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Truman Signs Rent Bill; Says He 'Had No Choice'

New Controls Replacing Those Expiring Today; President Warns Powers Are Inadequate to Hold Line, but Law 'Better Than None'

WASHINGTON, March 30.—(AP)—The nation got a new rent control law today, one day before the old act was due to expire.

In signing the legislation—reluctantly—President Truman said it wasn't the strengthened measure he had asked of Congress, but is "better than no rent control at all."

"If I had not signed it," he said in a statement, "rent controls would have expired tomorrow at midnight. As was true of the rent control bill of June, 1947, I had no choice but to sign."

Courts Have Say

The bill extends controls for one year, to March 31, 1949, and gives an emergency federal court the final say over the raising or removing of rent ceilings in any area. The recommendations of local rent boards would bear great weight, however, and the court would have to uphold them if it found they were based on "adequate and substantial evidence.

Truman promised that the administration "will do everything it can under this act to hold rents to reasonable levels." But he also said "we cannot hope to be wholly successful in holding the lines on rents by the powers granted by this law."

Cites Rent Increases

He added:

"Since the rent control law was weakened last June, rents have risen more than 6 per cent over a period of eight months. With continuing inflationary pressures and the extreme shortage of housing, the need for effective rent control continues to be as great as ever."

The new law sanctions rent increases of up to 15 per cent when tenant and landlord can agree on a lease running through 1949. Such increases would not be permitted, however, in cases where a tenant had agreed to a similar increase last year under the old law. The new law "freezes" the rents of such tenants, who signed leases running through this year, until March 31, 1949.

Other Provisions

The act also provides that:

All hotel accommodations go ceiling-free. So do non-housekeeping rooms in homes where there are not more than two paying guests.

Tenants may be evicted on 60-day notice if the landlord wants the dwelling for the personal use of a member of his family, or plans to demolish or alter it substantially, or decides to take the quarters off the rental market.

Controls are removed from dwellings covered by leases which were ended in the first three months of this year.

Sixty-day eviction notices are required generally. There are exceptions if the tenant does not pay his rent or becomes a nuisance. In such cases local laws govern eviction.

The act kills the former requirement that special federal permits be obtained for the building of amusement places and recreational facilities.

The latter requirement, which prevented construction of some race tracks, night clubs, bowling alleys and other entertainment spots, was designed to conserve building materials for home construction.

Ike Boomers Busy Despite General

WASHINGTON, March 30.—(AP)—Another of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's intimate associates declared him out of the presidential picture today.

Roy A. Roberts, president of the Kansas City Star, said in a signed article in that newspaper that "of course Gen. Ike Eisenhower is not going to take a Democratic nomination for the presidency or any other nomination."

Only yesterday Maj. Gen. Floyd L. Parks, army press relations officer, said that "under no conceivable circumstances" will the retired chief of staff allow himself to be drafted by either the Democrats or the Republicans.

But the Ike-for-President bandwagon kept jolting along, despite all the disclaimers.

Daniel James, secretary of the "Draft Eisenhower Movement," predicted that Eisenhower will speak for himself "at the proper time."

And the policy committee of the Liberal party of New York had adopted a resolution urging the Democratic party to draft Eisenhower as its candidate. Two sons of the late President Roosevelt—Elliott and Franklin D. Jr.—are out for Eisenhower.

Philip Murray, CIO president, would not comment on a report from New York that he would declare for Eisenhower "within a few days." The prediction was made by an official of the New York state CIO council who declined to be quoted by name.

Otherwise, presidential politics was getting down to the meat-and-potatoes stage of choosing convention delegates.

Maine Republicans will meet Thursday and Friday to pick their 13 delegates to the Philadelphia convention.

One week from today Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, Harold E. Stassen and Gen. Douglas MacArthur square off in a primary election fight for Wisconsin's 27 delegates.

Stassen is campaigning in the state this week, and Dewey made a last-moment decision to go there for some personal stumping, too. MacArthur is staying in Tokyo, but his friends are very active.

ITU Now to Offer Contracts Without Non-Union Banning

WASHINGTON, March 30.—(AP)—The AFL International Typographical Union tonight wrote instructions for its local unions to offer full-year contracts without discrimination against non-union job applicants.

