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# Marshall Plan Under Sharp Attack In Both Parties

## Proposal Will Face Hard Fight In Congress

### Taft Would Limit U. S. Pledge

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sharp attacks from both Republican and Democratic ranks today forecast rough going for the four-year, \$17,000,000,000 Marshall Plan which any formal pledge of European aid is limited to one year.

Senator Truman asked for a \$6,000,000,000 outlay in the fifteen months beginning April 1, 1948, for France, Italy and Austria will end.

Congress provided \$22,000,000,000 for the entire program and then those nations in legislation approved just before the end of the year.

Approval of this measure, generally accepted as the foundation of the sixteen non-Communist nations of Western Europe.

There was some indication, for instance, that the Administration might be willing to retreat from a President Truman approval of a plan covering the full four years.

Senator Hatch (D-N.M.), a close personal friend of Mr. Truman and a strong supporter of the program, today a reporter that if a one-year program is the price for getting the economic aid program approved, he would be willing to go along.

"I don't know how much whether we say we will have a four-year program or we will have a one-year program and then review the situation to decide our future course," the New Mexico Senator said.

"Once embarked on the program, no Congress will be willing to turn back from it."

But Rep. Amodei (R-Ill.), House Republican Whip, said he hopes the program can be "shortened."

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WASHINGTON (AP)—Three AFL unions today threatened to strike 50,000 employees against the Western Union Telegraph Co. may start at any moment.

The original strike deadline was set for 8 A. M. (EST) Tuesday. But, Adolph Brungs, president of the Western Union division of the AFL, Commercial Telegraphers Union, told a reporter the CTU and two other strike-threatening unions have left the without hope up to a union strike committee.

"Right now, our strike committee is authorized to call the strike at any time. We may go out at a moment's notice—suddenly and hard, without any advance word to the management," Brungs said.

He added that telegrams giving such notice were sent last night to President Truman and to Cyrus S. Ching, director of the Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service.

The Ohio division said in a statement that the change in strike plans came as Government conciliators called in company and union representatives for a series of several week-end talks in an effort to reach a settlement in the wage dispute. Union leaders expressed doubt, however, that agreement could be reached in time to avert a strike.

Brungs said the definite deadline was changed to an indefinite one because "Western Union has adopted policies which labor practices in including its employees" in the dispute.

ASVAGE BOOSTS The CTU along with the AFL, Telegraph Employees Union and the Telegraph Workers Union, is asking for a 15-cent an hour wage boost. Their present average is 98 cents an hour.

The unions have filed charges of unfair labor practices with the company's part with the National Labor Relations Board regional office in Baltimore.

Brungs said these charges are based on "intimidation." He said the company is polling workers asking if they intend to strike and "insisting on a yes or no answer—in some cases the company is saying if the workers admit they intend to strike that their jobs will be filled Monday."

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## Urges Truman To Sign Taft Says Price Bill is Adequate

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The Ohio Republican said in a statement that the Republican-dominated Congress has indicated "a willingness to give the President the power to check nearly all of the principal causes of inflation if he really wishes to do so."

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Along with it went a Republican-sponsored bill calling for voluntary measures by business and agriculture to combat cost of living increases at home while relieving what abroad.

The stoppage relief fund, approved just before adjournment last night, is \$75,000,000 less than the Administration wanted to buy food, fuel and fertilizer for the three European nations during the winter months.

It had fared far better during its trip through Congress, however than the President's ten-point anti-inflation program featuring stabilizing, price and rationing controls, which met with a Congressional thumbs-down.

The appropriation bill carried, in addition to the European aid money, \$18,000,000 for the Marshall Plan for long range European recovery and a GOP bill to cut taxes \$500,000 a year.

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## Court Holds Criminal Intent Was Not Proved

Judge Gwyn Raps Payroll Methods

By LATHAN MEES

LENOIR (AP)—R. L. Fritz Jr. was cleared of criminal charges of obtaining public funds by false pretense today by Judge Allen H. Gwyn, who severely criticized the methods used by the former supervising principal of the Hudson School District.

The jury in the case took the case from the jury and ordered a judgment of acquittal on the basis that the State had failed to prove Fritz had any criminal intent.

"It's a gross violation of the present," declared the stated principal of the North Carolina Education Association as Judge Gwyn made his verdict at 10:30 A. M. before approximately 150 spectators in Caldwell County Superior Court.

Today was Fritz' 56th birthday. The Judge declared in a courtroom statement, supplementary to one containing the acquittal, that the State had established "the handling of the case under the defendant through methods unwarranted under existing law and for purposes not sanctioned by the law."

The manner of payments to Fritz for work done in the school was of such irregularity as to amount and as to character and extent of the services as to arouse suspicion," he declared, adding that the State "ought to have some idea of the manner in which the school and the defendant does not appear to have profited."

Judge Gwyn said he hoped the question might not be construed as legal justification for the method employed.

Soon after the court reconvened at 1:30 P. M., it became evident that such a ruling would be given for Chief Defense Counsel Sam J. Evin had spoken only a few words into the record.

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