

Looking at WASHINGTON

U. S. CASH FOR UNDEVELOPED AREAS

The United States and other nations would provide several billion dollars for the development of the Middle East, Africa, South Asia and Southeast Asia, for the purpose of breaking "the back of hunger and famine" and obtaining an abundance of "critical materials" for this country and Europe.

The recommendation comes from the International Development Advisory Board, headed by Nelson Rockefeller, which suggests a super-administrator to handle the major foreign economic activities of this government. A special effort would be made to provide credit facilities and to encourage private investment in production facilities. The gist of the scheme is to oppose the economic subversion of Soviet imperialism by a constructive program of economic development.

Among other recommendations is the spending of \$500,000,000 a year for several years to improve economic and health conditions in the areas mentioned above. We get about seventy-three per cent of our strategic and critical materials from this area and a sound basis for production is considered necessary for the defense of the free world.

In addition, there would be created an international development authority to help finance public works in undeveloped areas. Another international finance corporation would

stimulate the flow of private investment capital to undeveloped areas, with special inducements to attract investments, such as exemptions from U. S. taxes and foreign tax discrimination.

The Overseas Economic Administrator would attempt to bring about the investment of \$2,000,000,000 in private money in production facilities alone. In order to make the investment relatively safe, the suggestion is made that the projects be undertaken under long-term government purchase contracts, or accelerated amortization, as defense facilities. This means, if it means anything, that the investors, who uphold the cause of private enterprise, would put up their money but have the backing of a government contract or other endowments that would take all the risk out of the enterprise.

We are in general accord with the international program outlined. It represents a forward-looking view of world conditions. Nevertheless, if the government of the United States is going to take the risk involved in investing funds in the undeveloped areas, we think the government might as well take the chance of making the money. Moreover, we think some definite arrangement should be entered into so that, when the undeveloped areas become more fully developed, the United States and other free nations will not find that the production fruits have encouraged, will become the fruits of Communist nations

which have done nothing to bring about the improvement.

NEW POWER FOR VOICE OF AMERICA

The gravity of the international situation leads President Truman to request Congress to speed up appropriations for the construction of a ring of radio transmitters so that the Voice of America programs can have adequate radio coverage in critical areas of the world.

The President thinks that the best way to counteract the "distortions and untruths" of the Communists is to present the truth and adds that "incredible as it may seem, Communist lies are widely believed" where people "have no way of learning the truth."

The funds requested, \$97,000,000, added to the preparations already made, will make possible the completion of radio broadcasting facilities that represent the final links in a ring of radio transmitters and equipment, designed to tell the American story to all who can listen to it.

WOULD CHECK "PRIVILEGED" SMEAR CAMPAIGNS

Adolph J. Sabath, 84-year-old dean of the House of Representatives, who was born in Czecho-Slovakia, wants to do something about the practice of using the Congressional Record for "personal attacks and smear campaigns."

In his effort to prevent abuses of the privilege of immunity, which protects members of Congress from liability for statements made in Congress, the Illinois legislator should have the best wishes of the nation. Not many Americans are the victims of unfairness that is exhibited by publishing articles in the Congressional Record, but all of us should be concerned with fair play for every other American.

The Congressional Record, as the reader knows, contains two parts. The first is the account of the actual proceedings of the two Houses and the second is an appendix, in which members insert additional remarks of their own editorials, news articles, speeches and virtually anything that strikes their fancy.

The appendix is used, very often, for members of Congress to curry favors with editors or public speakers. It includes a variety of "insertions" that, for some reason, the member of Congress thinks people should read. Very often, the articles include charges against third persons that would be libelous if made elsewhere but the Congressional speaker, or writer, is protected by the privilege of immunity.

Of course, Congress should be a privileged forum and Congressmen, as a rule, should not be liable for remarks made in the course of debate. Nevertheless, there is no reason why Congress itself should not seek to devise some plan to defend every American from unlicensed attacks. It could be done without interfering with the free speech privilege of Congressmen and will be done, eventually, unless the Members of Congress willingly permit irresponsible members of the two Houses to take advantage of a privilege.

SMALL BUSINESS NEEDS DEFENSE ORDERS

Facing the threat of atomic warfare, responsible officials have suggested that the United States should decentralize its industrial facilities. Even before World War II, the idea was advanced to scatter essential industries throughout the nation rather than increase the concentration of industry that now exists in certain important industrial regions.

When the Japanese attacked us at Pearl Harbor, however, the urgency of the situation compelled the Government to make contracts with companies already in existence and able to function immediately. The result was the further expansion of industrial facilities in the congested industrial areas rather than the decentralization of facilities in scattered areas where they would be better protected from enemy attack.

In connection with the present defense production program, it is important for the Government to bear these facts in mind. Nevertheless, Senator Hubert Humphrey, of Minnesota, asserts that "small business has had the procurement door slammed in its face" and that a relative handful of larger companies are receiving "multi-million dollar contracts" in such amounts that our industrial giants are backlogged for months.

Mr. Humphrey points out that the mobilization program signed the death sentence for "thousands of small firms using steel, copper, aluminum, brass, zinc, nickel, rubber and other materials in short supply" and that the only hope for their existence is signed contracts with the Government or sub-contracts with large companies that have defense contracts.

Accordingly, the Minnesota Congressman wants to set up an independent office of small business production and issue regulations that would assure small plants an opportunity to participate in the production required by the mobilization program.

Horrible Example

Daughter—Maw, I wish you would stop bossing pa around so much.
Maw—What's the matter now?
Daughter—Well, every time I get some boy interested in me he grows serious and asks me if I take after you.

Garden Time

By ROBERT SCHMIDT

Plant corn when dogwoods begin to bloom. This is an old saying. Anyway, corn-planting time is just around the corner. Many of our gardeners are still planting Truckers Favorite or some other "roasting ear" variety of field corn. Why not try some real sweet corn this year? The ears are smaller, you say, and there are more worms in it. Yes, that is true, but there is no comparison in quality—even the worms recognize quality. There are a number of excellent varieties of sweet corn—Golden Cross, Joana, Aristogold Bantam, Iochief, Seneca Chief, Carmelcross, and many others. It is best to plant two or three rows at one time to insure good pollination.

The large-seeded lima bean is another crop that has been neglected except in the mountains, where it sets good crops. In the Piedmont and Coastal Plain most of the large-seeded limas will not set a good crop due to climatic factors. Therefore, most gardeners in these areas plant the small-seeded types, such as Henderson Bush or Carolina Sieva Pole. These are commonly called butterbeans and are of good quality. For those in

the eastern part of the State who desire a large seeded lima, the Peerless variety is recommended. It is a very nice bean. Do not plant lima beans until the soil has warmed up. Also it is recommended that you treat lima bean seed with Spergon dust before planting. A much better stand of beans will be obtained.

SOCIETY MEETS

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Up-River Friend Church met in March at the home of Sobelia Winslow with Jennie Winslow as joint hostess. Pearle White gave the devotional and prayers were offered by Pearle and Elizabeth White. The minutes were read and approved and roll was called with 19 members present. A letter of thanks, from Ina Stallings and Sophia Gregory was then read, followed by a resolution of respect from Delphina Winslow, submitted by Eunice and Sobelia Winslow.

The lesson was given by Eunice Winslow and Mary E. Winslow gave a short talk on stewardship. Elizabeth White dismissed the meeting with prayer. Following the meeting the hostesses served refreshments.

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