Government attorneys agreed that the new instructions comply with a federal court injunction issued against the union Saturday.

Both union and government lawyers expressed the hope that the new document will clear up all current disputes between the ITU and employers—both in the newspaper and commercial printing industries.

The instructions will be mailed to the 850 local unions from Indianapolis within a day or two.

LEWIS DENIES STRIKE BLAME

UMW Head Bows to Court Order, Appears Before Presidential Board

WASHINGTON, March 30.—(AP)—Covered by a federal judge to appear before a board investigating the coal strike, John L. Lewis today entered a blanket denial that he caused the nation-wide walkout.

He declared that the soft coal miners left their jobs because "they found out that they had been gold-bricked by the operators."

The strike started March 15, three days after Lewis told his United Mine Workers in a letter that the operators had "dishonored" their contract by failing to arrange pension payments.

But Lewis insisted the miners walked out on their own.

Made to Answer

The UMW president was compelled by the federal district court to answer questions before a presidential board investigating the strike.

The board may report its findings to President Truman tomorrow. When it does, Truman can direct the attorney general to seek a federal court injunction to stop the strike. The board is acting under the Taft-Hartley labor law.

Lewis was forced before the board after he had ignored its own subpoena yesterday. Promptly the three members turned to the federal court, and in ten minutes this morning, an order was issued directing Lewis to appear at 2 p.m.

So "under compulsion," as he put it, the miners' chief gave his side of the pension dispute.

20 Aides

Stony-faced, he strode at the head of 20 aides into the hearing room. He sat in silence as cameramen recorded the scene. Then Federal Judge Sherman Minton, chairman of the board, asked if he would state his side of the pension dispute. Lewis sonorously replied:

"I might say I am here today under the compulsion of a decision of the United States court. I have no particular statement to make other than responding to interrogation."

He confirmed that he wants every man who reaches 60 with 20 years' mining experience to have $100 a month pension out of a

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Battle of Police and Pickets Enlivens Wall Street Strike

NEW YORK, March 30.—(AP)—Brief but bitter battling between police and pickets broke out today in Wall street—the world's most moneyed thoroughfare.

The spectacular scrapping opened the second day of a strike of AFL financial workers against the New York stock and curb exchanges.

It was fought at the very doors of the stock exchange as striking financial workers and their AFL seamen who swelled their picket lines tried to block the main entrance of the building.

Police guards met them with clubs swinging.

Pickets who stretched themselves out on the sidewalk were hauled to their feet. Policemen were knocked down. Women screamed.

Clothing was torn. There were several minor injuries. Two men suffered fractured arms. A detective was sent to a hospital, his head bleeding.

Calls went in for riot squads and ambulances. Wall street was roped off. Private phones in near-by stores were allocated for police emergency use only.

In six minutes it was all over. The exchanges opened for business on the dot of 10 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time). The stock exchange had a million-share day, compared with 760,000 shares yesterday. At first of the strike, Prices were higher and brokers said operations were smoother than yesterday.

After the fighting, 43 men and two women had been carted off by the old Slip police station. Most of them were charged with disorderly conduct. Six, identified as seamen by police, were accused of assault. All pleaded innocent. Some were released in bail and others paroled.

A police lieutenant said that most of the arrested pickets were members of AFL seamen's union—the Seafarers International and the Sailors Union of the Pacific.

The police took no chances on a recurrence. More than 100 officers and plain clothesmen were concentrated in the area.

Pickets confined their afternoon activities to shouting insults at those going into and leaving the exchange.

Emil Schram, president of the stock exchange, deplored the violence. He said there had been no provocative acts of any kind on the part of the exchange and there would be none.

DEFENSE CRISIS FAKED, CHARGES HENRY WALLACE

Says Truman Asks Draft, UMT to Railroad U.S. Into Hopeless War

WASHINGTON, March 30.—(AP)—Henry A. Wallace accused the Truman administration today of trying to railroad this country into a war which it could not win.

The third party presidential candidate charged that "preparations and plans for compulsory military training and the draft do not differ" from those of the leaders of Nazi Germany.

Under sometimes caustic questioning in a three-hour session with the senate armed services committee, Wallace said:

"I see no threat to us from Russian Communism today."

