



## Description

President Harry S. Truman speaks at the North Atlantic Treaty Organization signing ceremony in the State Department Auditorium in Washington, D.C. Seated in a semi-circle behind him are the foreign ministers all the NATO signatory nations, front row, left to right: Ernest Bevin, United Kingdom; Halvard M. Lange, Norway; Joseph Bech, Luxembourg; Bjarni Benediktsson, Iceland; Gustav Rasmussen, Denmark; Paul-Henri Spaak, Belgium; Dean Acheson, United States; Lester Pearson, Canada; Robert Schuman, France; Count Carlo Sforza, Italy; Dirk U. Stikker, the Netherlands; and Jose Caeiro da Mata, Portugal. New York Times Paris Bureau photograph, National Archives number 306-NT-355C-24.

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Lange, Halvard Manthey, 1902-1970 Bech, Joseph, 1887-1975 Spaak, Paul-Henri, 1899-1972 Pearson,  
Lester B. (Lester Bowles), 1897-1972 Schuman, Robert, 1886-1963 Sforza, Carlo, conte, 1872-1952  
Stikker, Dirk U. (Dirk Uipko), 1897-1979

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