

SCANNING THE WEEK'S NEWS
of Main Street and the World

Administration's Foreign Aid Program Faces Fight in Congress

AID TO ALLIES—Although President Truman and Secretary of State Acheson took to the radio and television in an attempt to gain public support for the administration's \$7,900,000,000 program for military and economic aid to our allies, the program faces a bitter test before a money-conscious congress.

The administration feels that the \$7,900,000,000 represents a figure that has already been cut to the extreme and has decided to fight any further cuts. Congress, on the other hand, which is considering the largest "peacetime" budget in the nation's history, must find some way to cut the budget and thus reduce deficit spending. An increase in taxes in an election year, which would be necessary if the budget is not slashed, is an unheard of thing. As a result, one of the items that must be cut, from the congressional viewpoint, is foreign aid.

In view of the fact that the United States is attempting to build up a European army, it is unlikely that military aid will be reduced. That leaves the \$2,000,000,000 for economic aid. There is strong sentiment in congress for eliminating this item entirely. Aside from the money angle, congressional reaction to the program will be of importance in that military and economic assistance to nations standing up to Soviet communism is a cornerstone of the administration's foreign policy.

An important fact in the coming congressional battle over foreign aid is the fact it is not drawn along strict party lines. A number of Democrats, as well as Republicans, have announced themselves in favor of a great slash in foreign aid funds, some as much as 50 per cent.

POLITICAL NEWS—Sen. Richard B. Russell of Georgia has announced he will seek the Democratic presidential nomination. But the senator did not plunge deeply enough into the political pool to suit the bitter anti-Truman wing of southern Democrats.

He refused to let himself be regarded as the center of an anti-Truman Democratic rebellion should the President be nominated again. He insists that Truman will not be a candidate for reelection, but admitted he had no facts or information upon which to base his belief.

Russell was firm about one thing. "So far as I can see, I will support the Democratic nominee," he said, "but I would not commit myself to support a candidate or a platform injurious to the United States."

U.M.T. BILL—By sending the administration-backed universal military training bill back to committee, the house virtually wiped out any chance of the measure getting through congress this year.

The subject of bitter debate in the house, and just as warmly debated in the home towns of the country, the measure would have made able-bodied youths liable to six months' military training as soon as they reached 18. In addition, it would have kept them in the reserves, and subject to recall, for 7 1/2 years after their training was finished.

The bill's defeat can be attributed to strong opposition by a number of church, farm, educational, and other organizations. President Truman and most military leaders, including Gen. Eisenhower, had endorsed the measure.

The house vote to return the measure to committee will probably sidetrack any action on such a measure in the senate. The measure, however, will come up again. How soon it will be enacted depends a great deal upon how soon the American public becomes educated to the idea.

KOREA—Russia appears so determined to be one of the "neutral" nations to police a Korean truce that it may wreck the peace talks. This, and the insistence of the Communists that all prisoners of war be returned regardless of their wishes in the matter, have brought the talks to a standstill and what appears a final deadlock.

As for the first demand, an Allied officer recently told the Reds: "I now tell you formally, unequivocally and with the fullest authorization that the U.N. command's decision to reject the Soviet Union as a member of the neutral nation supervisory commission is final and irrevocable. Further debate on this subject is completely futile."

On the prisoner issue, Allied negotiators have been equally firm. They told the Communists there was "no possibility" they would ever agree to deliver prisoners who had to be forced to return to Communist territory.

These exchanges have increased the atmosphere of distrust and bitterness which has surrounded the talks for months. As for the peace, it seems as far from becoming a fact as the day the talks began. There have been hints that a new offensive will be launched if the peace talks collapse.

UNEMPLOYMENT—Although unemployment in the United States as a whole is near a record low, the nation is faced with a serious unemployment problem. The problem is caused by the fact the unemployment is centered in a number of definite areas while the country is in the midst of general prosperity.

As an example, Detroit has had a high rate of unemployment for a considerable period of time, due chiefly to curbs on materials for consumer goods, in this case automobiles.

According to a government agency, total unemployment in the country is about 2,100,000. Spread evenly across the country the figure would cause no concern. However, they are in pools that dot the map, most of them in the east, a few in the midwest.

How to remedy the situation is a problem now under study by the Department of Labor. The department will attempt to find long-term answers for these high unemployment areas, many of which are small towns whose economy is based on coal and textile industries.