He declared: "Russia has not taken over Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary, Czechoslovakia or Poland. The countries she has taken over are Latvia, Esthonia and Lithuania."

'Program of Aggression'

And he described the Truman doctrine as a "program of unlimited aggression."

Sharply, Wallace said:

"I charge that an artificial crisis was deliberately manufactured to stampede Congress and the people into accepting universal military training and conscription."

He lashed out at both the draft and UMT. He said they were part of "a political program to control the American people."

Wallace spoke less than 24 hours after President Truman suggested sarcastically that he go to the Soviet Union and help the Russians "against his own country."

He urged that the U. S. take the lead in outlawing the atom bomb.

Questioned by senators after his 45-minute statement, Wallace proposed as he has done before that "we should meet with Stalin and get an overall agreement" to stave off an armaments race.

"I believe I could be helpful in

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Extra Funds Voted For Atomic Energy

WASHINGTON, March 30.—(AP)—The house appropriations committee voted today to give the atomic energy commission an extra $150,000,000 in contract authority and told the commission to "move forward with all possible speed" in its research programs.

The $150,000,000 authorized was contained in a $332,407,782 catch-all appropriation bill granting funds to supplement appropriations previously made for various agencies of the government.

The measure also contained $7,270,000 in cash and $4,000,000 in contract authority to construct a military airport road between Seward and Anchorage, Alaska, and $3,000,000 for the U. S. information and educational exchange program, which operates the "Voice of America" overseas broadcasts. Truman had recommended $5,120,000 for the latter item.

The atomic energy commission got exactly what it asked for. The new contract authority raises the total the commission has to spend in the current fiscal year to $659,091,803.

Carroll L. Wilson, the commission's general manager, told the committee that most of the new funds will be "directed toward increasing the continuity of production of fissionable materials, the fabrication of these into weapons and the conduct of research and development."

He also told the committee, without elaboration, that the military interest in the commission's work "goes far beyond atomic bombs." And he said that atomic weapon production facilities, previous centered at Los Alamos, N. M., are being dispersed and duplicate source weapons parts and assemblies are being built.

BOGOTA PARLEY TO PROBE ACTS OF COMMUNISTS

Envoys Add Red Plottings To Agenda as Marshall Makes Suggestion

BOGOTA, Colombia, March 30.—(AP)—U. S. Secretary of State Marshall tossed the hot issue of Soviet-inspired Communist activities in the western hemisphere into the conference of American republics today and the delegates voted by acclamation to consider it.

The action was taken just as the ninth international conference of American states opened its formal sessions.

Marshall did not mention Communism by name, but there was no doubt of his meaning when he posed this question at a preliminary session prior to the formal opening:

Marshall's Suggestion

"I should like to raise the question at this time as to whether the agenda as it now stands may be considered to permit the discussion of the problem of foreign subversive activities directed against the institutions and peace and security of the American republics.

"I am told this is a subject of considerable concern to the countries represented here. I now merely raise the question as to whether or not the present agenda permits such discussion."

The delegates voted unanimously that "foreign inspired subversive activities" could be discussed.

Chile, Paraguay and several other republics have said in pre-conference statements they were seeking a strong declaration condemning Communism, even going so far as to having the conference take joint action to curb it in the western hemisphere.

The American attitude has not been defined at the conference. A member of the U.S. delegation, "we should meet with Stalin and get an overall agreement" to stave off an armaments race.

"I believe I could be helpful in

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Six Group Studies

The preparatory meeting voted to break down the conference into six separate commissions to handle these subjects:

1. The organic part of the Inter-American system, including the branch of the United Nations.

2. Systems of specialized organizations for financing the Pan American union.

3. Peaceful settlement of controversies and collective defense.

4. Economic treaty for boosting living standards and industrializing the Americas.

5. Social matters (education, cultural activities, social legislation, etc.).

6. Political matters which include the defense and preservation of the democracy of the Americas. The subject of Communist infiltration of the American nations would fall to this commission.

Propaganda Trenches Only?

SOVIET AND AMERICAN ZONES IN KOREA

Soviet soldiers and North Korean villagers are digging trenches, foxholes and gun emplacements on the 38th parallel dividing the Soviet and American occupation zones in Korea.

