" there. They added the aircraft was not a military airplane, the Oregonian said.

## OFF AGAIN, ON AGAIN

CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Lids have been popped off rent controls in at least 82 cities since local option authority, granted by Congress, became effective on April 1. Spokane, Wash., was one of the large cities.

During the same time, Tighe E. Woods, federal housing expeditor, lifted restrictions in 168 other communities but recently slapped them back on three after rents rose sharply.

Five states also have taken action under the local option provision of the 1949 rent control act toward abolishing ceilings or setting up their own systems.

In Nevada a bill passed by the legislature is awaiting signature of the governor to knock out restrictions.

Nebraska has completed action and lifting of controls there awaits notification by the governor to the housing expeditor of the state's intention.

The entire state of Texas will be decontrolled, effective Oct. 19, but the legislature authorized cities to clamp ceilings on locally by ordinance.

The report on the decontrol in

## Drive-In Theater Will Be Erected North Of City

Construction of an automobile drive-in theater, to be located three miles north of the Roseburg city center, will start in the "near future," it was announced today by Donn Radabaugh and Eino Hemmilla, partners of the Umpqua Amusement company.

The new theatre will be "home-owned and home-operated." Provision will be made for parking of approximately 400 cars, all with a good view of the mammoth screen. Local materials and labor will be used in construction wherever possible.

Radabaugh said he and Hemmilla have completed a tour of a number of the northwest's leading drive-in theaters and have tried to incorporate the best features of all in the design of their new theatre to be located here.

The trend in motion picture entertainment is toward the drive-in theater, which is "perfect for families and their kids," crippled people who find it difficult to walk, and others who cannot attend indoor shows, said Hemmilla.

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## Elderly Man Disappears In Mount Hood Region

GOVERNMENT CAMP, Ore., Aug. 1.—(AP)—Search parties resumed combing Mount Hood's southwest slopes today for an elderly Estacada man who disappeared in the area last Wednesday.

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## Death Of "Pauper" Bares His \$50,000 Fortune

SEATTLE, Aug. 1.—(AP)—A man who lived in a dilapidated shack, ate only stale bread and potatoes and ate, his brother said, because he wanted to save for security, died Friday leaving an estimated \$50,000.

For more than 20 years Fred Wilson, about 75, lived the life of a pauper. He collected wood from the ship canal and sold it to his neighbors.

"He apparently was just saving for security," said Raymond C. Funnelt, his investment broker. Wilson is survived by a brother in California.

## Training Plane Crash Kills Its 2 Occupants

WALLACE, Idaho, Aug. 1.—(AP) A surplus air force training plane, which witnesses said appeared to plunge straight toward the ground, Friday crashed and burned on a hillside yesterday. Two persons were killed.

The victims, burned beyond recognition, were identified as Kenneth Sellers, 28, and Harold Duple, 28, both of Wallace. They were brothers-in-law.

## Man Electrocuted On Television Set Job

DALLAS, Texas, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Bobby J. John, 27, was electrocuted yesterday while working on a home-made television set with an electric drill. Officers said the drill apparently shorted out in John's sweaty hands.

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## D. & R. G. Road Opens Business Fight On U.P.

DENVER, Aug. 1.—(AP)—The Denver and Rio Grande Western railroad bid today for freight business of the Pacific northwest by filing an action designed to force the Union Pacific railroad to "open the Ogden gateway" in Utah.

Filing of the petition with the Interstate Commerce commission in Washington was announced here by President Wilson McCarthy of the D. and R. G. W.

McCarthy and other officials of the line said, at a press conference here, that the action probably would signal a long fight which might eventually reach the supreme court of the United States.

Freight to and from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and western Montana would be affected.

The D. and R. G. W., which operates through the mountains between Denver and Salt Lake City, asks that the Union Pacific be required to abandon its practice of higher rates for shipments routed partly over tracks of the D. and R. G. W.

McCarthy said the charge now is made only on "competitive" products.

