

## France Granted Loan Of \$1,370,000,000 For Reconstruction

France's efforts to get back on her feet economically were backed today by a \$1,370,000,000 credit from the United States.

Agreements for the loan, French co-operation in an American-sponsored drive for general reduction of tariffs and other world trade barriers, and easing of French restrictions on importation of American movies were announced last night.

The credit is divided into two parts:

1. An Export-Import Bank loan of \$650,000,000, bearing 3 per cent interest, the principal to be repaid in 20 annual installments beginning in five years.
2. A \$720,000,000 credit to settle lease-lend accounts and provide for French purchase of surplus Army and Navy property in France. The interest rate on this is 2 per cent. The principal is to be repaid in 30 annual installments beginning in five years.

**Joint Announcement.**

A joint announcement by President Truman and French President Felix Gouin said discussions are continuing for an additional credit—estimated at about \$25,000,000—for French purchase of approximately 750,000 tons of United States shipping.

Of the \$720,000,000 credit, officials said, France will use about \$300,000,000 for purchase of surplus equipment, originally costing \$1,400,000,000. The balance will settle lease-lend "pipeline" and other claims.

Officials said total lease-lend shipments to France had been valued at approximately \$2,660,000,000, with reverse lease-lend from France amounting to about \$300,000,000. Much of the lease-lend military equipment was written off as destroyed or consumed.

**Victory Benefits Cited.**

The settlement took into account the benefits to each country "from the contributions of both to the defeat of their common enemies."

The surplus property to be purchased by France includes American-built air bases at Casablanca and other points in French territory. France promised nondiscriminatory treatment of American nationals in the use of such installations.

The agreements included settlement for \$17,500,000 of all claims against the United States concerning operation or loss of French ships under American control during the war. Officials said this covered loss of the French liner Normandie, burned at New York.

As part of her repayment to this country under the \$720,000,000 credit, France agreed to turn over to the United States up to \$15,000,000 worth of real property and up to \$10,000,000 in francs to be used for acquisition or improvement of property or to carry out educational programs. Officials said the real estate involved probably would be used as sites for American consulates.

One of the agreements lifted the flat ban on importation into France of new American movies, and set up instead a "screen quota" system under which French theaters will be required to show French films for



**FRANCE GETS LOAN**—Secretary of State Byrnes is shown signing agreements under which France gets American credits of \$1,370,000,000, as French Ambassador Henri Bonnet (center) and Leon Blum, chief French negotiator, look on at ceremony in State Department yesterday.

not more than four weeks per quarter, being free to exhibit their choice of foreign or domestic movies for the remaining weeks. Provision is made for ending this quota system as soon as France's motion picture industry recovers from war disorganization.

The agreements were signed late yesterday by Leon Blum, former French premier here as special negotiator, and Secretary of State Byrnes and Secretary of the Treasury Vinson, after 12 weeks of negotiation. Mr. Blum left immediately afterward to return to Paris.

## Presbyterians End Assembly With Call For More Ministers

**By the Associated Press**

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 29.—The 158th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America closed today with a call to each pastor to enlist at least one young man as a candidate for the ministry.

A standing committee on theological seminaries headed by Dr. Paul S. Heath, Kalamazoo, Mich., reported to the 880 commissioners of the assembly that the church should ordain 300 ministers a year to offset the death rate of the clergy.

The assembly voted, 415 to 164, yesterday to delete from a report on industrial relations a section saying: "Under no circumstances should peacekeeping machinery be used to force the end of a work stoppage. Such use of military power is nothing short of totalitarianism."

**Supports Right to Strike.**

The report supported collective bargaining and the right of labor to strike subject to "the requirements of public order and well-being."

A report that it would be "unwise strategy" to advocate immediate national prohibition also was approved.

The assembly yesterday took the Roman Catholic Church to task for allegedly "pressing claims for a favored position in the United States."

It approved a report which said aggressiveness on the part of the hierarchy of the Catholic Church "at times involves political action and pressures upon persons of public opinion and public policy."

The report, submitted by Dr. Morris C. Robinson of Minneapolis, Minn., said:

"There are certain tendencies within the United States, which if given full expression would curtail the religious freedom which we as a nation enjoy."

**Won't Conceal Issue.**

"There is no virtue or gain either in concealing or in magnifying the issue that exists between ourselves as Protestants and our fellow Christians of the Roman Catholic Church."

"We raise it at this time in the confidence that by free and friendly discussion the cause of mutual understanding and of democracy will be best served."

"We refer particularly to the aggressiveness of the Roman Catholic Church in pressing claims for a favored position for itself as a church."

The report said that the true head of the Christian Church was Jesus Christ and not a state official or an ecclesiastical hierarchy.

