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Unanimously Backed For Cabinet Job

Will Be Head Of State Department

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The speedy action came in a Republican-directed move to demonstrate foreign policy unity.

The Senate acted within 55 minutes after the nomination of the war-time Chief of Staff was sent to Capitol Hill by the President, who accepted Byrnes' resignation by letter last night with regret.

Previously, in a twelve minute session arranged by Chairman Vandenberg, Republican, Michigan, the thirteen-member Foreign Relations Committee had filed its indorsement on Marshall as the man to carry forward the policies laid down by Byrnes in American dealings with foreign nations.

TOP FIGURES IN CABINET SHAKEUP — Gen. George C. Marshall (left), who has been appointed to replace Secretary of State James F. Byrnes (right) in a major Cabinet upheaval in Washington.

Regret, Bewilderment

Byrnes Surprises World Capitals

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman's economic report drew quick criticism from some Congressmen today, but others gave it general praise.

Senator Wheeler of Nebraska, assistant Republican leader, called the report "just a campaign statement." Hitting at the report's recommendation, he told a reporter "the quicker we get rid of all of these controls, the more hours we get back."

As for reciprocal trade, the Nebraskaan said "I don't think any tariff rates ought to be cut until Congress reviews the situation and decides if such action is justified."

Senator O'Mahoney, Democrat, Wyoming, said "President Truman has laid down a policy for the preservation of the capitalist system" and declared the report "should be required reading every college and high school of the United States."

O'Mahoney lauded particularly the report's finding that public works alone cannot solve unemployment and that business should reduce prices wherever possible.

Senator Moore, Republican, Oklahoma, said he would like to see a report on the situation against tax reductions at this time. Bushfield commented that "it is more important that we cut down Government expenditures than that we reduce taxes."

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