

Survey Shows 'Good Return' On Arms Help

'Valuable Deterrent' to Red Expansion Noted By Three Groups

By RICHARD MORIN
WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States is getting "a good return" on the billions spent for military help to non-Communist nations, three survey groups reported today.

However, the costs of the program are more likely to go up than down, said the report made public by a special Senate committee studying U.S. foreign aid. And there may have to be an increase in military manpower, it said.

Report Similarly
The three groups evaluated the results of the military aid program in similar terms:

"A valuable deterrent to Communist expansion. To date, the investment of the United States in military aid programs has served materially to stabilize the free world and discourage aggression."

The report was composed of findings by Columbia University's Institute of War and Peace Studies and by the Systems Analysis Corp. of Washington.

A five-man panel reviewed and commented on their findings. The panel was composed of Marx Leva, former assistant secretary of defense; S. L. A. Marshall, military commentator for the Detroit News; and three retired officers, Adm. Robert B. Carney, Gen. Joseph T. McNarney and Maj. Gen. Gerald Higgins.

Since 1949, the report said, Congress has appropriated about 24 billion dollars for military aid, of which 16 billion has been spent. Military aid now accounts for some 62 per cent of all foreign aid funds. The rest goes mainly for economic aid and technical assistance.

Four Fifths Spent Here
"It is not always appreciated that about four fifths of military assistance funds are spent in the United States," the report said.

From the start of the program through 1955, it said, the United States delivered to allies and other countries about 40,000 tanks and combat vehicles, 1,250 naval craft, 40,000 pieces of artillery, 7,000 aircraft, two million small arms and automatic weapons, and unspecified "billions" of rounds of ammunition.

This armament went—and is still going—to 36 nations, the survey showed. It said that the North Atlantic Treaty Organization nations assume about 85 per cent of their own defense costs. The United States and Canada furnished funds for the remainder.

Reviewing results of the program, the reports stressed strengthening of Western Europe. One cited Iran specifically as a nation where "U. S. defense assistance can be rightfully credited with having substantially contributed to saving the country from Communist domination."

"It is possible," another passage said, "that Communist China has 'very large forces tied' down by the presence of strong Nationalist Chinese and South Korean forces—both bolstered by U. S. aid."

Forcing Red China to maintain a large military establishment may also be slowing the efforts at economic growth there, a survey said.

The report called for streamlining the method by which money is provided, so that arms can be delivered more swiftly.

Elkins, Clark Trials Held Up Until April 16

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Portland gambler James (Big Jim) Elkins and his aide Raymond Clark will be brought to trial here April 16 on federal wire-tapping charges.

U.S. Dist. Judge William G. East yesterday postponed until then their trial, which had been scheduled earlier for March 26.

The federal indictment accuses the pair of making illegal tape recordings of telephone conversations. The tapes were subpoenaed by federal authorities after they were seized in a sheriff's department raid on Clark's home. Later the raid was declared illegal.

Another set of tapes—recordings of room conversations—was played last week at the Senate committee hearing in Washington on charges of labor racketeering in Portland. Elkins said he made these tapes available to law enforcement officials to back up his statement that certain public officials had conspired with some officials of the Teamsters Union and others to take over vice activities here.

Attorneys for Elkins and Clark said they would file motions for dismissal of the indictment and exclusion of some of the evidence. Oral arguments on this are scheduled for March 29.

Meanwhile, a county grand jury here continued its probe of vice and corruption in Portland.

Uniformly Slow
SUFFOLK, Va. (AP)—The six uniform coveralls H. T. Holloman ordered to wear at his filling station arrived in time to fit his son, Billy, who was 7 at the time the order was placed. The package was mailed C.O.D. from Danville, Va. Jan. 3, 1946.

Holloman said he didn't mind the 11-year delay. The cost was only about half the present cost of such uniforms and, besides, they fit 17-year-old Billy fine.

BUSINESS MIRROR

Study Group Thinks Habit of Living in Debt Will Spread

By SAM DAWSON
NEW YORK (AP)—That living in debt is a way of life for an increasing number of Americans is official today. A government study group says so. And it thinks the habit will go on spreading.

This may not surprise the millions who together have 3 1/2 billion dollars more to pay on such things as autos, furniture, home appliances and travel, and to the hordes who added about 15 billion

dollars to the nation's outstanding mortgage debt total last year. This way of life is most prevalent among younger families and among those with incomes in the middle brackets.

The study group is the statistical staff of the Federal Reserve Board, which had been asked to report on installment credit to President Eisenhower's Council of Economic Advisors. It finds that buying goods and services on the cuff and making payments on a

house over many years has become widely respectable, especially since World War II.

Families have been putting an average of 11 per cent of their spendable income into installment buying in the last two years, the group reports. It thinks this will gradually rise to 13 or 14 per cent by 1965.

Most families pay little attention to how much more this costs them in interest rates and carrying charges. The controlling concern is

how much the monthly payments will be and if the family income will cover them.

For example, the average monthly payment on new cars has stayed around \$80 in recent years. The rise in total auto financing has come, in addition to the number sold, in the lengthening of the period of payment. This has let installment buyers take on higher priced models.

The Federal Reserve group figures that monthly payment terms

on autos and appliances have been lowered just about as far as they can be, so it thinks most of the future rise in the total of installment debt will come from the new and growing invasion of the consumer credit field by the financiers of travel, vacations and services, and by the increased emphasis on it by department and other retail stores.

RECOVERY

RIGBY, Idaho (AP)—Somebody took FBI agent J. L. Hart's hat while he was giving a talk on crime before the local Rotary club. Hart, of nearby Idaho Falls, later recovered the chapeau.

Chicago Postdeb, 20, Becomes 3rd Wife of Alfred Vanderbilt

CHICAGO (AP)—A young Chicago postdeb, who had ambitions for a stage career, has become the third wife of Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt III, multi-millionaire sportsman, her parents disclosed yesterday.

Vanderbilt, 44-year-old heir to one of America's greatest fortunes and Jean Harvey, 20, member of a socially prominent and pioneer Chicago family, were married in Mexico City March 12, her parents said.

The bride's mother Mrs. Daggett Harvey said none of the family members attended the wedding. She added that Vanderbilt and his bride now are in Florida and probably will live in his Long Island, N.Y., home.

Vanderbilt, owner of Native Dancer among other famed race horses, was divorced last December by Mrs. Jeanne Murray Vanderbilt in Gooding, Idaho. They have two children. His first marriage, to the former Manuela Hud-

son in 1938, ended in divorce in 1942. They have a daughter, Wendie.

In recent months Miss Harvey had been in New York City studying dramatics in preparation for a stage career and Vanderbilt had been her frequent escort.

Her paternal grandfather Byron Harvey was the son of Fred Harvey, founder of the Harvey restaurant system.

Bird Burglar

BIG SPRING, Tex. (AP)—A family here who thought someone was taking mail from their box discovered the culprit. It was a pet crow that lived down the street.



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