The charge is put on at Ogden, Utah, transfer point between the two railroads.

The Union Pacific's practice, the D. and R. G. W. asserts, makes the routing of shipments to and from the northwest over the Colorado-Utah line all but impossible from a competitive standpoint.

## Banks Are Merged

MONMOUTH, Aug. 1.—(AP)—The First National bank of Monmouth merged with the U. S. National bank of Portland and became the Portland firm's 40th branch. The bank here was established in 1889.

## Atomic Bombs: New and More Effective

Energy Material Upped To Record High, Permanent Supply Of Uranium Assured

By FRANK CAREY  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—(AP)—The Atomic Energy commission announced today its new and more effective atomic bombs—proof-tested at Eniwetok—are being produced "on an industrial basis."

It also said uranium and plutonium for bombs and other atomic energy uses are being produced "in greater quantities than ever before."

Relating "advances in all phases of the national atomic energy program," the AEC in its sixth semi-annual report to Congress also listed progress on the medical front, including indications that relatively inexpensive radioactive cobalt may eventually prove to be a better cancer treatment than radium.

At the same time the AEC disclosed it had found ace-in-the-hole resources of uranium in this country that could be used at some future time for military applications—in case the uranium we now get at home and abroad should cease to be available.

This country now gets most of its uranium from the Belgian Congo and Canada which have ores of a high uranium content. Some of the previous stuff also comes from low-grade carnotite ore of the Colorado plateau—an ore relatively low in uranium content.

U. S. Combed For Uranium  
The commission told today of extensive exploration and prospecting by the AEC and the U.S. Geological survey all over the country.

This involved "comprehensive examination of virtually every rock formation in this country,

## Bean Pickers Urgently Needed

An urgent call for bean pickers came from the Oregon State Employment service office this morning. George Foster, manager, said from 250 to 300 pickers will be needed during the next three weeks in the Winston area.

Persons interested may contact the employment service, or be at the Junior high school any morning at 7 o'clock, where school buses will leave with pickers for the bean fields. Pickers should bring their own lunches and pails in which to put their beans.

Pickers may contact farmers directly, said Foster. Orders for pickers have been placed with the employment service by Bud Johnson, Fred Hoffmeister, Harry Winston, in the Winston area, and by Rice and Moore, at Dillard. Some pickers are also being sought by Ray Young in Garden Valley.

Foster explained that this summer's early harvest has been brought on by favorable weather in recent weeks.

## Romance Of 31 Years Blooms In Marriage

FORT SMITH, Ark., July 31.—(AP)—When she was almost 18 years old, Winnie Mae Parker of near Keota, Okla., became engaged to William A. Scoggins.

The Miss Parker was stricken with arthritis and broke the engagement. That was 31 years ago.

Through the years the couple kept up their correspondence and Scoggins visited her 14 years ago.

Miss Parker's health improved and the couple again made wedding plans.

Last week Scoggins again came back to Fort Smith. Now they are Mr. and Mrs. Scoggins. They were married Friday.

## District Of Columbia Now Paying Sales Tax

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—(AP)—The District of Columbia began today to collect a sales tax from its residents and its visitors.

Here is the scale:  
Sales up to 13 cents, no tax.  
14 to 63 cents, inclusive, 1 cent.  
64 to \$1.13, 2 cents.

For each additional 50 cents of sale, 1 cent more.

Restaurant meals totalling more than \$1.25 are subject to the tax. So are hotel rooms rented to transients at a daily rate.

## Bull Frog Shooting Case First In Douglas County

REEDSPORT, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Griffith Edwards Kimble, Florence, was arrested yesterday on a charge of shooting bull frogs.

Bull frogs, explained police, are supposed to be caught by sk and line. Kimble, who had 28 of the animals, will be arraigned here Wednesday night, in the first such case in Douglas county.