SEOUL, March 30.—(AP)—U. S. Army officers with combat experience said today the trenches and foxholes just inside the Russian occupation zone of North Korea would be useless in battle.

Informed sources have suggested the trenches are there for propaganda purposes. The propaganda line is that North Korea must be ready for an attack from the American zone in the south.)

These officers studied the activities through field glasses. They said the entrenchments would be easy targets for machine guns and mortars fired from the protection of commanding terrain to the south.

As a matter of fact, they said the Soviet side could be fortified without digging a foxhole. All they would have to do would be to take advantage of the hills the terrain provides.

The officers said foxholes were recent. They could be easily outflanked and taken from the rear.

Meanwhile, the United Nations commission on Korea declined an American request that the South Korean elections be delayed. The Americans reported they were having trouble getting election supplies for the May 24 date. The commission said it would grant more time later if it became necessary to do so.

SOLONS OK FUND FOR CHINA; REDS IMPERIL BERLIN FOOD; R.C. WILL ENTER PALESTINE

JEWS, MOSLEMS ACCEPT GENEVA RULES OF WAR

Jerusalem Rations Bread As Supply Drops; Rain Hampers Fighting

JERUSALEM, March 30.—(AP)—The Jews and Arabs have promised to observe the Geneva convention rules of war, an international Red Cross spokesman said today.

The pledge paves the way for the mercy organization to start work in the Holy Land, now torn by civil war.

In Jerusalem bread rationing was decreed for the city's 100,000 Jews for the first time since the outbreak of current hostilities.

The move was made necessary apparently by the repeated Arab attacks on Jewish convoys and other interference in the moving of food and supplies to Jerusalem.

Supply Seriously Low

Jews said their food supplies were "dangerously low." No similar shortage appeared in the Arab sections, which are supplied over Arab-controlled roads in eastern Palestine and neighboring Arab countries.

Jaques De Reynier, the Red Cross spokesman, said the Jews and Arabs had given oral promises to cooperate with the organization and observe the code of warfare as laid down in the Geneva convention.

This means both sides must afford protection to the wounded and sick regardless of whether they are Jew or Arab, provide security to those who do not take part in the war, especially women, children and the aged. Prisoners of war must be given humane treatment.

Rain Curbs Fighting

Rain, wind and intermittent sleet dampened the ardor of Jewish and Arab fighters during the day. The Arabs renewed sporadic attempts to cut off Jewish highway traffic and two bridges were blown up in western Palestine.

Today's death toll included four Jews and three Arabs. The unofficial toll since the U. N. decision November 29 to partition Palestine hit 2,220.

The Arabs struck at four points

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Soviet May Tighten Controls Over West Zone Supply Lines

Traffic Through Eastern Zone Corridor Might Be Choked Off Under New Army Regulation; Move Viewed as Step in War of Nerves

BERLIN, March 30.—(AP)—The Russians threatened today to restrict the supply lifelines of the British, French and Americans in Berlin.

The lines pass through the Soviet occupied zone and are the only ground communication routes of the western powers in Berlin.

Lt. Gen. G. S. Lukyanchenko, Soviet chief of staff, made the threat, the latest Soviet act in a series apparently designed to disrupt four-power rule of Germany.

Gen. Lucius D. Clay, the American military governor, refused to comment on the Russian general's statement. British and French officials also would not comment, but high American officials not quotable by name indicated that interference with Allied supply lines could lead to serious consequences.

Reds Maintain Boycott

Gen. Lukyanchenko's statement appeared in the form of an interview in the Soviet-licensed newspaper Voervarts. It came as the regular day for the meeting of the Allied control council passed without any move from the Russians to call the four-power military governors into session. The Russians have been boycotting the council meetings since they walked out 10 days ago.

The threat brought the war of nerves being conducted by the Russians and German Communists to a higher pitch. Communist newspapers have been charging under screaming headlines that spies, criminals, hungry Germans and looters have been crossing the border into the Soviet occupation zone by hundreds.

Spy Ring Charged

U. S. army officials in Frankfurt said they had no comment on the latest Russian story—an account in the communist newspaper Pravda in Moscow saying a German spy ring financed by American military intelligence and German industrialists was working in the Soviet zone.

