

Marshall Plan Up To The People

NORTH CAROLINA may have made one of its larger contributions to the general well being in initiating a movement for the withdrawal of the Marshall Plan from Congress to support the Marshall Plan. It started this week at a conference of citizens in Pinehurst, the peaceful all-year resort region where Secretary Marshall recently recovered his wind for a strenuous round of peacemaking, which included an appearance before Congress in an effort to impress the simple facts of life on our Washington lawmakers.

Winter residents and visitors at Pinehurst, including citizens from the West, the North and the East, among them the citizens who signed the original petition. The movement is expected to spread over the country. If it catches on, this people's petition might well be the deciding factor in saving the Marshall Plan, thereby preventing Congress from making a permanent its stupider blunder in all history.

As was pointed out by Mr. Herbert Agar, who suggested the petition before the Pinehurst Forum last week, the representatives in Congress do not exercise the function of leadership which goes with their office and which we innocently expect them to use. They wait to be pushed and to be surprised that they need a big show from their constituents.

THE PINEHURST petitioners note that little opposition has been expressed to the Marshall Plan principles but Congress has balked at the plan because of a mass of differences of opinion over administrative and financing details. This strategy of an oblique attack on an idea or a program that cannot be assailed directly is an old device. It was used by the isolationists to prevent America's entry in the League of Nations, which was the thing that doomed Woodrow Wilson's plan to establish a durable world peace after the First World War.

In 1919, when the people expressed their vigorous support for the Wilsonian concept of nations through newspaper polls, petitions and public demonstrations, the isolationists in the Senate talked this hope to death and administered a coup d'etat with a bare handful of reservations, which made America's resolution of adherence to the League meaningless. Wilson's followers rejected the sham resolution in a stormy Senate scene over which played the shadows of the Second World War. America then turned its back on Europe, rushed blindly into the Age of Normalcy and the

world resumed its old international trade and political rivalries.

In the present crisis, the facts, the real objection behind proposals to cut the Marshall Plan "details" are playing the old isolationist game over again. Their reservations on how the money should be spent and how much should be granted conceal the fact that they do not believe in the principle of the plan, the idea of restoring a "Community of Europe" in which America belongs. They are hiding their real objection behind proposals to cut the cost, to change the administration, which would defeat the whole purpose of the enterprise. Their isolationist philosophy, their devotion to the archaic system of trade for himself and not for the benefit of the people and the devil take the hindmost, simply will not permit them to trust in cooperative action among peoples and nations.

THROUGH churches, lobbies, newspapers, magazines, polls and petitions, the American citizens already have shown that they endorse the principle of the Marshall Plan. They can see that it is the only practical way to proceed in making a beginning in the restoration of international trade. It brings together those nations that trust us and will work with us in a joint economic endeavor which may be expanded to include other nations as we go along and eventually lead to a true world peace. It offers the only way to stabilize the West to the point where the Soviet world will want to come to terms with us. It will be one of the main pillars of the United Nations structure; it is a foundation stone for a rational international trade order, without which there can be no peace.

Although the people are not familiar with the details of the plan, they are familiar with the care with which Secretary Marshall and the Administration have formulated the plan. They know that the Administration's motives are above suspicion of seeking partisan support for the Wilsonian concept of nations through newspaper polls, petitions and public demonstrations, the isolationists in the Senate talked this hope to death and administered a coup d'etat with a bare handful of reservations, which made America's resolution of adherence to the League meaningless. Wilson's followers rejected the sham resolution in a stormy Senate scene over which played the shadows of the Second World War. America then turned its back on Europe, rushed blindly into the Age of Normalcy and the

Estes Kefauver Of Tennessee

BUSHBROWED Boss Ed Crump of Memphis relied upon his faded capacity for inventing this week to make a show of himself and to threaten to his life. The mysterious author of an extortion note directed "Mr. Ed" to deposit \$50,000 at a certain street corner or suffer dire consequences. The aged politician strategized in his brief case a note reading: "To the coward perpetrating this dastardly thing: you would prefer to take a white mouse with baby teeth and run you in the Memphis market with it at the appointed spot. The extortionist failed to show up, so "Mr. Ed" picked up his bundle and went home, disappointed, no doubt, that he had been deprived of the pleasure of seeing the enemy crumble before his withering words.

A more serious threat to Hon. Mr. Crump's peace of mind, and one which may not be easily dispelled by vitriolic fulminations, is that presented by Tennessee Senatorial primary campaigns. Reports from beyond the mountains indicate that the Memphis boss has chosen to discard one of his current totes in the Senate, undistinguished Tom Stewart, in behalf of the obscure but energetic Mitchell, who will combat Rep. Estes Kefauver, one of the South's ablest young Senators, for the State's junior Senate seat.

If Stewart decides that he will seek to retain his Senatorial job without the benefit of Crump support, Tennessee may look forward to a lively campaign year, and the independent Mr. Kefauver, by all odds

the best man in the race, would then seem to be the likely winner no matter how "Mr. Ed" might slice off Memphis and Shelby County votes.

