

# CONGRESSMAN JONES EXPLAINS WHY HE VOTES AGAINST FOREIGN AID PROGRAMS

As most of you know, Congress was in recess last week; therefore, no report on Congressional legislation.

One of the most controversial and costly programs of your Government is that of foreign aid. Some members of Congress continue to question the validity of the program in its present form. Obviously, we have acquired few, if any, new friends in the family of nations. The original concept of assisting the hungry and the poor among nations has been since forgotten.

Representative Otto Passman, from Louisiana, for many years has been Chairman of the Subcommittee on Foreign Operation of the Appropriations Committee. He recently released some figures which are startling and also justify a reappraisal of our entire foreign aid program. I am including as a part of this report to you, portions of Congressman Passman's statement.

"New budget requests made since January 1, 1969, for additional authority for foreign assistance covering loans, grants and credits — Ten billion, five hundred and twenty-eight million dollars.

"Unexpected balances in pipeline from prior years — eighteen billion, seven hundred and eight million dollars.

"If all new requests are approved by the Congress, the total funds available, new and from prior years, will amount to Twenty-nine billion two hundred and thirty-six million dollars.

"Net cost of the foreign assistance program since its inception (1946-69), including interest on what we have borrowed to give away, amounts to One hundred eighty-two billion, five hundred and eighty-three million dollars. Our wealth has been distributed among the entire

3.5 billion population of the world, with the exception of a mere 36 million people.

"During this world-wide spending spree, our gold holdings have been reduced from Twenty-two billion, eight hundred and seventy-nine million dollars to ten billion, three hundred and sixty-seven million dollars.

"Our balance of payments situation, since this worldwide spending spree started, has become serious. We have sent to foreign nations of the world Thirty-six billion, eight hundred and ninety-six million dollars more than they have returned to us.

"The freewheeling spending program covering the face of the earth has helped push the U.S. public debt to a figure fifty-seven billion eighty-one million dollars above the combined public debt of all other nations of the world.

"Many believe that we have substituted dollars for a sound foreign policy. Indeed we have substituted aid for trade. We have become so addicted to this new formula that to be able to continue it we are now borrowing money from more than thirty foreign nations of the world.

"We are borrowing money from the American people to pay for commodities and services which are given free to foreign nations. At the same time we are borrowing money from foreign nations in order to improve temporarily our balance of payments situation. One example is as follows:

"Thailand is the recipient of over ONE BILLION DOLLARS of our aid, both commodities and services. The United States borrowed the money to pay for these services and commodities we have given to them. During the same period, Thailand, out of its own resources, created a surplus in its foreign exchange and gold reserves of over One billion dollars. Now the shocker!

"After long diplomatic wrangling, strong argument and arm-twisting, Thailand reluctantly but finally agreed to make the United States a loan of one hundred million dollars. Terms: Four and one-half years at 6 per cent interest!

"This is just one of the many examples of the mess we are getting into with our freewheeling, world-wide spending program." I hope the above statistics ex-

plain why I have voted against the foreign aid bills since becoming a member of Congress.

### 'Suddenly I'm supposed to be rich, eh?'



## Thought for the Week

"If our Nation's millionaires were taxed 100 per cent of their incomes each year, the revenue would run the Federal Government only 29 hours. If all the income from individuals making over \$25,000 per year was taken as tax, it would run the government for less than three days. In fact, if all personal income over \$10,000 were confiscated, it would run the government only 18½ days. This might be one reason why the majority of Americans, at least those who are paying the bill, want to reduce the size, cost and control of Federal Government."

—Rep. ED FOREMAN of New Mexico

## WHAT IS THE ANSWER?

by Henry E. Garrett, Ph.D.

PROFESSOR EMERITUS, COLUMBI UNIVERSITY, PAST PRESIDENT, AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Q: Dr. Garrett, I see J. Edgar Hoover reports Negro crime rate rising six times as fast as White crime rate. Are Criminals "made" or "born"?

A: Both. If a youth with defective inheritance is exposed to crime and to criminals, or is untrained at home, he is predisposed to crime. The nearest thing to a "born" criminal is the recidivist, a person who is arrested over and over. The nearest thing to a "made" criminal is the person who is faced by almost intolerable temptation to steal, say, and sees no other way out.

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