

Marshall Plan Has Already Cost U. S. Nearly \$9 Billion, But Main Goal Still Distant

By BILL ROSS

WASHINGTON, April 6. — (AP) — Twenty-four hours a day for the past 24 months, the United States has been spending nearly \$500,000 every hour to finance the Marshall plan.

This means the total bill to American taxpayers for European recovery so far has reached nearly \$9,000,000,000.

But Paul G. Hoffman, who heads the vast foreign aid program administered by the Economic Cooperation Administration, believes it is "the biggest bargain in American history."

He makes no bones about his

feeling that—were it not for food and commodities shipped overseas by Marshall plan dollars—at least three western European countries might well have Communist-dominated governments.



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BILLION DOLLAR BUGS—The Department of Agriculture has warned that four insect pests may cause record-breaking crop damage of close to \$1,000,000,000 this year. The Newsmap above shows major areas that will be affected. Boll weevils, in record numbers throughout the southern cotton belt, will probably cause more than their estimated \$470,000,000 damage last year. Corn borers, wintering in the midwestern corn belt, are expected to exceed the \$350,000,000 crop damage they did last year. Grasshoppers offer greatest threats to Montana, North Dakota and Wyoming, the warning says, but farmers from Texas to Canada and west to California may have to fight the pests. Further, the great wheat plains of the southwest face attacks from greenbugs, one of the most highly destructive small grain pests, which wintered in Texas and Oklahoma.

The recovery chieftain also is outspoken in his belief that the American aid has enabled western Europe to perform a "feat of miracle" in boosting production.

Hoffman today, however, is not so sure that Europe itself has done all possible in self-help to consolidate and expand the recovery gains made under the Marshall plan.

Cooperation Lacking
In talks with newsmen, he bluntly states that he is "annoyed" with certain European countries over failure to grasp what he describes as "economic facts of life."

These life-blood recovery essentials, according to Hoffman, are such things as sweeping abolition of trade barriers and currency exchange restrictions.

As he sees it: unless changes are made to promote a freer flow of trade between the 275,000,000 Europeans now receiving Marshall plan aid, unless the economy of the continent is integrated sufficiently to permit one country to use its currency freely in another,

the Marshall plan will fall short of its goal.

Deep concern also has been felt by Hoffman over the lack of understanding by the European man-in-the-street over Marshall plan objectives and the means being used to attain the announced goals.

And he has told friends that Americans do not appreciate the full meaning of the Marshall plan and its role in what he calls "the giant struggle of ideologies instigated by the evil men of the Kremlin."

Time and again Hoffman has spelled out his contention that—whether or not the Marshall plan brings about a complete measure of economic recovery in Europe—the aid program has "stopped Communism in its tracks."

Divergent Views Expressed
He argues that the plan is the "biggest bargain in American history" if it accomplishes little more than what it already has done to bolster the free nations of western Europe in the "cold war."

There are those, however, who do not hold with Hoffman's views. The present request for the equivalent of \$3,100,000,000 to finance the third year of the recovery program is having a rough time in Congress.

Many lawmakers—and a growing number of average citizens—have expressed concern over what increased European imports might do to American farm and industrial production.

In the face of continuing demands for economy in federal spending, the recovery program's humanitarian appeal—now that starvation has disappeared in Europe—no longer is the powerful argument it once was.

Some observers—including top Marshall planners—have expressed fears that the "cold war" has progressed to such a point that only measures like the North Atlantic defense pact will be able to keep Communism under control after the Marshall plan ends. But Hoffman emphatically contends that if the program succeeds—and he believes it can succeed—the way will be clear for the world to live in peace.

Indonesia Tells Arrest Of Revolt Mastermind

By The Associated Press
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New Gravitation Theory Told By Albert Einstein

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He says he doesn't know whether it will work, but that he is expanding the mathematical laws of gravitation to include the mysterious forces which form atoms.

In doing this he has stepped completely away from the thinking of his fellow scientists. He stands alone.

He is telling them they have failed to discover the nature or laws of atomic energy, and then proposing a solution which is amazing.

Gravitation extends everywhere through the known universe. It is unbroken energy of some kind and Einstein calls it the field. In this gravitational field there is solid matter, scattered everywhere, in the form of atoms which make the stars, planets and all that is upon them.

Einstein proposes that these ma-

terial particles of matter are not really what they seem. They are not separate things. They are places where for some unknown reason gravitation is particularly high in density.

This explanation goes contrary to any now known mathematics. Einstein thinks he has found mathematics which will show this theory to be correct.

"Why," he asks, "do we devise theories at all? Simply because we enjoy comprehending... there exists a passion for comprehension, just as there exists a passion for music. That passion is rather common in children, but it gets lost in most people later on."

He then explains that the best way to comprehend something new or mystifying is to start with the very simplest explanation. This simple way may at first appear silly, but stick to it until it is

shown to be wrong.

As an example he cites Michael Faraday's discovery of electromagnetism that started the electrical age. Faraday never went to college. He had not been trained as most scientists of his day to think there was no such thing as a field that would connect one particle with another.

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