Estes Kefauver has served the people well in Washington. He is an ardent champion of the TVA, of reciprocal trade legislation, of equalized freight rates, of Federal aid to education, of veterans' benefits, of the electric power program, of the Tennessee electricification. Perhaps, in the long run, what will be recorded as his greatest achievement is his effort to reorganize the structure of the Congress so that the national legislature can more effectively perform the tremendous tasks confronting it. Mr. Kefauver was one of the group who secured enactment of the 1946 Legislative Reorganization Act. In his recent book, published in 1947, "Twentieth Century Congress," he set forth many additional proposals for streamlining our Congressional mechanism.

On a three-part plan in which the plebiscite on setting world peace strengthening the TVA, and stabilization of our economy, Estes Kefauver is basing his claim for promotion to the Senate of the fact that he has been walking with it in the House of Representatives, where his eight years of service to "the average man" will indicate that this platform is no mere campaign document. The Nation will be indebted to the people of Tennessee if they send him, in the August primary, to a broader field of service in the Senate.



Should America Overpower Russia?

Editors, The News: DAVIDSON

IS IT not plain that Russia is determined, come what may, to continue her course of communizing Western Europe, Eastern Asia, Manchuria and other parts of the globe. At any rate the Western world is dealing with a lawless, murderous government, headed by Stalin that will not dare reveal what is going on behind the Iron Curtain and at the same time fears absolute overthrow at home and abroad.

With our atomic bombs already here in large quantities why not say to Russia: "Let go your military hold on Europe and withdraw your armies to your own Russian territory, else we will destroy by our own Russian territory, else we wish peace, but not at the price of the enslavement of Western civilization and of all Europe by military communism." Russia will not dare disregard the warning, but if she does, we can still hold our fire for the time being and this Western civilization will stand alone with bloody, disastrous war to follow in no distant future.

Don't Be Deceived

Editors, The News: CHARLOTTE

THE Grand Old Party, Jan 9, "Turning Point For The Grand Old Party," saying that Secretary Marshall served notice on the Nation and the Congress that the United States has come to a historic turning point of the world. With this statement I agree 100 per cent. Secretary Marshall knows, Truman knows, and you seem to know that New Deal foolishness of appeasement, gifts, loans and free trade brought not only the Russian Republic Party and this country, but all the world a turning point. Don't be deceived by the United States and Russia, with or without the Marshall Plan. Russia is a threat to the world.

Instead of trying to blame the Republican isolationists and high tariff for the cowardly move the New Dealers got us into, why don't you admit the truth? Isolation and high tariff had no part in building Russia with American blood, money and resources to the extent that in two short years Greece can challenge the world and force the New Dealers to a historic turning of the ways. As it was in the case of Pearl Harbor from Japan, so can it be from Russia.

Drew Pearson's Civil Air Board Headache For Truman

WASHINGTON
PRESIDENT TRUMAN, after firing Chairman Jim Landis of the Civil Air Board, is now got himself into a sticky, solitary top administrator to regulate the vital airlines of the nation.

Mayflower Veterans Administrator
GEN. Carl Gray, new Veterans Administrator, seems to have been greatly impressed by the Federal witch hunt. Appearing before the House Veterans Committee last week, he told Congressmen: "There isn't anybody any more American than I am."

Merry-Go-Round
GEN. CARPENTER DANIEL, of Texas threatened to duck out of a "Meet the Press" radio program unless the newspaper men who interviewed him were his own personal friends. "Meet the Press" supposed to be a confidential radio interview, but those Pappy finally selected to face him across the microphone were Walter Trohan of the Chicago Tribune and John Johnson of the House of Representatives. Gray had said nothing about Bradley.

Porter Speltz
PAUL PORTER, former OPA director, was asked by a Republican to run for Congress as a Republican-approved price-controller.

Present price of apples does not refute the claim that money doesn't grow on trees.—Vicksburg Post.

WASHINGTON
THE new American air transport route across the Atlantic, which appears above the surface of the water. In some respects, it is a more important link of vital importance to the United States, and to the world.

AIMED AT RUSSIA
This dispute in Washington was of four years' standing. It is the effort of the Soviet-sponsored "Greek" republican government to seize the United States' oil, coal, and gas at Konitsa. Significantly, no factious quarrel has been declared, but the abandoned Greece to her fate. The actual sending of American troops to Greece is being advocated by a minority group, chiefly recruited from the State Department. The purpose of the subject is why not now? The majority, although it is not opposed to sending troops on two grounds: that the commitment of troops to Greece would have a deterrent effect of an American base in the Tripoli-Cyrenaica area.

Think Of His Feelings
Your Congressman
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WASHINGTON
HAVE you been saying anything about your congressman lately? Think of his feelings.

WASHINGTON
"I recently discovered the Library of Congress had a copy of the 1947-48 budgeting Congress, but has been able to find only one openly in favor of it. . . .

WASHINGTON
"This is no new situation. Walt Whitman defined what he called the "news ending autopsy of elected persons." Mark Twain said his grandpa's feet said that he might become that "lowest form of human creature," a congressman.

WASHINGTON
"No wonder the senators who were elected in 1946 are so full of idealism and determination to save the Republic from the hands of the New Deal. . . .

WASHINGTON
"It takes a thick skin to protect a legislator from the murderous bars of criticism hurled at him. He must be able to stand up under the torrents of abuse which fall on him, but perhaps even more important that he not stop work and begin celebrating when some one gives him a pat on the back.

WASHINGTON
"Congressmen have been known to break into tears of gratitude, or even to thank their constituents or complimented for their work in Washington. The shock was just too much for them."

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