

Congress Facing Problem Of Allies' Aid

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Congress this month was building down to the task of deciding the form and amount of aid that this country can provide to its allies in the coming year as part of the free world's struggle to build strength against attack from without or subversion from within.

Of the \$7.9 billion requested by the President for the 1952-53 Mutual Security Program, the biggest share, \$6,350,000,000, is for direct military assistance—guns, planes, tanks, etc.—and would be administered directly by the Department of Defense.

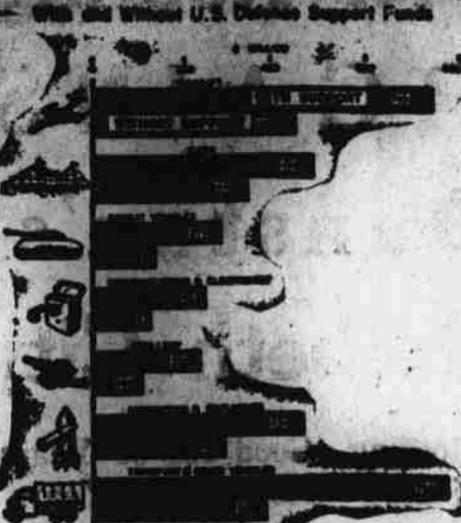
The next largest share—\$1,819,000,000—has been requested for use by the Mutual Security Agency to supply North Atlantic Treaty countries with defense support. These funds finance the purchase of "dollar area" raw materials, machinery and commodities which Western European countries must import in order to expand their total production to the degree necessary to carry out their agreed military programs.

Defense support has been compared to European military production as yeast is to bread—the relatively small but vital ingredient which "raises" the total military production to its proper size.

In a report to Congress on the planned use of defense support funds, MSA explained how each dollar used in this manner is multiplied two and a half times in direct additions to the military strength of NATO.

With the use of \$1.4 billion worth

EUROPE'S MILITARY PRODUCTION 1952/53



of defense-support commodities supplied by the United States, MSA said, Europe in the next fiscal year will be able to put the equivalent of \$18.9 billion into defense expenditures. Without this support, Europe's defense expenditures would total only \$10.8 billion. Thus, for a U. S. expenditure of \$1.4 billion, Europe would be able to increase its defense spending by \$8.8 billion.

These figures include 10 European NATO countries and Germany. The contributions of Greece and Turkey, newest NATO members, who will also share in the defense support appropriation, will be over and above

this amount. Austria and Yugoslavia will also receive American assistance from the proposed \$1,819,000,000.

To show the effect of defense support on the production of military hardware, MSA estimated Western Europe's output of aircraft, ships, combat vehicles, communication and electronic equipment, artillery, ammunition and explosives and transport and other vehicles, both with and without United States assistance. (See chart).

A task completely different than direct support of Europe's defense buildup is charged to MSA in the Far East. Here, in six strategically vital countries covering a vast expanse of Asia and the Pacific, the U. S. is extending economic and technical assistance to help the governments of those countries provide better services and more security for their 170 million people.

Communist aggression is more than a threat in these areas; a shooting war is on in Indochina just as it is in Korea, while subversion—armed and unarmed—is openly operating in other parts of the area.

What makes the job of MSA in this area so different from that in Europe is that it is primarily an export of people and know-how. This year, a total of 342 United States experts are assisting the governments of the area at their specific requests, in everything from campaigns against malaria to the setting up of mobile sawmills in untapped timber areas. Under the proposed program for next year, 795 specialists will be sent into the area and in addition, 741 local people will be brought to the United States for study and training. (See chart).

Backing up these experts, and translating their technical "show how" into concrete programs, is the shipment of necessary goods—fertilizer, for instance, to prove the points taught by agricultural experts, or DDT and medicines to help the local governments carry out the MSA-sponsored campaigns against malaria and other diseases.

For the coming year's technical and economic aid program in the Far East countries—Burma, China, (Formosa), Indochina, Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand the President has requested \$268 million, including \$70 million for direct military support in Indochina and on Formosa, and \$13 million for development of vitally-needed raw materials.

MSA TO SEND 700 TECHNICAL EXPERTS TO SIX FAR EAST NATIONS NEXT YEAR



700 local people to be brought from countries for training
mainly to the U.S.

abilities, of course, may begin training after July 25 of this year, VA said, but their courses would have to be completed before the 1956 deadline.

Such training is furnished as Government expense where a veteran has received a disability as a result of his active military service which requires special training to overcome his handicap and restore him to employability.

The deadline of July 25, 1956, does not apply to veterans of Korean service and those now on active duty anywhere. No deadline has been set as yet for this class of veterans. Under present law, their eligibility for vocational rehabilitation training will extend for nine years after the end of the present emergency, the date to be

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determined either by the president or by Congress.

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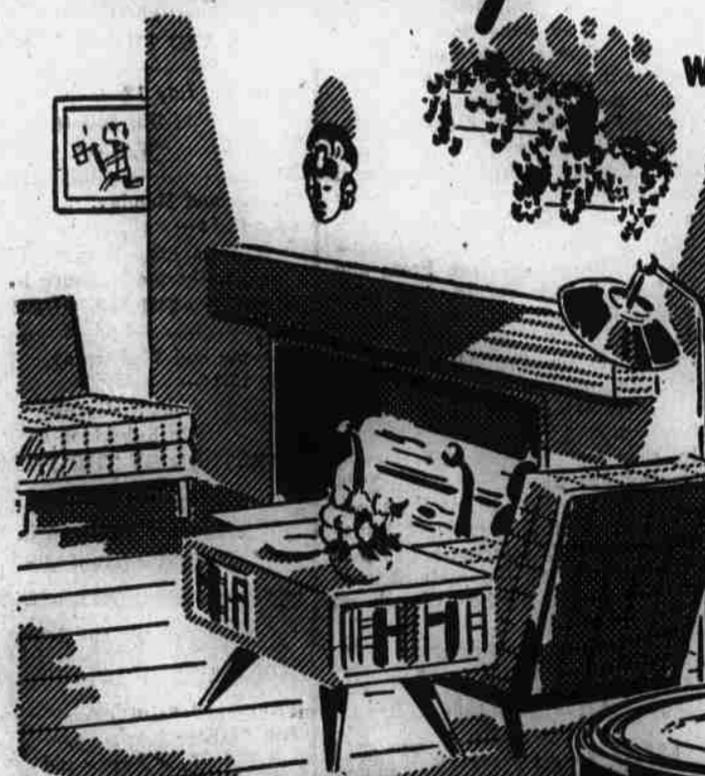
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