



WASHINGTON REPORT
from
Congressman
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Legislation that makes newspaper headlines is only a small part of that which is considered by the Congress, and recent charges by the press that Congress has been "dragging its feet" thus far in this session are not borne out by the record. The House has already passed a total of 24 bills covering every phase of governmental activity.

Of these, those of particular interest to people in the Third District include: HR 5000—the Military Construction which includes appropriations for construction at the Bases within our District; HR 4806 authorizing temporary grants to unemployed workers; HR 4906 authorizing temporary grants to the States for aid to dependent children of unemployed workers; HR 3935 increasing the Federal Minimum Wage from \$1.00 to 1.15 and increasing the coverage; S-1 providing for Federal Aid to de-

pressed areas; HR 4596 providing for dividend payments to eligible holders of National Service Life Insurance Policies and HR 856 permitting conversion or exchange of such policies; HR 848 providing for a permanent program of vocational rehabilitation for veterans of World War II and the Korean Conflict with service-connected disabilities; HR 4510 — the Feed Grain Bill designed to reduce the feed grain surplus by encouraging farmers to reduce acreage; and HR 1822 increasing the size and availability of individual farm loans.

In addition to the 24 bills passed, 6 others have been reported out by the various committees to which they were assigned and are awaiting action on the Floor when the Congress reconvenes after the Easter Holidays; and all committees are hard at work holding hearings on other bills which are being reported out daily.

the necessities of life will do far more in the way of building friendship than giving them handouts.

One of the reasons I have been critical in the past of some of the ways in which we have conducted our foreign aid program is the fact that too much emphasis has been put on the notion that we could win friends by what amounts to making gifts of the fruits of our productivity. For example, we have distributed many tractors and other farm implements in Nations where the farmers themselves did not know how to use them or appreciate the benefits they could bring. Whether we like it or not, the people of the underdeveloped nations of the world must have a desire to help themselves before we can be of any real help to them. Before a farmer in Nigeria or Ghana can appreciate a tractor he gets from the United States, he must have a desire to improve his productivity.

During the time they were in Washington visiting the agricultural research center at Beltsville and other agencies of our government, I had the opportunity to talk with the group which is now in North Carolina.

For many years, cocoa beans have been the major money crop in Nigeria. I learned from the group that while their farmers are

very interested in better production methods for cocoa, there are problems when it comes to producing sufficient food to provide adequate diets for their growing population. The rainfall, the climate, and the soil are such in Nigeria and Ghana that a wide range of crops can be grown without difficulty.

During the next few months, the farm leaders from these Nations who are visiting the United States will get as much information as possible about how we produce crops that can be adapted to their countries. They will take this information home with them and teach their own people what they have learned.

In my way of thinking, this is the kind of foreign aid that gets

the kind of results the Free World needs.

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A group of about 14 farm leaders from Nigeria and Ghana are in North Carolina making an extensive study of our State's agricultural extension service. They will spend about three months in North Carolina getting firsthand knowledge of our farms and farmers as well as how our county agents and others work with farmers.

While in our State they will work out of A. and T. College in Greensboro under the direction of J. W. Jeffries, who for many years

was Assistant Director of the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service.

In my opinion, what these people will learn and be able to carry back to their people in the way of knowledge about how to produce

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