

Europe Splits On Truman Speech

LONDON, March 18 (AP)—Europe divided on familiar lines today in its reaction to President Truman's preparedness speech.

Non-communist newspapers—and officials who would talk—balled it generally as a forthright statement in defense of freedom against communism.

Communist newspapers and radio stations for the most part took the line that it was threatening talk intended to create "war panic." But the eastern press gave it little space.

Moscow broadcast a Tass dispatch from New York saying the president's speech "has evoked anxiety even among conservative American politicians." The Soviet news agency quoted Rep. Dewey (R-Mo.) as deprecating "an atmosphere of hysteria," and Henry A. Wallace as saying the speech was "a shameful call for world remobilization." The dispatch also carried adverse criticism from Reps. Vito Marcantonio and Leo Isaacson, American labor party members, and Sen. Glen Taylor (D-Idaho), Wallace's candidate for vice president.

Russian-controlled newspapers in Berlin characterized the address as "firebrand talk" and a "panic speech."

Loading Guns
The bannerline of Vapaa Sana, Helsinki newspaper of Finland's communist-dominated people's democratic party, said "Truman is load-

ing the guns—calls for universal military training and threatens with direct action."

The Budapest communist newspaper Szabadnapi said:

"The Truman speech is nothing but a cheap electioneering trick. He wants to excite war panic to threaten the disappointed mass, thus creating a reactionary 'national unity' headed, naturally, by himself."

Paris' extreme leftist France-Tirur said "The men of the western bloc spoke the same language, in Washington and in Brussels: the language of menace." The Brussels reference was to a five-nation defense pact signed there.

The London foreign office said Britain "warmly welcomed" the president's speech, "in particular the emphasis on the essentially defensive character of the American policy."

"We also note with pleasure his reaffirmation of belief in the United Nations," a spokesman told a news conference.

Greek Praise
Premier Themistokles Sophoulis of Greece, which has been getting United States military aid, said in Athens the address "constituted not only hope but assurance given all peoples of the world that their freedom and independence will be protected."

Czechoslovakia's communist press gave scant attention to the speech, and much of that was reproachful. But the people showed a lively interest. Many listened eagerly to foreign broadcasts. Official spokesmen were noncommittal.

Czechoslovakia, where the communists took control last month, produced the first communist criticism. The Prague government radio said last night, "There are other ways to preserve peace than to introduce universal military service."

Italy, where the communists are campaigning for an election April 18, finds the speech very interesting, a spokesman for Christian Democratic Premier Alcide de Gasperi said. He said the message held good news for Europe's democratic countries.

Approving comment came from spokesmen of some of the five countries which signed a 50-year mutual defense treaty in Brussels yesterday. The signers were Britain, France, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg.

Other reactions to the president's recommendations:

Germany—
"We hope it's not too late" was the consensus of Germans in Frankfurt, western German capital only 70 miles from the nearest Russian-zone outpost.

A woman doctor wanted "to see things done instead of just hearing words."

Turkey—
Government sources said the speech "either will check Russian activities or bring about a showdown."

Sweden—
The liberal Stockholm-Tidningen said, "Truman wants to put America at the head of a group of all free people... prepared to build a solid dam against... communism."

Norway—
The Oslo Arbeiderbladet, newspaper of the ruling labor party, said, "Western European defense without American help is nonsense."

Czechs Trail American Woman
LONDON, March 18 (AP)—Mrs. Marcia Davenport, American novelist, said Wednesday she believed she had been trailed by four Czechs when she went to an airport yesterday to meet a former employee of Jan Masaryk.

Masaryk, foreign minister of Czechoslovakia, was killed in a fall from his Prague office after the communist coup.

Mrs. Davenport lived in Prague for a number of years and came here March 7 after the communist took over. She wrote "Valley of Decision" and "East Side, West Side."

The writer said she complained to police after one of the men questioned her chauffeur about her identity. She said she left the airport immediately without waiting for her friend. The four men disappeared.

London newspapers displayed the story prominently.

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Truman Says Both Draft And UMT Program Needed

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP)—President Truman told congress Wednesday both a draft law and universal military training are needed.

The difference between them is: Under a draft law men—probably youths—could be drafted directly into the armed services.

Under a military training law youths—about 18 to 20—would be drafted for military training but would not be in the armed services. Under a bill now in congress, youths drafted for military training would be trained six months and then would have to take extra training, either in school, the national guard, or some other way.

And—under the same military training bill—the youths could not be used in the armed services except in case of national emergency. But the purpose of such a program would be to give the nation a big pool of militarily-trained youths who could be called to service when needed.

Mother Freed Of Murder

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 18 (AP)—Mrs. Carol Joy Campbell, an attractive young mother, was acquitted Wednesday of a charge she murdered Clifford William Pence, 45, of Denver in his hotel room here last November 3.

Mrs. Campbell fled nude from Pence's room after the shooting.

Her husband, Marvin Eugene Campbell, 19, also faces trial on a murder charge in connection with Pence's death although he was at home looking after the couple's infant daughter when the Denver man was shot.

George Miskovsky, attorney for

Mrs. Campbell, contended during her trial the 21-year-old Mrs. Campbell shot Pence to protect herself from an act of perversion.

William N. Moulter, assistant Oklahoma county attorney, told the jury Pence was shot when he resisted a robbery attempt.

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Armed Forces Need 322,000

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP)—The armed services estimated Wednesday that 322,000 men are needed to bring the army, navy and air force to full authorized strength of 1,622,000.

The three branches of the service, which include the marine corps, have an estimated 1,300,000 in uniform now. This does not take in 226,300 in the National Guard.

The figures were given shortly after President Truman asked congress to pass temporary draft and universal military training laws.

Selective service headquarters, meanwhile, estimated that about 60 days would be needed to put draft machinery back in motion if congress votes a draft law.

A new registration probably would be necessary, the old selective service records would be of doubtful value, having been kept mainly for historical purposes.

Col. Daniel Omer, acting chief of the office of selective service, gave the draft law estimates in the absence of the director, Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey. Omer said Mr. Truman's request for a temporary draft law came as a surprise.

Military officials estimated a pool of about 3,000,000 between 18 and 25 years of age would be available for selective service.

De Valera Doesn't Forget Old Friends

TACOMA, March 18 (AP)—The phone at Irishman Jim Ward's home rang at 7:30 a. m. Wednesday.

"Hello," said a voice on the other end—a voice carrying something of the long distant past. "Is this Jim Ward? This is Eamon DeValera, and I want to wish you a happy St. Patrick's Day."

For a while Jim Ward couldn't say anything to the man he had known as a boyhood pal. A mist clouded his eyes. Happy—excited—proud, he finally said:

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DeValera, former prime minister of Ireland called Ward from Los Angeles.

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