

CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE MARSHALL PLAN

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Czechoslovak politicians as well as economists sought after the Second World War to obtain foreign credits for the necessary modernization of industry. The Marshall Plan offered a welcome opportunity in this regard, which is why the Czechoslovak government wanted to take part in the Paris talks on the Marshall Plan even after the Soviet delegation had left the conference. Soviet pressure and Stalin's „no“ during the negotiations of the Czechoslovak government delegation in Moscow meant the end of this venture. The Czechoslovak government capitulated and withdrew its participation. A formal declaration followed, according to which Prague had misinterpreted the Soviet standpoint, Moscow not having made its negative position sufficiently clear to the government in Prague.