## Furniture Plant, Sawmill In Lane Destroyed By Fire

EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 1.—(AP)—A Long-Bell Lumber company sawmill at nearby Vaughn and the Valley Furniture Manufacturing company plant at Creswell were destroyed by fire early yesterday.

The estimated \$150,000 loss to the Long-Bell mill was fully insured, but the owner of the furniture plant said his \$38,000 damage would wipe out his business.

Several hundred mill workers and Vaughn residents joined the West Lane fire patrol crews from Veneta in saving a large dry kiln, the storage sheds, power plant and offices and company-owned homes.

General Manager George Hayes said the fire erupted under the re-saw and quickly engulfed the recently modernized mill. He said the company likely would rebuild the sawmill. About 200 men are employed at the operation.

The Creswell fire was blamed unofficially on a smoker's carelessness during a public dance held in front of the plant Saturday night. The dance broke up about 12:30 a. m.

Harold Marcott, the 32-year-old veteran who owned the small plant, said the building was partially insured. The stock loss was complete and he doubted if he could resume operations.

## Light Rains Fall In Umpqua National Forest

Thunder storms over the Umpqua National forest Sunday brought light rains instead of lightning-storms. More storms are predicted for today, so lookouts are keeping open a wary eye because even a small lightning strike could cause a large forest fire, said Ray B. Hampton, fire control officer.

In the Douglas Forest Protective association area, mopping-up operations are proceeding against a number of small fires which were reported under control Saturday, said U. P. McLoughlin, dispatcher for the D. P. A. No new fires occurred over the weekend.

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## Italians Ask No Arms Aid From United States

FRANKFURT, Germany, Aug. 1.—(AP)—The U. S. joint chiefs of staff conferred today with army officers of Italy and Luxembourg in the first of a series of talks with European military representatives.

Lt. Gen. Marras, Italy's army chief of staff said at the conclusion of the talks the American chiefs "displayed a friendship on which we can rely without question."

Gen. Marras added "we discussed problems of mutual interest. . . . There is no doubt these discussions will be of great mutual benefit."

Adm. Louis Denford, U. S. naval chief of operations, said the Italians did not raise the question of U. S. arms aid for western Europe.

Earlier, a spokesman for the joint staff said the Luxembourg group did not bring up the arms aid question at their session either.

When they go to London later this week, the American chiefs will hear two separate plans for western European defense.

One group of military leaders will tell the Americans that only a large army—containing up to 1,500,000 combat troops mentioned in Washington debate on the arms fund—can prevent Soviet aggression if the Russians substitute military for political pressure.

Another group will contend that a better answer is a small, mobile but well trained and equipped force of some 20 divisions—perhaps 250,000 men—backed by enough planes to guarantee air control.

London experts believe the upshot will be a compromise.

## Three Drunken Drivers Fined; One Jailed

Three Roseburg men received fines and jail sentences today when they pleaded guilty to charges of drunken driving.

Arthur Marshall Lund was fined \$150 and was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail when he appeared before Justice of the Peace A. J. Geddes in justice court, following his arrest by state police.

Judge Ira B. Riddle reported fines of \$100 and suspended 30-day jail sentences were given Joe Wilburn Shater and Billy Sunday Doty when they appeared in Municipal court this morning.

All three men had their operators' licenses revoked for one year.

## Cops-And-Robbers Play Brings Death To Youth

TILLAMOOK, Aug. 1.—(AP)—A Tillamook county ward, 9-year-old Dean Moore, was fatally wounded Saturday while playing cops-and-robbers with a surplus army rifle.

County Coroner Allen Lundberg said the boy and George Akers, 18, obtained the gun in the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Humfleet from their farm home near Garibaldi.

The gun was dropped and discharged, the bullet penetrating the youngster's arm and side. He succumbed before a physician arrived. The Akers lad and a younger brother, Kenneth, age 8, were county wards assigned to the care of the Humfleets.

## Lovity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Millions of Uncle Sam's dollars didn't stop the Communists in China. Can additional millions stop them in Europe?