## Weakness Is No Peace Path, Patterson Tells Veterans of 'First'

Weakness was never the path to peace and the Nation cannot be made safe by disarming. Secretary of War Patterson told veterans of two World Wars last night at the annual Cantigny day dinner of the Society of the 1st Division at the Mayflower Hotel.

"We must do what we can to see that the Nation never again experiences the period of utter weakness that was our situation before World War II was thrust on us," Mr. Patterson added. The War Secretary was a company commander in the Army's 1st Division in the World War.

Maj. Gen. Terry de la Mesa Allen was with the "Red One" Division in North Africa and Sicily before assuming command of the 104th "Timberwolf" Division, called for maintenance of discipline in the Army. "You mothers, sisters and wives must insist that we don't breed 'softies' in the Army," Gen. Allen, wearing of military clothes, said. He described the course of the division through the early days of the war when it defeated the Germans at El Guettar and held them at Kasserine Pass.

Maj. Gen. C. R. Huebner, former commanding officer of the division, said Cantigny, in France, on May 28, 1918, and El Guettar were the division's worst trials in both wars. "The Germans never stopped the 1st Division and we old soldiers must carry on that tradition," he said. "There will always be a 1st Division."

Maj. Gen. Hanson E. Ely (retired), who commanded the division's 28th Regiment at Cantigny, in obvious reference to the Doolittle report on the so-called "caste" system in the Army, said, "there has never been any criticism of 'brass hats' in the 1st Division. It was never an officer and enlisted man proposition. There were never any complaints that an officer could buy a bottle of whisky when an enlisted man couldn't."

Speaking of the fighting spirit of the division at Cantigny, Gen. Ely told how orders were issued there for a second-in-command to arrest his commanding officer if any C. O. had ordered a retreat.

Messages of congratulation from Gen. John J. Pershing, Gen. George C. Marshall, Gen. Omar N. Bradley and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower were read. Among guests, in addition,

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## Morrison Stands By Statement on Food

**By the Associated Press**

LONDON, May 29.—Herbert Morrison today stood by his statement that the United States had agreed to help feed India and the British zone of Germany and said Will Clayton, American Assistant Secretary of State, would hear him out.

He told the House of Commons that a clear understanding existed between the American and British governments on the question of American supplies for Germany and India.

The deputy prime minister said it was "a pity that a subordinate official—a United States public relations officer, I think it was, should have entered into the matter."

Michael McDermott, State Department public relations chief, last week denied statements attributed to Mr. Morrison that the United States had made commitments to India and would ship food from the American to the British zone of Germany.

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## Sewer Find Is Linked To Mrs. Corens' Death

Montgomery County police today were investigating a small quantity of flesh which was found yesterday in the sewer leading from 4515 Gladwyne drive, Bethesda, former home of Henry H. Corens, 45-year-old automobile painter convicted in May, 1945, of murdering his wife. The material has been sent to a laboratory for analysis.

Corens' wife, Pearl, 31, disappeared from her home February 12, 1945. Her head was found February 27 in Fairfax County but the torso still remains missing. Corens is now serving an 18-year sentence in the Maryland Penitentiary.

The material, about enough to fill half a bucket, was found by Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission workers after they had received complaints by the present owners of the house, Mr. and Mrs. George Harps, that the sewer was "stopped up."

He said the house had been vacant since Corens was convicted and that Mr. and Mrs. Harps moved in about a week ago.

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Heckled by Winston Churchill, whom he accused of being "utterly incapable" of understanding the plain English of the situation, the peppery little Morrison said:

"I have been in touch with Mr. (Will) Clayton, United States Assistant Secretary of State, and I am glad to say on his authority that there is not and never has been any misunderstanding between us on what we agreed."

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## \$150,000 Requested To Replace Leaky Water Gate Barge

Testifying that the present Watergate barge is "unseaworthy," J. P. Hayes, general manager of the National Symphony Orchestra, today urged a Senate appropriations subcommittee to include in the Interior Department's National Park Service budget \$150,000 for a new barge.

Mr. Hayes, a former naval officer, told the committee that auxiliary pumps have been installed to keep the barge afloat during the Watergate concert season which opens June 16 and continues through July 26. He said there is no alternate facility or location in Washington suitable for summer concerts of this kind.

The \$150,000 item had been included in the Interior Department's original 1947 budget request, but it was struck out by the House Appropriations Committee.

**LOST.**

**ARGUS CAMERA.** Green leather case. Lost 1 a.m. May 20, 1946. AA plane from N. Y. to Miami, Fla. Substantial reward. Phone French Embassy, AD. 6500.

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**HANDBAG.** woman's, lost in taxi on Sunday, containing money, traveler's check and misc. items. Reward. Call RUTH SLOAN, Hay-Adams Hotel.

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