

Truman Joins Marshall on AUC Council

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Former President Truman has joined the Advisory Council of the Atlantic Union Committee, in response to an invitation from the Committee's acting president, Will Clayton, a Truman Undersecretary of State. The Council now includes 620 leaders.

In joining it, Mr. Truman made no public statement, letting his action speak its own volumes. His move gains in significance because he has been ever charier of joining private organizations than General Marshall, another noted "non-joiner" who made the same exception recently.

Recalling this, Mr. Clayton wrote Mr. Truman:

"I hope you will agree with General Marshall who said, at the time he joined our Council in May, 'The subject today is vitally important and the period fateful. All probably agree to the importance of Atlantic unity but few act.'"

We think history will rate Mr. Truman's response with his other bold acts, -the Greece-Turkey guarantee, Marshall Plan, defiance of the Berlin blockade, founding of NATO, - which have done so much to pave the way for Atlantic Union.