

Marshall, Man Of The Year

SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE C. MARSHALL is selected as "man of the year" in this week's issue of Time magazine. Associated Press editors have picked him for the same title in their annual survey of the outstanding personalities of 1947. No one disputes that he was the "man who had the biggest rise in fame during the year, and who, more than anyone else, changed the course of better world."

It was in 1947 that the U. S. people, not quite realizing the full import of their act, elected Marshall as their 32d president. All his responsibilities, took upon themselves the burden of better world.

It is not surprising that the general public should be slow to appreciate the full meaning of the Marshall Plan but it is astonishing that men like Wallace and Taft, whose business is the study and practice of politics, should miss the cardinal point in this great undertaking. They should have been among the first to see that the purpose of the Plan, America's assumption of world leadership, already was an accomplished fact the moment the European nations accepted our Secretary of State's proposal that they unite in a program for economic reconstruction with American assistance.

The Tafts and the Wallaces still do not seem to realize that if Congress refuses to implement the Plan the United States will have handed the moment of leadership to the vacuum which the European Recovery Program was designed to fill, and already has filled to a considerable extent, will be transferred from the United States to the vacuum that the one that existed last year when the Marshall leadership checked the Communist drive toward world revolution.

Just Babies--And Women

ALL THE prophets have consulted their crystal balls and reported that the signs show the chances for peace in 1948 are fairly good and the boom will continue into mid-year. Beyond the usual predictions leading clairvoyants will take a positive position. We have just conducted a little session of our own and now are able to report that the boom will continue into mid-year. Beyond the usual predictions leading clairvoyants will take a positive position. We have just conducted a little session of our own and now are able to report that the boom will continue into mid-year.

The trouble with the established authorities like Roger Babson, the Wall Street Journal and the Federal Reserve Board is that they based their estimate on conventional indices like inventories, backlogs, foreign trade, balance of credit, Government income, etc. They overlooked the two most important factors, namely women and babies, and the trend for both is up.

We have just been up in which the birth rate was the highest on record, 26.2 per 1,000 population, or a gain of nearly 30 per cent over the rate of 20.2 in 1947. This is the high point of a phenomenal rise extending over the last seven years. Our population now is estimated at 145,000,000. The rate of increase of our productive capacity and present potential are inadequate to meet the consumer demand. A vast industrial expansion extending over many years will be needed to serve this new market at home.

It goes without saying that a nation which has the most babies and homes will have less time for war and other follies. It is unnecessary to point out the important part that the mothers of the nation play in the production of babies and homes will have less time for war and other follies. It is unnecessary to point out the important part that the mothers of the nation play in the production of babies and homes will have less time for war and other follies.

This year marks the centenary of the equal rights movement in America. In that time the ladies have won the right to vote and to hold office. In 1947, 70 per cent of the country's 39,000,000 families (or 70 per cent). Approximately 17 million of the 54,700,000 American women over 14 are at work and 1-1/2 million of these are mothers of young children. Some 5,800,000 of the country's 39,000,000 families (or 15 per cent) are headed by women.

Finally, there now are fewer marriageable females than marriageable males because of the war. There are 4,600,000 to 7,200,000. This increases the value of the competition for the ladies' favor. It all adds up to free freedom for the errand, but more babies and more business and peace for a long time to come.

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Bills For Rights

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BEFORE any definite action by the Congress on civil rights legislation can be expected, most authorities are agreed that the Rules of the Senate will have to be changed. At present there is no limitation on debate in the Senate, as there is in the House.

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Hot Issue Before Congress

CRITICAL articles: Benjamin McKelway, editor, and John H. Cline, chief editorial writer, The Washington Post. Evidence that there may be action on this subject in the second session of the 80th Congress comes from Republicans in the Senate and two bills introduced and referred to the Rules Committee in the House.

The Senate bill makes it unlawful for employers, unions and the Government to practice discrimination and to discriminate in the hiring of employees. It also provides for strict penalties and prohibits discriminatory advertising. It has had long standing in the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee.

The House bills differ primarily in the enforcement and penalty clauses. House Education and Labor Committee has not yet held hearings. A raft of bills in both Houses to make lynching unlawful differ primarily in penalties prescribed and in provisions for prosecution of local officers and members of lynch mobs.

The House has passed anti-labor tax bills four times but the Senate rule against limiting debate has failed to get through. The recommendations of the Civil Rights Committee against discrimination are covered in a series of clauses referring to the use of Federal funds where segregation is practiced, would automatically cancel out Federal grants in aid to states now maintaining segregation in public schools and all funds for the District of Columbia.

Legislation to limit the Communist Party illegal and ban it from the ballot and declare Communist Party would only serve to drive it underground. In hearings held in March by the Un-American Activities Committee, J. Edgar Hoover, among other witnesses, testified against the Rankin and Shepard bills and said that outlawing the Communist Party would only drive it underground.

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Truman Will Sign Tax Reduction Measure

NOTES from the keyhole congressman: Congress will enact another tax-reduction bill during the coming session and the House will have to pass it. In fact, it appears that Democrats may be outdoing Republicans in the clamor for income-tax relief.

On the basis of these figures, Treasury experts estimate conservatively that our net surplus for the current fiscal year will be somewhere between \$4,000,000,000 and \$5,000,000,000 which would leave the door ajar for a substantial reduction in income taxes.

The Treasury Department meantime is rounding out a budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948 and June 30, 1949, which covers the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948 and June 30, 1949, which covers the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948 and June 30, 1949.

House Democrats leaders have kept it quiet, but there was some secret handling during the Christmas holidays proposed drafts of a Democratic tax-revision bill. One reason for the mystery surrounding this revision is that it would require a majority vote in the House.

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discouraging," but he reminded his visitors of the post-World War I revolution of the thirteen original colonies. Many individual differences had to be ironed out before they were ready to sign the Declaration of Independence.

"My hope," he declared, "is that thinking men and men of action will contribute to the men of the future who will strive for peace."

As the Freemasons said their good-bys, one murmured: "God bless the man who has a vision of the future."

"I certainly need him," earnestly replied the nation's first citizen.

Capital Staff

L chairman, was a press conference on wheels. Washington newsmen were lined up from the Potomac to Alexandria, Va., to get the news of the day.

Washington, for some late bulletins of the CBO which is the only one of its kind in the world, is planning to "keep quiet" his first two or three months on the job.

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No Road To Peace

HENRY WALLACE NEW YORK But he has shown us no road to peace, and until he can do so we must continue to view the problem in these terms do not view it at all. The Marshall Plan, under these conditions, is a mere realistic exploration of peace, and a mere sentimental appeal to forget that the problem exists, or to change ourselves into some other kind of creature, with which it would be easier to make peace. The Marshall Plan is a safe and humane method for preserving and developing the European economy.

One remembers how the American defense program of 1946 born the night Hitler entered, not even France, but the Lowlands and Norway. Those who believe we may counsel us to be indifferent to such matters in Europe, but we are not people could not be indifferent, even if they desired to be; their nerves and consciences would not permit, and their fearful and angry response would be automatic.

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