



George C. Marshall

THE MARSHALL PLAN

- Most of western Europe was in the same situation as Greece & Turkey
 - Governments, hospitals, postal services, food, housing, etc. lay in ruins
 - Millions huddled in refugee camps
 - Winter of 1946-47 was one of the coldest on record
- 1947: George Marshall proposed the “Marshall Plan” or *The European Recovery Program*
 - Which would provide aid to any European nation that needed it
- **Czechoslovakia** chose communism in 1948
 - The need to aid European nations to keep them from becoming communist became more urgent.

Truman Doctrine

Benefited the two non-communist countries in Eastern Europe: **Greece and Turkey**

Done for containment

Promoted by American President Harry S. Truman

Presented in March 1947

Gave \$400 million to two countries

Marked the beginning of American interventionism

Marshall Plan

Benefited **all the countries in Western Europe**

Done for support and aid in rebuilding

Promoted by US Secretary of State George C. Marshall

Presented in April 1948

Gave \$13 billion to Western Europe

Supported Europe's fastest economic growth in history

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"Oliver Twist has asked for more!"—Mr Bumble (Oliver Twist)



Four Important Factors That Shaped The Marshall Plan:

1. Threat that hunger, poverty, and despair of European populations would lead them to vote for communism.
 2. American assistance would produce immediate psychological benefits and late material benefits from these countries
 3. That the Soviet Union would not accept United States aid to these countries and thus strain U.S. Soviet relations
 4. United States desire to seize both the geopolitical and moral initiative in the emerging Cold War.
- Stalin fell into the trap set for him by the Marshall Plan
 - Got him to build the Berlin Wall that would divide Europe.



THE WAY BACK

- Between 1948-1952
 - 16 European nations received American aid
 - \$13 billion
 - Great Britain received the largest amount: \$3 billion
- Cost of the Marshall Plan was high, but:
 - Stopped the spread of communism
 - Kept the rest of Europe free from Soviet influence
 - Countries that received aid:
 - Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and western Germany.



Dorman Smith in The Phoenix Gazette, N.E.A.
"He's finally getting the hang of it."



WHILE THE SHADOW LENGTHENS