

U.S. Boosts Foreign Aid In Far East

Report Stresses Communist Threat

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower reported Monday a "significant acceleration" of foreign aid operations last year in Asia, "where communism is stepping up its efforts of expansion."

A report covering the July-December period of 1954 was prepared for Congress by the Foreign Operations Administration, headed by Harold Stassen.

MILITARY FUNDS

It told how the agency is spending the \$2,800,000,000 in new appropriations for the fiscal year ending next June 30 and \$2,500,000,000 in carryover funds from previous appropriations unused but earmarked for military equipment.

The report did not say specifically how much had been spent during the six-month period, but it said that Far Eastern military aid from its start through December 1954 had reached a total of \$1,900,000,000.

One-fourth of the new appropriations were earmarked for Southeast Asia and the Western Pacific. FOA said that through March 1 this year it had approved \$55 millions in that area for various mutual security programs other than military assistance.

SHIFT EMPHASIZED

Eisenhower, in a letter transmitting the report, noted the stepped-up activities in Asia and, speaking of the overall program, added:

"These worldwide programs of military aid, economic development and technical cooperation are increasing the military security and economic progress of the United States and our cooperating partners in the free world."

The report emphasized strongly the shift from Europe to the underdeveloped areas of Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

EUROPEAN RECOVERY

It said Europe's amazing economic recovery was a key factor in permitting this change.

"Together the underdeveloped countries hold the bulk of the world's population, occupy the largest part of its land area, constitute the major source of its key minerals and raw materials, and contain many of its most valuable military bases," the report said, adding:

"If these resources should fall under Soviet influence, the road to the Communist end goal of world domination would be made relatively smooth."

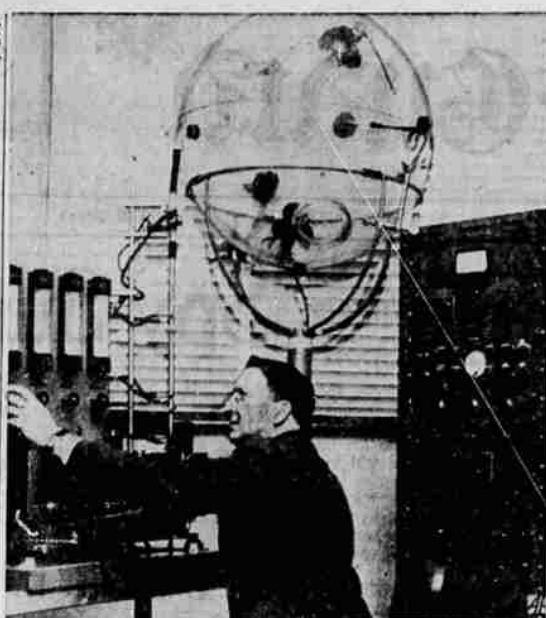
British Report Attack on Ship

HONG KONG (AP)—Crew members of the 3,538-ton British freighter Westway which was fired on by Chinese Nationalist gunboats March 7 in Formosa Strait said in Hong Kong Sunday they watched another British ship escape gunfire from the same 2 Nationalist warships which stopped their vessel.

The 2,605-ton British freighter Tai Seung Hong was about 20 miles away from the Westway and was able to maneuver out of range. The Westway returned to Hong Kong late Saturday. Neither ship suffered any damage or casualties.

Crew members said their captain halted the ship. Two Nationalist warships came alongside and a boarding party came aboard and inspected the ship's papers and cargo.

Nationalist officers stayed on the ship about an hour and a half and then allowed her to proceed. While the officers were aboard the 2 gunboats fired on the Tai Seung Hong.



DETECTOR OF POSSIBLE GERM WARFARE—Nelson E. Alexander, Army chemical corps engineer, adjusts his invention, a device which can give instant warning of a germ warfare attack, at Camp Detrick, Md. The device, called an aerosol scope, counts germs, dust and moisture particles in the air. Scientists have long been working on the problem of spotting any sneak attempt by an enemy to release germs, radioactive material or a similar substance in the form of "aerosol" cloud.

Scoundrel Helps Guard U. S. Planes in Germany

By TOM STONE
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FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)—Sam is a loud-mouthed black crow—and a scoundrel.

