

Letter From Washington

By Harris Elsworth

The so-called interim aid bill was passed by the House of Representatives without a record vote. The action indicates there was no very great opposition to the bill, or a rollcall vote would have been demanded by those who opposed it.

The original bill, as reported by the committee was amended on the Floor to some extent, but such amendments did not alter either the basic purpose and principles of the bill, or the money authorized. I presented one amendment on the Floor that was adopted. I had observed that Section 10 of the bill gave the President such broad powers that he could use that section as authority for instituting price control and rationing. My amendment put a proviso in the section which declares that nothing in act shall be deemed to authorize the President to make any regulations relative to production prices or allocating of commodities within the United States.

In previous letters, I have discussed long-range economic aid to Europe, which is generally referred to as the "Marshall Plan". I pointed out that Secretary of State Marshall made a short and concise statement to the effect that the countries of Europe would have to put themselves in shape to restore their own economic system before expecting aid from us. The Secretary's statement is the only expression by this government regarding European economic rehabilitation up to now. The countries of Eur-

ope proceeded quickly to make their own interpretation and submitted a report containing pledges of what they intended to do. Thus far, they have done very little toward keeping that series of seven pledges.

Realizing that we are about to accept the European interpretation of Secretary Marshall's statement, I introduced a resolution which, if adopted, would constitute a statement by Congress saying, with reference to the Marshall statement that "appraisals of need and statements of intent shall not be considered sufficient basis for action by the United States, but that such statements must be supported by formal actions by participating governments before the United States can undertake any program of economic aid."

Such a resolution should be adopted now. If we wait until next spring before we inform the nations of Europe that we expect them to do certain things, their compliance and the recovery program will be that much delayed. It is certain that whatever long-range Marshall Plan legislation is enacted, it will carry a list of requirements which the participating countries must meet. I have asked the Foreign Affairs Committee to give me a hearing on my resolution, and I believe I will have an opportunity to present my arguments to that committee in the near future.

The Republican inflation control legislation is expected on the Floor of the House soon. It will not give authorization for the creation of another OPA but will approve three or four of the President's ten-point program, which included price control and rationing. Rumors on Capitol Hill, as this letter is

written, are to the effect that the President has stated he will insist upon all ten points of his program.

With The Churches

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"Christian Science" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 28.

The Golden Text is, "The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it" (Isa. 40: 5).

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened" (Matt. 13:33), together with the following correlative passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures", by Mary Baker Eddy: "Our Master taught spiritually by similitudes and parables. His parable of the leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened, impels the inference that the spiritual leaven signifies the Science of Christ and its spiritual interpretation, — an inference far above the merely ecclesiastical and formal applications of the illustration" (p. 117).

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