Recognition Of Franco Spain, Slash In Marshall Plan Funds, Policy In Orient To Be Big Issues For Congress

By DON WHITEHEAD
WASHINGTON—(A)—A strong move is developing among lawmakers today for more diplomacy and fewer dollars in America's

This looks like the big issue in the international field when Congress meets again Jan. 3.

Right now the signs point to less spending in the cold war with Russia—and greater effort to draw non-Communist nations into closer political alliance.

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The new year in Congress is expected to bring:

1. A move to get Atlantic pact nations into a conference as the first step to forming a political union.

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2. New demands for full diplo-matic recognition for Franco Spain—and to draw Spain into the anti-Communist front of Western Europe.

3. An effort to make a drastic cut-back in European recovery spending.

pending.

4. A struggle to reduce mili-ary spending at home and broad.

abroad.

5. An administration call for a three-year extension of the peace-time military draft.

6. Demands for a firm government policy to block Communism in Asia.

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7. Opposition to any U. S. recognition of a red regime in China—even though Britain may grant recognition.

Senate Hearing Stated

Senator Kefauver (D-Tenn) will lead the Senate fight for an Atlantic union conference as a counter-pressure against communism on the European front.

The Senate Foreign relations committee has promised public hearings as quickly as possible, he said. A resolution is pending—signed by 21 senators—authorizing the president to call the conference.

ference.
Senator McCarran (D-Nev),
chairman of the Senate judiclary
committee, is quarterbacking maneuvers for recognition and economic help for Spain. He is among
the Senate Catholic group which

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with considerable Protestant support — is opposed to the administration's stand on Spain.
Secretary of State Acheson has add Spain will not get U. S. recognition until France gives his people more basic freedoms.
Less Moraey For Europe
On the money side, it appears Europe will have to get along next year on less help from America. Many congressional leaders have made it clear they favor a sizable cut in the Econgromic Cooperation administration (ECA) funds.
ECA got \$5,055,000,000 in the first year of the Marshall plan. This year the total was cut to \$3,778,000,000.
Chairman Connally (D-Tex) of the Senate foreign relations committee has estimated congress will trim another \$1,000,000,000 from next year's funds. Some

Workers Present Pope With Tools For Holy Door Crops Damaged By Freeze

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 23-(A)-Workers representing the 4,000,000 members of Italian Catholic action presented Pope Pius XII Thursday with a gold-gilded silver hammer and trowel with which to open and close the holy door in St. Peter's for the 1950 Holy Year.

Year.

It was the first time in the centuries-long history of Holy years that the hammer and trowel was presented by a workers' organization.

At his Vatican apartment the Pope received a delegation headed by their president, Ferdinando Storchi, and including a steel worker, a farmer, a streetar employee, a printer and a stone mason.

RESPONSE IN KIND ORANGE, Tex., Dec. 23—(P)— limmy Conn, orange business-nan, was proud of the Christmas

cards he sent. They were jigsaw puzzle greetings which recipients had to put together to read.

Today he received a check from one of his customers. The check had been pasted over a piece of cardboard and carved into 50 jigsaw puzzle pieces.

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By PHYLLIS A. SMITH
Kellogg Grange meeting will
be Friday evening Dec. 23, instead of the regular time which
would be Christmas eve. Lecturer Edith Madison is planning a
play for her lecture hour.
The pictures, "The Four Seasons" and "This Heritage of
Ours" were shown to a full house
at Kellogg last Grange night.

I truman's 'point four' program of aid to backward areas of the world.

Most of this would be done by exporting American industrial and technical know-how—and by encouraging American investments overseas.

The administration's most vulnerable point at the moment appears to be the China policy. The attacks on the 'wait uner tilt the dust settles" China policy. This issue has been pointed up in recent weeks by the collapse of the Nationalist armies and the government's flight to the island fortress of Formosa.

The government's future policy in the Far East is expected to develop rapidly in the next few weeks. Roving Ambassador Philip Jessup has gone to Asia to study the situation. His report is likely to form the basis of any new pulley developed.

Whether this will satisfy Congress remains to be seen.

Any extension of the peacetime draft will have rough sailing in congress. The draft never has been popular—and it won't be helped by the fact that an election is coming up next year for one-third of the senators and all representatives.

California Vegetable

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Dec. 23.—(A?)—Freezing weather of the past 10 days has damaged vegetable crops in most parts of California, the state crop and livestocks reporting service said today.

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Hardest hit were tender vegetables in the desert areas, where frost knocked out the fall pea crop, and the midwinter crop was expected to be a total loss.

The service said that celery in the San Joaquin valley and delta region of central California also was seriously damaged.

In southern California, outside of the desert crop areas, freeze damage was slight, the service reported.

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Tree Farms Pass 2 Million-Acre Mark In Oregon

PORTLAND. — (Special.) —
Oregon, the nation's number one
lumber producer, has just passed
the two million-acre mark in certified tree farms. All this, local
forest industry leaders point out,
has been certified since the nationwide timber-growing program of private landowners was
launched seven years ago.

With the recent certification of

With the recent certification of seven new west coast tree farms, four in Oregon, the state's total reached 2,010,131 acres. This includes private forest holdings on both sides of the Cascade mountains.

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The new Oregon tree farms are the Peter-Genn in Columbia county, owned by Glen F. Hawkins and named in honor of his two growing sons; the Valsetz, in Polk and Lincoln counties, owned by the Valsetz Lumber company; the Western, in Lincoln county, owned by the Saginaw Timber Co., Dant & Russell, Inc., and Inman-Poulsen Lumber Co.; and the Millicoma forest, a Weyer-haeuser tree farm, in Coos and Douglas counties. They totaled 233,617 acres.

West of the mountains the tree farm program is sponsored by the forest conservation committee of Pacific Northwest Forest Industries. The Western Pine association is the sponsoring agency east of the Cascades. Announcement of the new total was made by W. L. Kolbe, forest engineers representing the west coast and western pine regions, respectively, both with headquarters in Portland.

The nationwide tree farm total

The nationwide tree farm total in 27 states has reached 19,800,000 acres, according to American Forest Products industries, offi-cial record keeper for the pro-

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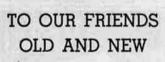
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