He used to settle on the U.S. Air Force base here each afternoon around dusk with hundreds of other crows with the same thought. The birds found out that the "dope" used on fabric of tail assemblies on U.S. planes would give them a jolt. They clambered all over the planes, pecking away at the stuff like crazy. Sometimes they punched holes in the fabric.

That made the Air Force sore. Airmen tried to shoot them off. But the crows just came back. The fliers tried using lead poles. That didn't work either.

The crows used to roost in

the Zeppelinheim Woods near the main runway. Members of the base's rod and gun club went there to shoot them once in a while. They knocked off a few, but not enough to discourage the birds.

Then Sam became a casualty. Airmen say he ground-looped and broke a wing. He was captured.

The 7167th Air Transport Squadron made a deal with Sam. Sam agreed to put the finger on fellow crows—for a price. The Air Force came through with free quarters and rations.

Now when the gun and rod boys go for a shoot, Sam goes along.

He wears a strong cord tied to one leg. The other end is fastened to a bush. While the hunters get into position Sam starts screaming. The crows fly over to find out what's up with Sam.

The gunmen open up and pop 30 to 40 and scare the rest away.

The procedure is repeated as often as necessary. Sam seems to love it. Sam is a born scoundrel.

NEWARK, N.J. (AP)—A 51-year-old man—his hand pressed in his pocket as if holding a gun—Sunday night terrified 30 passengers aboard a plane coming into Newark Airport, police reported.

But by the time the Eastern Air Lines DC4 landed five minutes later he meekly surrendered to police who found he was gripping a piece of wood in his hand.

Police identified the man as Edward Koen and said he gave his address as South Braintree, Mass. "Stand where you are!" the man shouted at stewardess Peggy Goodrich of College Park, Ga., and purser Curtis Ivy of Newark. Both crew members were sitting near the tail of the ship when Koen lurched toward them.

Police said Koen shouted to all aboard the plane could hear and refused to let anyone leave his seat. He continued to hold one hand jammed in his pocket.

Koen was held for investigation. Capt. A. L. Nelson, pilot of the Atlanta-Newark plane, radioed the airport. When the ship landed, police surrounded it and took Koen in custody.

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Lawmakers Divided On Tanker Dispute

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Jackson (D-Wash.) called on his colleagues in Congress Monday to quit giving President Eisenhower public advice on how to conduct American affairs in the Formosa area.

Jackson said in an interview he thinks only the President can decide, for instance, what should be done about halting the delivery by a Finnish tanker of jet aircraft fuel to Communist China.

SENATORS DISAGREE

Sen. Knowland of California, the Republican leader, said in a weekend interview that if all other means fail, the 7th Fleet should intercept the tanker Aruba. The tanker is now en route to China from Red Rumania. Knowland said it would be "folly" to permit delivery of fuel the Reds might use against this country in an attack on Formosa.

Sen. George (D-Ga.) opposed use of the 7th Fleet, however, saying the United States has imposed no blockade of Red China and "I wouldn't think we had

any right" to stop ships going there.

Sen. Morse (D-Ore.) agreed, telling a news conference in Minneapolis he deplored the shipment but felt this country has no right under international law to stop it. He said such action could lead to an act of war.

Jackson said he thinks the President has more information on the situation than anybody in Congress and has "enough problems on his hands" without getting public advice from all sides.

TALK TOO MUCH

Speaking more generally, Sen. Mansfield (D-Mont.) said Sunday many Congress members have acquired the habit of "talking too much" about foreign policy. He suggested a return to the era of "diplomacy by secret negotiation" so that other countries will not become confused.

Chairman McClellan (D-Ark.) has announced that the Senate Investigations subcommittee soon will investigate what he called the "failure of our government" to do anything about the "disgraceful, deplorable" trade of Western nations with Red China.

School Newspapers Receive Awards

NEW YORK (AP)—The Corvallis High School newspaper won a first-place award for senior high schools in the 751-1,000 enrollment group in the annual contest of Columbia University's Scholastic Press Assn.

The Beaverton High School weekly took a second place in the 1,001-1,500 group.

The Coos Bay High School paper received a third-place award in the 751-1,000 class.



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