The Marine Corps demonstrates its new nylon bullet-resistant body armor which is worn by Leathernecks on patrol in Korea. Primary purpose of the 8-pound jacket, which will stop a .45 caliber bullet, is to guard against fragmentation ammunition, the cause of 70 per cent of all combat casualties.

RURAL HEALTH

Rural Health Progress Is Too Slow

closing session of the National Conference on Rural Health, sponsored by the American Medical Association in co-operation with farm organizations, was told by farm leaders that the medical profession isn't moving fast enough in promoting rural health.

In addition, farm leaders charged the medical profession as a whole doesn't yet understand the problem

of serving rural people. One speaker, Ferdie Deering, last president of the Agricultural Editors' association, warned the medical men that farmers might turn to the government for aid in better meeting their needs for health services if they didn't get help they needed from the medical associations and individual doctors in their localities.

THE WASHINGTON Merry-Go-Round

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GOP's Surest Shot

THE GOVERNOR of California was sitting in Sacramento's Sutter Club with Walter Jones of the Sacramento Bee when his onetime opponent on the Democratic ticket, Bob Kenny, walked in.

"Governor," said Kenny, "I've been conducting a Democratic underdog for you for President. Every time an eastern newspaperman interviews you, he comes to see me afterward and asks: 'What's this fellow Warren really like?'"

"I tell them," continued Kenny, who served eight years as Democratic attorney general of California under Governor Warren, "that I went eight rounds with the guy and couldn't even lay a glove on him."

"Perhaps we ought to get a statement from Kenay endorsing you for the nomination, governor," suggested newspaperman Jones.

"Oh no," good-naturedly protested Governor Warren. "I'm having a hard-enough time convincing the publicans that I'm not a Democrat."

Many Admirers

Democrat Kenny, who is a sincere admirer of Governor Warren, Republican, put his finger on the real reason why GOP bosses frown on Warren's nomination, and also on the reason why more realistic Republican leaders are coming round to the fact that the governor of California would be the surest shot to win for the GOP next November.

For what Franklin Roosevelt advised his party in 1932—"to win we have to wean away Republican votes"—is even more true, in reverse, today. With heavy Democratic registrations built up during 20 years of Roosevelt-Truman rule, the Republicans must be able to pull Democratic votes to win, and Earl Warren is one sure shot who can do so.

When running for governor in 1942, for instance, he polled 400,000 Democratic votes. When he ran again in 1946, he pulled so many Democrats that they nominated him on the Democratic ticket. In 1950, despite the opposition of Jimmy Roosevelt, a popular and appealing candidate, Warren rolled up a lead of around 800,000 in a state that has 1,000,000 more registered Democrats than Republicans.

Warren's Success

It sounds trite to say this, but the secret of Warren's success is being an extremely good governor in a state that is extremely hard to govern.

The ingredients of that success can be summarized as follows:

1. A shrewd instinct for avoiding executive mistakes.
2. The selection of irrefragable public servants, whether Republicans or Democrats.
3. An intuitive sense of smell that steers him away from emotional issues.

In a state that has seen the rise and fall of funny-money, ham-and-egggers, and all sorts of fringe movements, Warren has never jumped on a hallelujah bandwagon. Frequently it would have seemed good politics to do so. When he was a rising young politician in Oakland, the Ku Klux Klan swept the state like wildfire and many a politician, with a stronger sense of expediency than wisdom, put on the pillow case. But not Warren.

When the rage for loyalty oaths came along, Warren also failed to lead the professional patriots and put his right hand on the Bible. Asked if there would be a purge of California employees, he replied: "No, we never hired any Reds in the first place."

The nearest Governor Warren ever came to skating on thin ice was when he championed a modified public-health bill. This made California doctors see red.

He has stuck to his guns, however, and the reason is that when Warren was a boy, his father, master car builder, was killed by a housebreaker at night, and his mother was left with a large family and the difficulty of paying doctor's bills. So the governor knows what it's like to go without medical attention. He also had an experience with the Pacific Mutual Company when he once forgot to pay his health insurance for one day.

Though overdue only one day, it took all the prestige of Warren's position, then attorney general of California, to get his insurance policy reinstated.

Texas Merry-Go-Round

Eisenhower sentiment is strong in Texas. If nominated, he would probably put Texas in the GOP column for the first time since it voted for Herbert Hoover. