

Marshall Plan

(This is the sixth in a series of articles about world problems containing information gathered by members of the International Relations Club.)

By DAVE COLTON

June 5, 1947, Secretary of State George C. Marshall suggested a plan for aiding Europe which has become known as the European Recovery Program. The idea for this plan was presented to Congress December 19, 1947, and signed by President Truman April 3, 1948.

THE RECOVERY PROGRAM was designated to accomplish two purposes. First, it was intended to aid recovery of the participating countries as soon as possible, so these countries could become independent and not require long-term American relief. The second goal of ERP was to strengthen Western Europe economically and politically against Russian aggression.

The ERP encountered strenuous opposition in Congress, and the first appropriation was cut from \$6.8 billion to \$5.3 billions. Stipulations concerning shipment of essential war materials to the United States for stockpiling, and protective provisions regarding resale of critical materials to Communist countries were added to the program.

Paul G. Hoffman, president of Studebaker Corporation was appointed administrator of the recovery program. Mr. Hoffman found it necessary to supply food in larger quantities than had been anticipated, but as the countries slowly recovered this burden decreased, and it became possible to supply larger amounts of capital goods.

ANOTHER ASPECT of the plan was the proposal of greater economic cooperation between the participating nations of Western Europe, and the formation of a Western European Economic Union. This has become one of the greatest stumbling blocks to the fulfillment of the aims of the program. The European countries have established trade barriers, and have displayed a lack of willingness to cooperate.

During March, 1949, an additional \$4 billion was granted to ERP, and Mr. Hoffman gave an account of the effects of the plan. Europe was in better condition, production was rising, and food was more plentiful, he said.

At first, reconstruction was the principal aim of the plan, but now the integration of European trade has become the major problem. Currently under consideration is a payments union which would act as a clearing house. Through this union the central banks of the participating countries would be able to settle their accounts with one another.

CONGRESS NOW is considering a new Marshall Plan appropriation of \$2.9 billions. Congressmen seem dubious about granting aid without promises of integration of the European economy. Another roadblock to the appropriation is the political situation in Great Britain.

College opinion concerning the granting of additional aid seems divided. Half of the people questioned think the appropriation should be passed, but some believe that valuable goods are falling into Communist hands. One of the European exchange students said he thought the Marshall Plan has done much toward recovery of Europe and is slowly achieving its ultimate goal.

(Material gathered by Donald Sloughfy, member of the IRC.)

Riding Club To Sponsor Horse Show

The first annual horse show of the Riding Club is slated for Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7. Plans for the show are now under way.

While some events will be restricted to students at the College, others will be open to riders from all over the State College district, Capt. Gregory Gargarin, the College's riding instructor, announced.

Trophies and ribbons will be awarded in all classes. Horsemanship classes will be judged on form, seat, hands and general management, with the hunter, jumper, saddlehorse and open sections to be decided under American Horse Show Association rules.

Entries for the show should be sent to Margaret Warner, 435 McElwain, by April 28.

MI Library Adds Portuguese Atlas

A reproduction of a Portuguese Atlas, dated 1571, has been added to the library of the School of Mineral Industries at the College. The frontispiece and a chart of Latin America taken from the Atlas is now on display in the rotunda of the MI building.

The Atlas, made by Fernao vaz Dourado, consists "of all kingdoms, lands, rivers, and islands of the whole round earth, with altitudes and orientations made in squares."

The original copy of the Atlas is located in the National Archives at Torre de Tombo, Portugal.

Cliques Redraw Lines In Postwar Politics

(This is the third in a series of articles tracing the history and development of student politics at Penn State since the war.)

By JACK BODDINGTON

Following the landslide victory of the Nittany Independent clique in the fall of 1946, new party lines had to be hastily drawn in preparation for the new campaign that spring, the time of elections having been changed.

The Daily Collegian, February 12, 1947, issued in its editorial columns an appeal to the parties, requesting that they let the student

body know what was going on within campus political circles. In response came news that a new clique, the State party, had been formed and would function in the approaching campaign.

No more was heard from the defeated Campus-Key group and it was evident that elements of that party formed the nucleus of the new clique. This relationship, however, was not official.

Representation

In a letter to Collegian, the new party announced its intention to institute a program of equal representation within the clique. Said party officials: "The voting system puts all fraternities on an equal basis, and also permits independent students to have group representation for the first time."

The validity of this claim was challenged in a letter from the Nittany Independents who claimed they already provided such a representative system. Aside from the election of new clique officers, the Nittany Independents maintained essentially the same party structure.

Ideas for platform planks were publicly requested by the NI clique, bringing forth an editorial reminding the party that many of its previous promises had not been fulfilled and suggesting that further action on these points be taken.

Platforms

When platforms finally appeared, they contained planks dealing with the long-hanging Student Union building issue, a dating code, a book exchange, NSA support, racial discrimination and student-faculty relations. Neither party outlined a specific program for attaining its goals.