The story quoted a Berlin correspondent of Pravda as saying the United States wants to kill the former colonel in the German army. The story said former German spies left throughout eastern Germany during the war were being reorganized.

Gen. Lukyanchenko said the Russians intended to regulate and control road and rail traffic between Berlin and the western zones. The reason given was the rising tempo of reconstruction and agricultural life in the Soviet zone and the consequent heavy demands on railroads and highways.

To Regulate Traffic

"The Soviet authorities, as before, will see that the necessary possibilities for the maintenance of the feeding of the population of the western sectors are provided according to the decisions of the allied kommandatura, however in a regulated form and under the necessary control," he said.

Gen. Lukyanchenko did not indicate how severely the control would be carried out. An anti-Communist newspaper Der Kurier said in a headline "The Blockade is" and in a story commenting on the Soviet general's statement said:

"The Soviet general has announced control measures for traffic and transport through the Soviet zone whose extent cannot yet be recognized, but which stand in a direct connection with the semi-official reports of the Soviet zone press."

At present the western allies are permitted to move 32 trains over the track daily, most of these to Berlin.

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Recruiting in U. S. For Palestine War Hits Passport Snag

WASHINGTON, March 30.—(AP)—A campaign to recruit Americans to fight for a Jewish state in Palestine today ran up against a government policy of not issuing passports to citizens going abroad to do battle.

While voicing this reminder, state department officials made no move to halt the drive which claims to have lined up more than 1,000 men in a George Washington Legion, composed of American volunteers.

Maj. Samuel Weiser, commander of the Hebrew Legion, a similar group in England, said more than 1,000 number the people been recruited in this country in the last 10 days.

In New York, an official of the American League for a Free Palestine, sponsoring the legion, said the volunteers would be offered to the U.N. to police the Holy Land. If this is declined, the men probably will not go to Palestine in view of the passport ban.

OIL KEY TO U.S. MOVES, CHARGED

Gromyko Sees Expediency In Partition Motions; Bars Assembly Meet

LAKE SUCCESS, March 30.—(AP)—Russia declared today the United States wants to kill the Palestine partition project to save American oil and military interests in the Middle East.

Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko, the Soviet delegate, rejected a United States proposal for a special assembly of the 57 United Nations to consider the future of Palestine.

The Russian said there are no grounds for this session. Gromyko said forecast a Soviet veto which would force the U.S. to demand a poll of the whole membership on the question of calling a special session. Only a simple majority of the members—or 29 votes—would be needed to convene the assembly.

Opposes Trusteeship

Finally, Gromyko slapped down the U.S. proposal for a U.N. trusteeship for Palestine. He said the trusteeship idea was "an attempt to convert Palestine into a military-strategic base of the United States and England under the pretext of maintaining order in that country."

Gromyko did not mention the new U.S. plea for a truce between Jews and Arabs, which Warren R. Austin, chief U.S. delegate, formally put before the U.N. security council today.

Calling Palestine a pawn in a political gamble, Gromyko tore apart the last shreds of the rare U.S.-Soviet cooperative effort which had been responsible for putting the partition plan through the U.N. assembly last November 29.

It was Russia's first declaration

Pantelleria Taxpayers' Riots Put Down by Air-Borne Troops

ROME, March 30.—(AP)—Air-borne troops were rushed today to Pantelleria, the wartime fortress isle off the African coast, to quell a riot of 2,000 taxpayers.

Other reinforcements sped by boat from Sicily to help restore order after three persons were killed and 14 wounded in the riot. Rome newspapers called a "revolt."

The mob, yelling protests against "taxes," stormed into the tax office, destroyed records, smashed furniture and set fire to the wreckage. The casualties resulted when police opened fire, and order was not restored until after arrival of troops by air from Rome.

The riot coincided with many demonstrations in northern Italy as campaigning for the April 18 elections reached a feverish pitch.

Heavily armed mobile police concentrated in Somaglia, a town of 3,000 near Milan, as a precaution when thousands of Communists marched in stormy protest against the killing of two of their fellows in a political fight here yesterday.

