

DEMOCRACY FACES THE CHALLENGE

Appearing before Congress to ask for immediate endorsement of Marshall Aid, enactment of universal military training and the call-up of more men for the American armed forces, President Truman accepts the challenge which faces the Western democracies.

Recounting the failures which have marked each move of the United Nations towards establishing world peace....he says.....
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The Vituperative speeches of Soviet representatives revealed only too clearly their desire to keep the world uneasy. First sign of the awakening of the democracies came with applause for Britain's Minister Hector McNeill.

The Brussels Conference marks the second sign, as five European nations form a military and economic barrier against the westward sweep of Communist power politics.

As Ernest Bevin signs the pact for Britain, President Truman speaks for America.

The price of peace demands the risk of action. Trieste is the first risk. Britain, France and America call for the return to Italy of the so-called free zone where the Communist minorities of Marshal Tito foment perpetual strife. With the Italian election scheduled for April eighteenth (and the example of Czechoslovakia fresh in mind) this demand by the three powers is a positive move against Communism's planned offensive. Democracy has taken up the challenge!