

Touchy Report Probes \$100-Billion Aid Tab

WASHINGTON (AP)—Total U.S. foreign aid since World War II will climb above the \$100-billion mark this year.

How well the giant overseas assistance program promotes U.S. security—and how it could be refashioned to do a better job—is the subject of a controversial report by a presidential advisory committee headed by Gen. Lucius D. Clay.

Aides said a final version of the Clay report was made available to President Kennedy Thursday. The report is expected to be made public this weekend.

Figures furnished by the Agency for International Development, which administers U.S. aid, list \$97.7 billion worth of military and economic help to 111 countries and foreign groups from July 1, 1945 through mid-1962.

Topping \$2 Billion

Though detailed statistics for the current fiscal year have not yet been worked out, the overall total is certain to push past \$100 billion. That's because Congress last fall voted another \$3.9 billion in new aid funds and other items like surplus food disposals abroad have been topping \$2 billion a year.

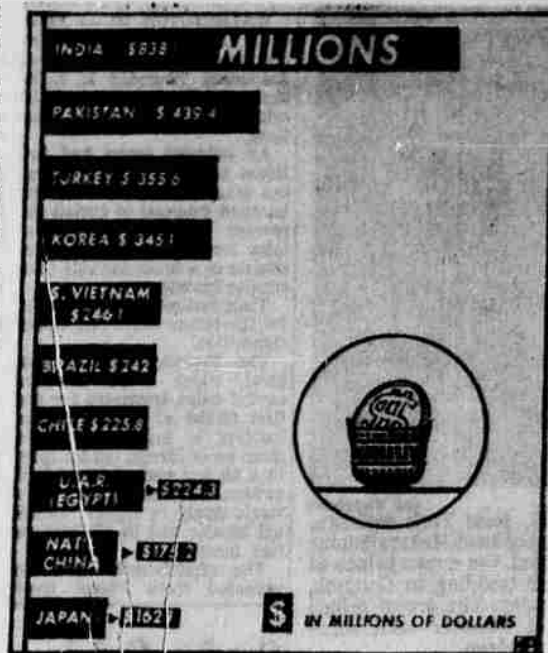
France, with \$9.4 billion, and Britain, with \$8.7 billion, still rank 1-2 as the largest total receivers of postwar American aid. The Western allies got the bulk of their U.S. financial help in the early postwar years when the Marshall Plan focused on European recovery.

Far More to Asia

Today, the aid pattern is different. With Europeans now prosperous and dispensing aid themselves, U.S. aid now focuses on underdeveloped countries and poorer lands pressed by the Communists.

Thus, far more American assistance has gone to nations like India, Korea, South Viet Nam and Turkey since the end of the Marshall Plan in 1952 than to West European countries.

In 1962, India was the biggest U.S. aid recipient with \$838 million, bringing her over-all total to nearly \$4 billion. Pakistan was next highest in 1962



Aid Chart

Chart shows the ten largest recipients of U.S. foreign aid in the fiscal year which ended last June 30. Statistics are from the aid-administering agency, the Agency for International Development. India received the biggest amount, \$638.1 millions, while Japan received the least, \$162.1 millions.

with \$439 million, making a \$1.9 billion total. Turkey got \$356 million for a \$3.9 billion total while Korea received \$345 million, pushing her total to \$5.4 billion.

Other Changes, Too

France, with \$51 million, and Britain, with \$25 million are still listed as U.S. aid receivers in 1962—but this is all in arms assistance connected with the common North Atlantic defense effort.

American aid has undergone other changes, too. In the 1949-52 Marshall Plan years, all but \$3 billion of the \$19 billion in

U.S. overseas economic help went out as grants, or gifts. By 1962 the emphasis had changed to easy term loans aimed at stimulating economic development.

Of the \$5.2 billion in U.S. economic aid dispensed in 1962, \$2.9 billion was in loans and \$2.3 billion in grants. The \$1.5 billion in arms aid, however, remained almost entirely grants as before.

Wider Range Used

Of the \$97.7-billion cumulative total, \$86.6 billion has been in economic aid of which \$42.7 billion was grants. Military assistance totaled \$31 billion, all except \$279 million in grants.

The American aid program also has used a wider variety of measures in recent years, ranging from food-for-peace disposals of U.S. farm surpluses to the Peace Corps.

The biggest of the new programs dollarwise is food-for-peace. Accounting for only a negligible portion of the U.S. aid total in Marshall Plan years, the food-for-peace outlay was listed at \$1.6 billion in 1962. The 1962 spending for the Peace Corps, a Kennedy innovation, was reported at \$29.6 million.

Remains in Hospital

CANOGA PARK, Calif. (AP)—Famed deadpan Comedian Buster Keaton, 86, remained in a hospital Thursday, but doctors said they expected him to be released in "another day or two." Keaton was admitted to West Hills Doctors Hospital last Sunday suffering from a minor respiratory ailment.

Algeria Waits Paris Reply To Demand for A-Test End

ALGIERS (AP)—The Algerian government waited uneasily Thursday for an answer to its demand that France end nuclear testing in the Sahara.

Premier Ahmed Ben Bella and the Algerian National Assembly made the demand Wednesday in calling for revision of the agreement giving France military bases in Algeria and its Saharan territory.

Trouble is sure to follow if French President Charles de Gaulle ignores the plea, as he did Tunisia's demand in July, 1961, for French evacuation of the Bizerte base. The Tunisians attacked the base, and 3,000 Tunisian lives were lost.

There was no official com-

ment in Paris on the Algerian demand.

Ben Bella's demand for revision of the military agreements was prompted by an underground atomic explosion which the Algerians said France set off in the Sahara testing ground Monday. The Algerian Assembly approved his stand by a near unanimous vote.

The French test violated the sovereignty of newly independent Algeria and was "a direct menace against the population," Ben Bella told the assembly.

The premier implied that he would demand reduction of France's stay in all the Algerian bases it retained under the Evian independence agreements and a pledge not to use them for nuclear tests in the interim.

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