

# Marshall Urges European Reconstruction Program

## AMERICAN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROMISED

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., June 5 (AP)—Secretary of State Marshall called upon the countries of Europe today to work out together a great new program of reconstruction.

He promised American economic assistance and support "so far as it may be practical."

And at the same time he pledged the United States to oppose "any government which maneuvers to block the recovery of other countries." Without naming any foreign country or party, Marshall declared in the outline of an address prepared for a meeting of the Harvard Alumni association:

"Governments, political parties or groups which seek to perpetuate hu-

man misery in order to profit therefrom politically or otherwise will encounter the opposition of the United States."

Marshall did not specify how much money the American government intends to make available but said Europe must have "substantial additional help" during the next three to four years or "face economic, social and political deterioration of a very grave character."

The cabinet officer's call for a joint effort by European countries to develop a reconstruction blueprint represented the first step of the new state department approach to the problem of world wide rehabilitation. He disclosed several weeks ago that

his policy planning staff is engaged in a gigantic survey of world needs.

Marshall said United States financial and other help "must not be on a piecemeal basis as various crises develop. Any assistance that this government may render in the future should provide a cure rather than a mere palliative."

The secretary declared "our policy is directed not against any country or doctrine, but against hunger, poverty, desperation and chaos."

**Breakdown Seen**

He said, "The modern system of the division of labor upon which the exchange of products is based is in danger of breaking down" because: "Town and city industries are not producing enough goods to exchange with food-producing farmers, who in turn withdraw their fields from cultivation and use them for grazing."

"Meanwhile, people in the cities are short of food and fuel. So the governments are forced to use their foreign money and credits to procure these necessities abroad."

"The truth of the matter," Mar-

shall continued, "is that Europe's requirements, for the next three or four years, of foreign food and other essential products—principally from America—are so much greater than her present ability to pay that she must have substantial additional help, or face economic, social and political deterioration of a very grave character."

"The remedy lies in breaking the vicious circle and restoring the confidence of the European people in the economic future of their own countries and of Europe as a whole."

### Boyle's Column

## War Rich Sink Profits In Search For "Black Gold"

By HAL BOYLE  
OKLAHOMA CITY, June 5 (AP)—War-wealthy amateurs have started a new "wildcat boom" in Oklahoma's half-century-old oil fields.

More than 600 wells are being drilled throughout the state by a new crop of investors strange to the oil business—war contractors, brewers, wine dealers, professional gamblers and movie stars—all drawn by the lure of discovering fresh pools of "black gold" hidden under the Sooner state's crusted acres.

"There is more drilling now than at any other period and more money is being spent," said Claude Harrow, oil editor of the Daily Okla-

homan here and one of the best-informed men in the industry.

"They are mostly people with big money looking for easy profits. They know little or nothing about oil, and they have had to hire experienced men at ungodly figures to supervise the work."

"This wild orgy of free spending has amazed old-time oil operators. Most are sitting tight waiting for it to slow down."

**Big Boys Sit Back**

"They expect to be here years after this spree is over," said Barrow. "The major companies can afford to sit back and buy into anything big that develops."

Bringing in a gusher no longer is a shoe-string operation. Getting a well into production may cost anything from \$5000 to \$1,000,000—and you can spend the money and end up with nothing but a hole in the ground.

"Wildcaters" are speculators who drill for oil outside proved areas where it is known to be. They are like Broadway producers backing an expensive stage show with untested talent.

In two Oklahoma counties over a three-year period the wildcats brought in one producing well for each five dry holes," said Barrow. "The wildcat average throughout the United States is about one out of seven." Even then the producing well may not turn out enough oil to pay for the cost of the other ventures.

The search for Oklahoma's oil wealth has broken many wildcaters, made multi-millionaires of others.

**761 Discoveries**  
Since the first oil well was drilled fifty years ago last April, 761 finds have been discovered. They have produced almost 5,500,000,000 barrels of crude oil and paid about \$7,000,000,000 to producers and royalty owners.

That is more than ten times the value of all the gold taken from Alaska and three times the value of the gold produced by California since 1848.

Of Oklahoma's 44,425,000 acres some 37,000,000 are considered potential oil lands. But only 800,000 to 900,000 acres have been proved. Between 1897 and 1942 some 160,516 wells were dug. Only 52,500 were still producing in 1942.

Oil is getting more difficult and more expensive to find. In the 1934 to 1936 period 280 dry holes were dug to locate a major pool. By 1938 to 1940 the dry hole average increased to 700.

One oil company has gone down 17,711 feet in Caddo county—the deepest man-made hole in history—and still hasn't hit anything but rock and water.

"It'll go to 20,000 feet and cost a million dollars," said one oil man. "The current crop of individual wildcaters now drilling seems to have the capital for an extended spurge. One relaxes by playing nickel pinball machines for \$1000 stakes."

"But they'll be taken," said a veteran oil man. "It's a rough gamble."

## 15 Fathers In Diaper Derby

Fifteen nervous fathers will compete in the Disabled American Veterans "Diaper Derby" at 8 p. m. Thursday, in the Pelican theatre. The event is part of the DAV's Kidie Carnival, which will have its grand finale at Klamath Union high school Monday night, when winners in the contest are announced.

E. E. Benner, DAV commander, will be master of ceremonies in the "Diaper Derby," and a cash award will be given the father who diapers his baby most speedily.

Contestants signed up so far are Robert Erdman, Fred Kring, Dick Gunderson, John Wegner, Francis Skinner, William St. John, Harley Hyatt, and Clarence Neathamer.

Entertainment features will be furnished by some of the youngsters in the talent contest, including Connie Faye Hood, violinist, Carol Ann Minton, vocalist and dancer, and H. Vaughn Blapham, acrobat.

## Flashes Of Life

**PISCATORIAL PAYMENT**  
ALBANY, N. Y., June 5 (AP)—City Treasurer Frank J. O'Brien received in the mail a check for \$100, marked "money for stolen time."

"Someone must have taken the time off to go fishing and his conscience bothered him," O'Brien said. "But for \$100, he must have done a lot of fishing."

**HONK!**  
WATERTOWN, Mass., June 5 (AP)—It's going to be easy to call a cop in this town. Signal boxes have been equipped with horns to summon an officer in daytime and with flashing lights for night alarms.

**VARIETY**  
SHAWNEE, Kas., June 5 (AP)—Religious beliefs in Rev. Joseph E. Goens' family vary.

The Rev. Donald B. Goens, pastor of the St. Agnes Catholic church, told a meeting of the cooperative club:

His father, The Rev. Joseph E. Goens, is a retired minister in the Church of the Brethren.

His oldest brother, James Harold of St. Louis is a Christian Scientist.

Another brother, John Ernest, is a member of the Central Christian church and a sister, Mrs. Harold Foley of Berkeley, Calif., belongs to the Latter Day Saints church.

**TRIPLE BIRTHDAY**  
SALT LAKE CITY, June 5 (AP)—Mrs. William L. Adams celebrated her birthday Tuesday by giving birth to a son, Jesse William.

On her birthday in 1946 she gave birth to a daughter, June.

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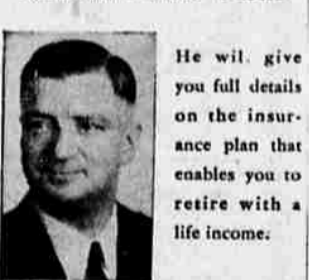
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