The campaign itself was a quiet one, although several letters were published openly questioning the interest and capability of several State party candidates. Such tactics were to no avail, however, for the student voters handed the Nittany Independents a defeat even more impressive than their fall victory. Only one NI candidate was put into office—one who had been buried by the party because it was felt his chances were slim.

"Tried To Do Something" Time, however, proved he commanded the respect of all stu-

dents, whether State or NI sympathizers. It was said that he was the type who "tried to do something, even when it meant stepping on political toes."

One victor expressed an attitude which many held sadly lacking in student affairs. He had previously labeled student politics as "kidstuff" but "decided it was better to be on the inside doing something than on the outside criticizing."

Next article: The new era continues.

Advertising Group To Take Field Trip

Alpha Delta Sigma, national professional advertising fraternity, and the department of Journalism will conduct a three day field trip in Pittsburgh, starting April 10. The schedule of tours includes the Tarentum Valley News, television station WDTV, radio station KDKA, the Pittsburgh Press, Ketchum, MacLeod & Grove advertising agency, and Gardner Display outdoor advertising agency.

Students going on the trip are William Cosgrove, John Ernst, Louis Gilbert, John Dempsey, Peter Kalandiak, Dale Johnson, Claude Di Pasquale, Richard Yeagley, Mark Arnold, Robert Clarke, Richard Hoffman, James Cochran, Joseph Lordeman, Marlin Weaver, William Maltzer, Donald Baker, Carl Lucyk, Jacob Meckler, David Schmuckler, James Cleaver, Raymond Beisswanger, and Walter Reynolds.

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Orchestra Members Attend Festival

Six members of the college symphony orchestra are attending a three-day collegiate orchestra festival at Indiana State Teachers College, Indiana, Pa.

The group chosen to represent the College includes Barbara Thomas, Alan Bueck, Jack Reen, Louella Elmunds, Anna Belle Russell and Wallace Schlager.

Colleges in the area are sending representatives to the festival which will conclude with a concert Friday night under the direction of Dr. Lewis Wersen, superintendent of music in Philadelphia city schools.

Pepinsky Constructs Electric Brain For Atom Calculations

By JULIA IBBOTSON

The depressing prospect of a lifetime of mathematical computation discouraged the young scientist. He decided to build an "electric brain."

Two-and-one-half years of work plus a large financial grant from the Navy turned that scientist's dream into a reality. This autumn, in three moving vans and two freight cars, Dr. Raymond Pepinsky brought his electronic computer to Room 6 Osmond Lab.

Dictionaries of science classify Doctor Pepinsky's work as "crystallography." Alarmingly big word. Yet, it deals with the smallest of existing things, the atom.

Atoms join hands in all sorts of arrangements to form molecules. Some "twin" molecules contain the same combination of atoms; for instance, honey and corn sugar. The molecules differ only in arrangement of their atoms. Crystallography—there's that word again—tries to discover the molecular structure by x-rays.

Calculations of the molecular structure formerly required months to years. Doctor Pepinsky's machine whizzes through the work in minutes. The mechanical "mind" reduces a lifetime of work to an afternoon.

To look at the computer itself is to be impressed. The huge device fills two medium-sized

rooms. Observers have compared it to "walls of domino-like panels," or to "a giant switchboard which weaves in and out like a lunch-room counter."

The screen upon which the molecular pattern is shown resembles a television screen.

In February, Room 6 Osmond Lab will hold open house. All Penn State students will be invited to visit their X-ray Crystallography Lab, described by Doctor Pepinsky as "the finest in the country and one of the finest in the world."

Libraries To Hold Regional Meeting

Discussion of the resources of Pennsylvania's libraries and of possibilities and methods of cooperation will highlight a regional meeting of the College and Reference section of the Pennsylvania Library Association to be held at the College April 22.

Resources of Pennsylvania's libraries outside of the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia areas will be discussed at the morning session, with reports by Harold Hayden, Bucknell Lillian Evans, Juniata; S. K. Stevens, State historian; and M. Lucille Jackson, chemistry and physics librarian at the College.

News Briefs

Employment

Students who are remaining in State College for the Spring vacation and want part time employment are asked to register at the Student Employment Office in Old Main.

Graduate Club

The next Graduate Club social will be a cabin party Sunday, April 16, at the PSCA cabin. Cars will leave from Old Main at 3 p.m. Reservations should be made at the PSCA office by Thursday, April 13.

Pan-American Banquet

A Pan-American banquet will be held at the Allencrest Tea-room at 7 p.m. April 12 as part of Pan-American week. The speaker will be Major George S. Denithorne. Tickets will be on sale at the Student Union desk for \$1.50. Faculty and students are invited to attend, and faculty members may obtain tickets by calling Eileen Glinn or William H. Gray, exchange 148.

Military Engineers

Robert W. Houseworth was elected president at a recent meeting of the Society of American Military Engineers. Other officers for next year include Edward Ruch, vice president; and Harry Ankeny, secretary-treasurer.

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