

Britain, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg Sign Mutual Defense Pact

BRUSSELS, Belgium, March 17 (AP)—A five-power treaty starting a 50-year Western European union to defend democracy was signed here today.

The historic military, political and economic alliance was signed by the foreign ministers of Britain, France, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg.

The signing, at 5:04 p. m. (8:04 a. m. PST) took place in the Solenn Sessions Hall of the Brussels Palace of Academies.

The treaty pledges the five nations to mutual military aid if any one of them is attacked. The treaty was completed here Friday.

The terms of alliance, embracing economic as well as military cooperation, were made public in the capitals of the five nations as their foreign ministers formally signed the pact at Brussels.

The 50-year treaty, forged last week in an atmosphere darkened by the westward advance of communism, called for quick action to put its objectives of common security and economic recovery into operation. The treaty made partners of the five nations.

The treaty ordered formation of a "consultative council" to operate on a continuing basis.

The council is to meet immediately "to consult with regard to any situation which might constitute a threat to peace."

The treaty's fourth article was the crux of the agreement. It said: "If any of the high contracting parties should be the object of an armed attack in Europe, the other high contracting powers will, in accordance with provisions of articles 51 of the charter of the United Nations, afford the party so attacked all the military and other aid and assistance in their power."

The five powers did not mention Russia by name.

The text did specify that the consultative council would determine "steps to be taken in case of a renewal by Germany of any aggressive policy."

Significantly, the treaty added: "Or with regard to any situation constituting a danger to economic stability."

In seven points of the prelude to the treaty, the five western demo-

cracies pledged themselves to work together "in maintaining international peace and security and in resisting any policy of aggression."

The treaty left the door ajar for additions to the alliance. It said the five countries "may, by agreement, invite any other state" to agree to its terms.

Under the plan, any such country invited could become a party to the agreement by leaving its acceptance with the Belgian government.

Reds Assail US Aid To Japan

TOKYO, March 17 (AP)—The communist party made its first direct attack on American aid to Japan Tuesday—a move to form a people's front of left wing parties.

The communist effort, which has failed twice before, called for "complete independence" of Japan. It charged that loans Japan seeks for rehabilitation of its economy would make the country "a dependency of the United States."

The attempt to form a strong left wing bloc was seen as a move to counter yesterday's coalition of conservatives in the diet.



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Between demonstrations at a post-graduate clinic of the District of Columbia Dental society yesterday he played with a toy train.

Bobby (last name withheld), to whom nature gave only six natural teeth, has been outfitted with an upper and a lower dental plate—12 teeth "upstairs" and eight "downstairs." The plates are anchored to his own natural molars.

Dr. William Connors of Washington, his dentist, says he believes Bobby is "the youngest child on record to wear two partial dentures (plates) successfully." Bobby comes from New York state.

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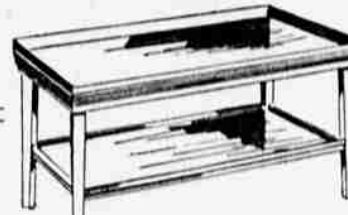
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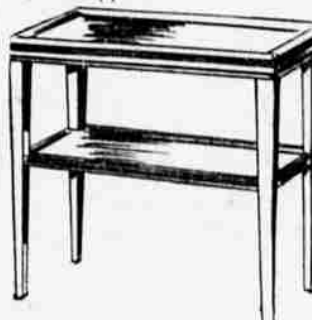


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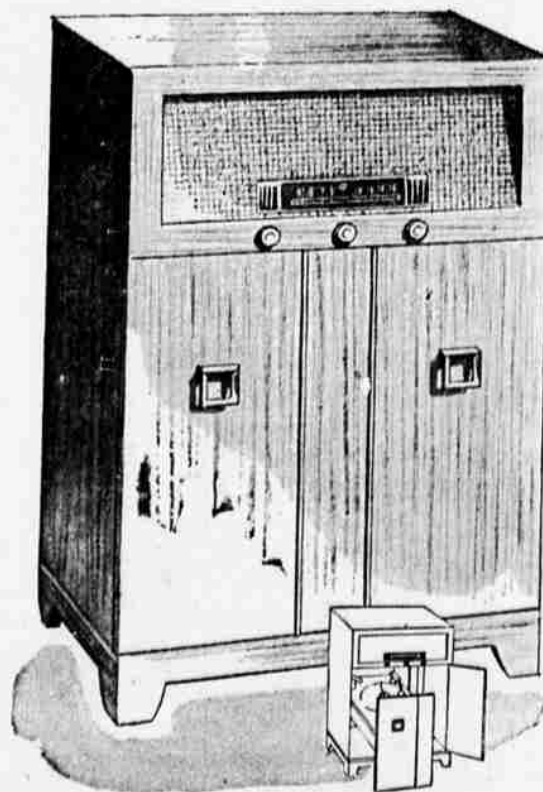
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