

Making It Part Of Europe: Recovery, Departmental Papers

By George F. Kennan

The European Recovery Program, also known as the Marshall Plan, was a massive economic aid program launched by the United States in 1948 to help rebuild Europe after World War II. The program provided over \$13 billion in grants and loans to 16 European countries, and it is widely credited with helping to spur economic recovery and political stability in Europe.



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In this book, George F. Kennan, a leading American diplomat and historian, provides a comprehensive analysis of the European Recovery Program and its impact on the reconstruction of Europe. Kennan argues that the program was a success, but he also warns that it did not solve all of Europe's problems.

Kennan begins by describing the state of Europe in the aftermath of World War II. The war had devastated Europe's economy and infrastructure, and millions of people were displaced or homeless. Kennan argues that the United States had a moral obligation to help Europe rebuild, and that the European Recovery Program was a wise investment in the future of Europe and the United States.

Kennan then discusses the design and implementation of the European Recovery Program. He praises the program's emphasis on economic recovery, but he also criticizes the program's focus on short-term goals. Kennan argues that the program should have done more to promote long-term economic growth and political integration in Europe.

Despite these criticisms, Kennan concludes that the European Recovery Program was a success. He argues that the program helped to spur economic recovery in Europe, and that it also helped to promote political stability and democracy in Europe. Kennan also argues that the program helped to create a more integrated and prosperous Europe, which has been a major force for peace and stability in the world.

Making It Part Of Europe is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the history of the European Recovery Program and its impact on the reconstruction of Europe after World War II. Kennan's analysis is insightful and balanced, and he provides a wealth of information on the program's design, implementation, and impact.

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Chapter 1: The Origins of the European Recovery Program

The European Recovery Program was the brainchild of George Marshall, the United States Secretary of State. Marshall first proposed the program in a speech at Harvard University in June 1947. In his speech, Marshall argued that the United States had a moral obligation to help Europe rebuild, and that the United States should provide economic aid to Europe to help it recover from the war.

Marshall's proposal was met with mixed reactions. Some Americans were skeptical of the idea of providing aid to Europe, fearing that it would be a waste of money. Others argued that the United States should focus on its own economic problems, and that it should not provide aid to Europe until it had solved its own problems.

Despite these objections, Marshall's proposal was eventually approved by the United States Congress. In April 1948, the United States passed the Economic Cooperation Act, which authorized the United States to provide \$13 billion in aid to Europe over a four-year period.

Chapter 2: The Design and Implementation of the European Recovery Program

The European Recovery Program was administered by the Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA), which was created by the United States

Congress to oversee the program. The ECA was headed by Paul Hoffman, a former businessman who had served as the president of the Studebaker Corporation.

The ECA developed a set of criteria for determining which countries would receive aid under the European Recovery Program. The criteria included the country's need for aid, its ability to use aid effectively, and its commitment to economic recovery. The ECA also required that countries receiving aid under the program develop economic recovery plans that would outline how they would use the aid to rebuild their economies.

The European Recovery Program was a success in terms of its economic goals. The program helped to spur economic growth in Europe, and it also helped to stabilize the European economy. The program also helped to promote political stability in Europe, and it helped to create a more integrated and prosperous Europe.

Chapter 3: The Impact of the European Recovery Program

The European Recovery Program had a profound impact on the reconstruction of Europe after World War II. The program helped to spur economic growth, stabilize the European economy, and promote political stability in Europe. The program also helped to create a more integrated and prosperous Europe.

The European Recovery Program was not without its critics. Some critics argued that the program was too focused on short-term goals, and that it did not do enough to promote long-term economic growth and political integration in Europe. Others argued that the program was too expensive,

and that the United States should have focused on its own economic problems.

Despite these criticisms, the European Recovery Program was a success. The program helped to spur economic recovery in Europe, and it also helped to promote political stability and democracy in Europe. The program also helped to create a more integrated and prosperous Europe, which has been a major force for peace and stability in the world.

Chapter 4: The Legacy of the European Recovery Program

The European Recovery Program is widely credited with helping to rebuild Europe after World War II. The program helped to spur economic growth, stabilize the European economy, and promote political stability in Europe. The program also helped to create a more integrated and prosperous Europe.

The legacy of the European Recovery Program is still felt today. The program helped to create a more prosperous and stable Europe, which has been a major force for peace and stability in the world. The program also helped to create the foundation for the European Union, which has been a major force for economic integration and cooperation in Europe.

The European Recovery Program was a success, and it is a model for how the United States can help other countries rebuild after war or natural disasters.

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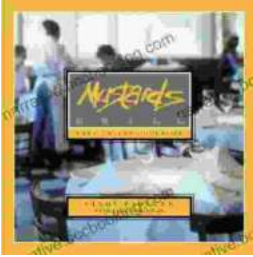
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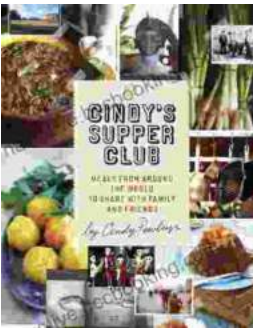
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