

# HANDS OFF!



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INSURANCE INFORMATION INSTITUTION

by Congressman James T. Broyhill ANNUAL RITUAL

Foreign aid is in an annual ritual which Congress tends to deal with along predictable lines. This year was no exception as the House of Representatives considered the foreign aid authorization legislation last week. For a program which is said to have no "constituency," foreign aid has shown remarkable strength over the years. This is particularly true in view of the fact that the program has been so shot through with charges of scandal and mismanagement. This year, significant cuts in the program were made in this first bout in the yearly foreign aid debate.

Since 1946, a total of 120 nations and six territories have received assistance from the United States valued at \$118.4 billion. These funds, of course, had to be borrowed by our government and the total interest paid on this amount amounts to about \$52.8 billion, making a grand total of \$171.2 billion.

There is no precedent in human history for this kind of generosity on the part of a single nation. It is true that a part of these funds was used to maintain the security of the free world. In this sense, some of our foreign critics have charged that foreign aid has been entirely in the self-

interest of the United States and that generosity or a concern about the development of other countries was not of sincere importance to the American people.

In spite of our occasional mistakes and failures over the years, it seems to me that this country has demonstrated its sincere and earnest desire to help others in working out their problems, developing their resources, and realizing fuller lives for their citizens. Nevertheless, the lavish scale of our foreign aid program is a burden that the American people need to question seriously in view of this nation's other financial obligations and difficulties. I feel that it is no longer possible or advisable for the United States to go on supporting so many countries of the world in the style to which we have encouraged them to become accustomed.

This year's foreign aid request was described by the White House as a "bare bones" minimum. This, too, has become a yearly ritual as the President assures us that the bill must not and cannot be cut. However, the House Foreign Affairs Committee removed almost \$600 million dollars before referring the legislation to the full membership of the House. This left \$2.4 billion in the bill. When the debate was concluded, the House had

cut off another \$371 million. Even though this is the lowest figure in a foreign aid bill for many years, I feel that much more could have been done to reduce the bill and to redirect this sprawling program that has been so costly to the American people.

As an instance, military assistance to foreign governments has not received as much attention by the Congress as it deserves. However, there is considerable waste and mismanagement in this effort. Costly military hardware cannot be justified for many of the countries to which we have been sending it. It makes no sense to be sending expensive, supersonic jet planes to countries in Latin America whose enemy is internal subversion rather than military attack from outside. There are many instances of this kind in which underdeveloped countries enjoy parading expensive military equipment rather than attending to the economic problems that trouble their people and create ripe breeding grounds for Communism. The re-directing of foreign aid still remains to be done. Nevertheless, the yearly battles over funds are forcing new decisions upon the Administration for a more effective use of the money being made available to help other nations.

In these days leading up to the national political conventions, the

most discussed domestic issue is Federal gun control legislation. At the conclusion of the foreign aid debate, the House of Representatives began work on a bill to control the mail order sale of long guns. In the discussion, amendments were offered to require the Federal registration and licensing of both hand guns and long guns. I opposed both of these amendments. They were soundly defeated making it clear that the final bill to emerge from the House will not include these controversial and, in my opinion, unjustifiable restrictions in Federal law. The House will hammer out its version of a mail ban bill next week.

### AUTO FIRE

City firemen extinguished a blaze in an automobile Monday at 10:45 a.m. on Katherine street and answered a false alarm at 8:30 p.m. Monday to J. E. Herndon Company.

### YOUTH SPEAKER

Police Chief Tom McDevitt will be guest speaker at Sunday night's meeting of Pioneer and Senior High Fellowship at First Presbyterian church at 6:30 p.m.

Nine million hours were donated last year by 113,000 veterans hospital volunteers.

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