

# Looking at WASHINGTON

## MILITARY AID TO EUROPE ESSENTIAL

The Congress of the United States is considering the proposed \$3,500,000,000 military and economic foreign-aid program, but there is every indication that congressmen will make substantial reductions in the funds requested.

The United States is engaged in a multi-billion dollar program of defense. Its strategy in regard to Russian aggression includes a program designed to put the free peoples of Western Europe on their feet so that they may contribute to the fight against Communism.

It is well known that costs in European countries are lower than in the United States. The same amount of money, spent in Europe, will produce greater military strength. In addition, assistance from the United States permits other countries to make more substantial expenditures and greater exertions in their defense efforts.

The Economic Cooperation Administration, a business men's group, points out that the contest with Soviet Russia involves political and economic stability and greater productivity as well as armed might. It says that one dollar of American aid produces four dollars worth of essential strength in Europe and thus tends to protect the United States against maintaining its own strength indefinitely.

The E. C. A. reports that an analysis of rearmament efforts of two North Atlantic Treaty nations, which received about \$565,000,000 of the \$2,000,000,000 economic aid proposed, can account for about thirty per cent of Europe's rearmament effort. They propose to spend about \$4,000,000,000 for defense. Without our assistance, they will spend about \$2,800,000,000.

Our military officials in this country have urged congressmen to make cuts in our own defense spending rather than in the military and economic

assistance to European nations. Their reasoning is about the same as that of the E. C. A. While we think it would be inadvisable to make any substantial reduction in the assistance proposal, we are somewhat familiar with the processes of Congress and, despite the talk of economy, the chances are that any reduction will be temporary. A supplementary appropriation will likely come up later.

**TIME FOR THE NATION TO LOOK AHEAD**  
The majority of the Congressional committee which conducted the hearings on the dismissal of General MacArthur, which developed into an inquiry into the foreign policies of the nation, has wisely decided not to make a formal report.

A minority group, consisting of eight Republican Senators, filed its conclusion, including a scathing attack on President Truman's Administration, within the framework of a democratic country and once again, demonstrated the right of a minority to call public attention to what they considered to be mistakes and derelictions.

Senator Leverett Saltonstall, Republican, of Massachusetts, admitted that tragic mistakes may have been made in the past but pointed out that "our present task and duty are to deal with the present and the future, and to look ahead to the solving of difficulties that confront us rather than to look backward in anger and with recrimination."

This is undoubtedly the course of wisdom. The confronting mass of testimony in the MacArthur hearings, voluminous in detail, offers ample bits to prove almost any theory that any person has as to what has happened. The majority decision to let the hearings stand for themselves rather than attempt to report a conclusion, reflects sound judgment for the simple reason that nothing could be gained. What had been done could not be

## EUROPE RESSENTS THREAT FROM UNITED STATES

It is always difficult for the people of one country to understand the official position taken by another, particularly when an adamant stand by one side produces serious consequences for associated powers.

This observation applies rather strongly to the attitude of some Congressional extremists, who would force the Western nations of Europe to cut off all trade with Soviet Russia and its satellite nations, upon penalty of loss of all aid from the U. S. This might be all right, as a trade policy for the United States, but when we threaten the democratic nations of Western Europe, we fail to realize the important part that East-West trade plays in European economics.

European leaders are concerned over the apparent intention of Congress to tell them how they should trade with Eastern Europe. They point to the fact that the entire Marshall Plan was constructed on developing trade between the two divided parts of Europe and that for five years after World War II, the United States urged them to develop East-West trade as a means of overcoming the European dollar shortage.

European governments point out that Western Europe imports coal, coarse grains, bread grains, timber, meat, eggs and steel from Eastern Europe. In return, Western Europe exports machinery, chemicals, steel and vehicles to Eastern Europe. The total imports in 1950 were valued at slightly more than \$1,000,000,000 and exports at slightly less. Exports last year were less than half the figure for 1938 and imports much less than one-third.

The British, German and Scandinavian people are vitally affected by the decline in East-West trade. Britain particularly is seeking markets for its exports in order to avoid spending dollar exchange for what it can get from the countries that it sells. Moreover, Western defense and civilian economy depend upon continued shipments of Polish coal. If this is cut off, the economic experts of the Continent say that there is nothing that the West can deprive the East of that, in the long run, would do as much damage.

The policy of the United States, as expressed in Congress, was affected by the Korean War. Repeatedly the outcry was raised that any country, selling materials to an enemy, doesn't deserve our aid and should not get it. The cry against "war materials" naturally arose when the casualty list came home, but the term is not easily defined. Moreover, in considering the value of things sold to the enemy, one must also take into consideration the benefit obtained from goods received in return.

The Europeans, according to newspaper correspondents, are somewhat irritated because of the belief, apparent in Congress, that they are not interested in keeping down the Soviet war potential, although constantly in the shadow of Russian military power and that, even if interested, have not the intelligence to decide when they obtain a balance of advantage in trading with Communist Russia or its satellite nations.

## INDIA WON'T SIGN TREATY WITH JAPAN

The Government of India will not participate in the conference at San Francisco, where the treaty of peace with Japan will be signed.

Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, of India, thinks that the treaty violates his concept of "Asia for the Asians" by providing arrangements to permit foreign troops, expected to be American, in Japanese territory. He also takes the position that the exclusion of Communist China is wrong and insists that the Peiping regime must be universally recognized as a solidly founded Asian power and be taken into all councils affecting the Far East and the Pacific.

There are two other principal objections to the final draft of the text: He thinks that the treaty should return Formosa to China and that the Ryukyu and Bonin islands should be returned to Japanese sovereignty. These territories are occupied by the United States but so far as is known, the Indian leader does not suggest that the Russians evacuate Southern Sakhalin and the Kurile islands, which also formerly belonged to Japan.