About 150 trucks rumbled through the center of Milan this afternoon, picking up Communist workers and carrying them to Somaglia where other thousands already had gathered.

But up to 7 p.m. there had been no violent incidents connected with the demonstration.

Milan's chamber of labor ordered a two-minute work stoppage today in protest at the killings. Bands of Communists roamed Milan's streets tonight after a giant demonstration. They brandished wooden staves and demanded relief.

At Canosa di Puglia, near Bari in southern Italy, police also patrolled the streets after a political riot in which seven persons were injured. Ansa news agency said fighting began when Communists attacked a parade of university students.

Mladen Ivekovic, Yugoslav minister to Italy, denied at a news conference that Yugoslavia had protested the return of Trieste to Italy if Communists win the election.

Communist Leader Palmiro Togliatti said in a speech Saturday that he and Marshal Tito could settle the Trieste question in 48 hours. Ivekovic said Togliatti had received "no statement from Yugoslavia," but he said Yugoslavia wants an accord with Italy.

SINGLE-PACKAGE AID BILL NEARS VOTE BY HOUSE

Measure Puts Claims on War Goods for Russia And Succors Spain

WASHINGTON, March 30.—(AP)—The senate voted $463,000,000 for China aid today and the house, in a series of rapid-fire actions, worked closer to a vote on a massive "package" carrying $6,205,000,000 to assist foreign nations.

Leaders hope to reach a decision on the latter measure tomorrow. Meantime the chamber voted:

1. To enable officials in charge of the aid program to clamp down on American exports of war supplies to Russia and her satellites. And,

2. To give Franco Spain a slice of the $6,205,000,000.

Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich) indicated there will be little difficulty in reconciling difference between

LAKE SUCCESS, March 30.—(AP)—Russia's Andrei A. Gromyko commented today that Generalissimo Franco of Spain probably needs American help.

With a smile, Gromyko gave this comment to newsmen on the congressional house action for American aid to Franco:

"Poor small boy Franco! He probably needs American help."

He would not comment further.

house and senate relief bills. He told reporters he would not oppose the house plan of wrapping all foreign relief bills into a single "package," although some of the house provisions might have to be compromised.

Sees Early Passage

Vandenberg, apparently encouraged by the swift developments, predicted final passage this weekend of the foreign relief program, designed to spur the recovery of nations abroad and bolster them against Communism.

The senate passed the China aid bill on a voice vote after Vandenberg declared conditions in China were "touch and go."

Senator Kem (R-Mo) launched a bitter floor attack on the China bill and other foreign aid programs, saying the United States was following a lone wolf "piecemeal" policy that will lead us to war.

"Soon," he said, "American soldiers will be called upon to follow the American dollar."

Senator Pepper (D-Fla) said the

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FRANCO SILENT ON HOUSE VOTE

Anti-Communist Policy Is Vindicated, Some Hold; Republicans Shocked

MADRID, March 30.—(AP)—Generalissimo Franco's regime was reported today ready to increase the Spanish army by about 300,000 men as a precautionary step in view of the Communist threat in Europe, especially Italy.

There is no official information available on such plans. It was reported, however, that the 1948 and 1949 classes may be called to the colors several months ahead of time.

An authorized source said tonight Spain "views with satisfaction" the action of the United States house of representatives in voting to include Spain in the European recovery program.

No Official Comment

The government, however, will make no official comment at this stage, it was learned.

An authorized source said Spain was happy that justice would be done to Spain which has always maintained an anti-Communist position.

There was a feeling of skepticism among Spaniards, however, that Spain actually will receive any aid under the program.

Official Spanish sources also maintained a guarded silence on reports that Myron Taylor, the White House ambassador to the Vatican, is coming to confer with Franco Thursday.

It is reported Taylor also will confer with Foreign Minister Alberto Martin Artajo, and Enrique Cardinal Pla y Deniel, primate of Spain, during his visit.

Republicans Surprised

Spanish Republican circles in Paris and London and government quarters in London expressed surprise at action of the United States house of representatives in voting to invite Spain into the foreign aid program, including the Marshall plan.

An authoritative London source said the action was "very awkward" and pointed out that the 16 Marshall plan nations at their Paris conference had not invited Spain to participate.

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