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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TRUMAN TO THE INAUGURAL
MEETING OF THE WORLD FUND AND BANK
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Members of the Savannah Conference:

On behalf of the United States, I welcome you to a great southern city, Savannah, Georgia.

I should like to recall to your minds now the words with which the late great President Roosevelt welcomed the delegates to the Bretton Woods Conference. He said:

"The spirit in which you carry on these discussions will set a pattern for future friendly consultations among nations in their common interest. Further evidence will be furnished at Bretton Woods that men of different nationalities have learned how to adjust possible differences and how to work together as friends. The things that we need to do, must be done -- can only be done in concert. This conference will test our capacity to cooperate in peace as we have in war. I know that you will all approach your task with a high sense of responsibility to those who have sacrificed so much in their hopes for a better world."

Today we all know of the success which was attained at Bretton Woods. For there was constructed a cornerstone upon the foundation of which a sound economic world can -- and must -- be erected. Whether such a sound economic world will be realized will depend very largely upon your individual and collective endeavors. For the great institutions provided for at Bretton Woods must now become living operating organisms. To breathe life into these institutions is your challenging task.

In this task I wish you Godspeed. You must not fail.

HARRY S. TRUMAN

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