## Cotton Loan Risk "Relatively Small"

The risk taken by farmers who place their cotton under loan and hold it for a more favorable marketing season is "relatively small," members of the State Cotton Committee asserted recently.

The committee, headed by David S. Weaver, director of the State College Extension Service, held a called meeting to discuss the cotton situation. As a result of the session, the group issued a statement advising farmers "to put cotton under the Government loan, hoping that when it is finally sold the price will be much more favorable than it is at the present time."

The committee expressed "deep concern" for prices being received by farmers while the harvesting, ginning, and marketing season is under way. They pointed out that the huge 1951 crop will not result in a burdensome surplus of cotton for domestic use and for war purposes, but that orderly marketing is necessary to prevent temporary market gluts and falling prices.

Appreciation was expressed to farmers "for their all-out effort in

increasing cotton production in North Carolina to take care of a serious cotton shortage in our nation."

"Facilities are available to any farmer in North Carolina desiring to put his cotton under loan," the statement said. "The Government loan is at 90 per cent of parity, which in many instances is as much as the farmer may receive on the open market. In view of these conditions, there is a relatively small amount of risk the farmer would take in holding his cotton for a more favorable marketing season."

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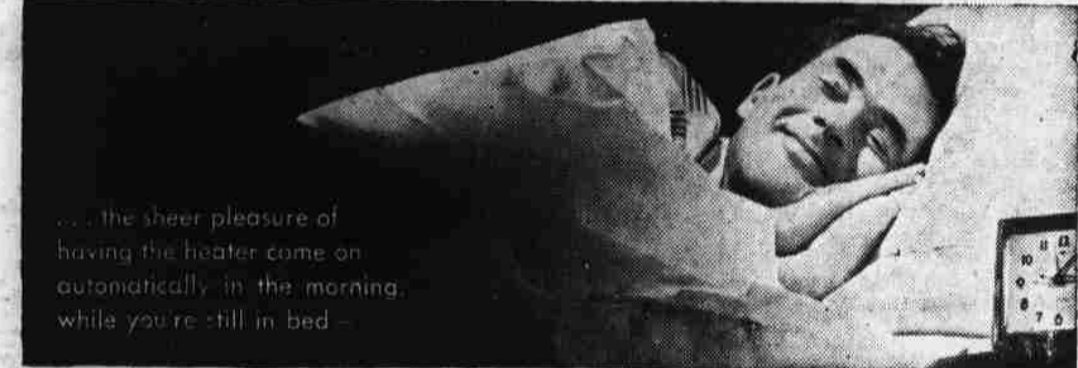
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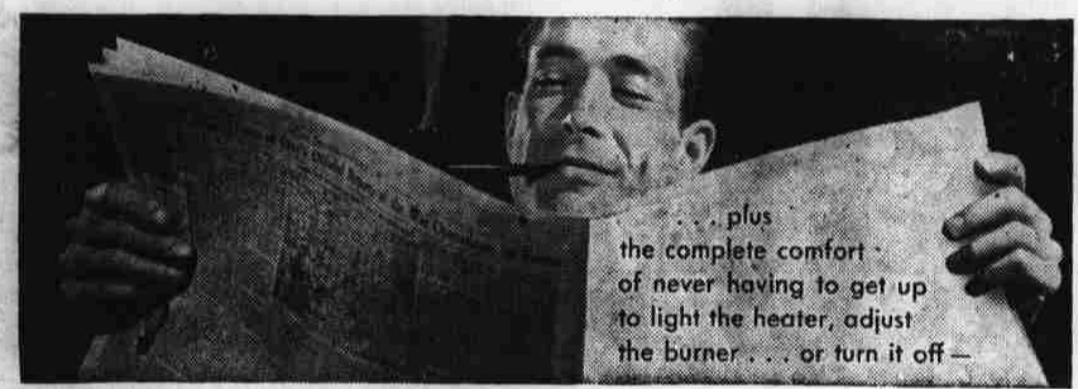
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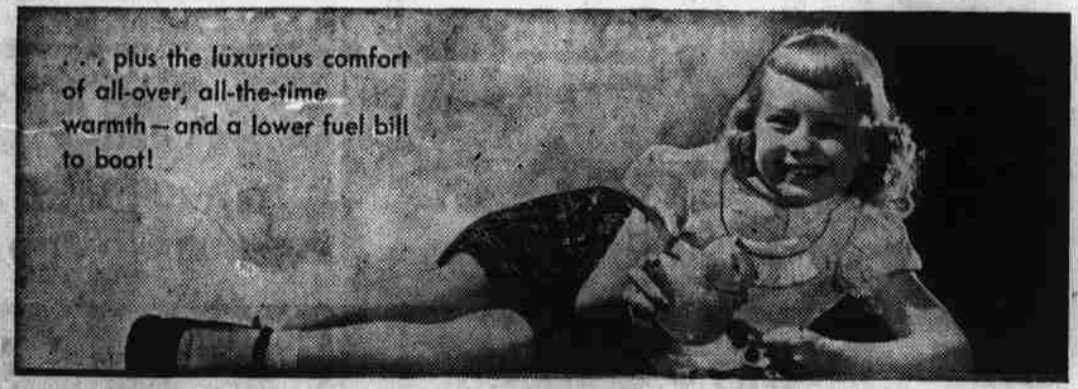
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All over North Carolina this is the season for doing the outdoor chores and repairs about the house and barn. November has its quick changes in weather, too. Some call it "October baby," and with good reason. Average date first killing frost Raleigh, November 5.

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