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The Invention of Europe - (Un)expected Consequences of the Marshall Plan

Die Erfindung Europas - (Un)erwartete Folgen des Marshallplans

Many contemporary historians and academics see the Marshall Plan as the first significant step towards European integration. However the plan devised by the former US foreign minister and Nobel Peace Prize winner, George C. Marshall, which initially cost 12.5 billion dollars, was controversial even at the time. Many American taxpayers were critical of the newly established policy of using money from the US to help support failed foreign economies. This documentary traces the development and effects of the Marshall Plan with the aid of interviews with eyewitnesses from that time. It attempts to bring the viewer closer to an authentic understanding of developments following the Second World War by portraying the fate of individuals in a range of different situations and professions, using the unique historical source of the «Wochenschau».

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