

# Roosevelt Asks 41 Nations to Money Parley

## De Gaulle Committee Also Invited to Conference at Bretton Woods July 1

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WASHINGTON, May 26.—The United Nations and the governments associated with them in the war have been invited by President Roosevelt to send official representatives to the United States for an international monetary conference starting July 1 at Bretton Woods, N. H., the White House announced today. Henry Morgenthau jr., Secretary of the Treasury, will head the American delegates.

At his press conference this afternoon, President Roosevelt said that one of the topics that would be discussed was establishment of a bank of reconstruction and development. He stressed the fact that all agreements worked out at the meetings would have to be submitted to the respective governments for approval, thus proving, he added, that the United States would not make any commitments not approved by Congress.

In reply to a correspondent's question as to whether the press would be permitted to cover the conference, Mr. Roosevelt said yes, but that reporters would not be permitted to sleep with the delegates. After the laughter that greeted this remark had subsided, Mr. Roosevelt declared that he thought enough had been said on the matter.

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Mr. Roosevelt turned aside a question as to whether the United States, Great Britain and Soviet Russia had agreed on preliminary steps before the conference had been called. He said that was something the State Department would have to answer, but no information on the question could be obtained at the department.

The White House announcement said that the conference had been arranged "for the purpose of discussing proposals to meet post-war international monetary problems."

The discussions, which are expected to last approximately three weeks, will be held at the Bretton Woods summer resort in the New Hampshire mountains, and have been designated the United Nations Monetary and Financial Conference. Only members of the United Nations and the governments associated with them have been invited to attend, thus excluding such nations as Argentina and Bolivia, whose governments have not been recognized by the United States, and neutrals, including Sweden, Turkey, Switzerland and Spain.

Stephen T. Early, Presidential secretary, said that invitations to the conference had been sent by cable last night to forty-one nations and the French Committee of National Liberation and had been delivered this morning by American diplomatic representatives. The White House announcement regarding the conference was released at 11 a. m., at approximately the same time that the invitations were being formally presented.

### On Plateau in Mountains

BRETTON WOODS, N. H., May 26 (UP).—The United Nations Monetary and Financial Conference will be held against a backdrop of the White Mountains' famous Presidential Range.

One of the nation's most fashionable resort centers, Bretton Woods is situated on a broad plateau fringed by a massive tier of mountain peaks, with mile-high Mount Washington as the focal point.