**Trustees Appointed For 43 Farben Units**

The far-flung I.G. Farbenindustrie is slowly being decentralized, and the units are being placed under separate management when they are retained as an integral part of the German economy. In doing this, Military Government has been releasing units designated to be released to the I.G. Farben Control Office.

The most recent figures show that of the 50 I.G. Farben units designated, 43 have trustees appointed for their management by the I.G. Farben Control Office and that, of this number, 30 have been actually released by Property Control to the I.G. Farben Control authorities.

Hesse state was the richest area in the I.G. Farben kingdom with 23 units.

Seven units remain for which I.G. Farben Control Office must appoint trustees and 13 units yet to be released from Property Control. These figures apply only to the 50 plants so far designated for release to the I.G. Farben Control authorities. — Military Government Report No. 31.

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**ERP—and Germany’s Opportunity**

Maj. Gen. George P. Hays, the US Deputy Military Governor, spoke at the reopening of the enlarged Wuertemberg-Baden export exhibition in Stuttgart.

He said that the Bizonal Area’s export-import program gives Germany its first chance to show that the German people are ready to accept their responsibilities under the Marshall Plan, and to meet their obligations among the free nations of the world. His speech in part follows:

**The greatest hope for the peace of the world today lies in the spirit which has impelled countries of different languages, traditions, and economic usage to join together as neighbors and friends for mutual recovery.**

Less than two weeks ago the US Congress voted a loan of over $6,000,000,000 for assistance to war-ravished nations throughout the world. The European Recovery Program is unique in the history of the world.

The only “restriction” on the ERP money is that it is to be used for food, machinery, and raw materials essential for the recovery of the recipient nations.

A fundamental prerequisite of participation in the European Recovery Program as stated in Secretary of State Marshall’s first enunciation of the plan 10 months ago was that each nation included should take every step within its power necessary for a revival of its economy. The nations concerned have been doing just that and have chopped away at trade barriers that have obstructed European trade throughout history.

The bizonal export-import program is Germany’s first chance to show the rest of the world that the German people are ready to accept their responsibility under the Marshall Plan and to meet their obligations among the free nations of the world. Nineteen forty-eight should be a year of greatly increased exports and surging recovery everywhere in the western zones of Germany.

This plan is more than simply a design for economic recovery. By eliminating old trade barriers and by substituting cooperation for economic conflict, it is helping to construct the foundation for a peaceful world.

The inclusion of Germany in this plan must indeed be encouraging to those who have been confronted with the problems of food, clothing and shelter in this state.

**It means more than just a great step forward towards this country’s economic betterment. The willingness of countries which have just concluded a war with Germany now to include her in this program is a milestone on the road to friendship and peaceful cooperation as well.**

The very spirit of this plan is that of self-help, friendship and cooperation. The door was and is open to those who do not seek self-aggrandizement, who truly wish to build a new and peaceful Europe, who wish to erase the wounds of history, who really seek the greatest good for plain people.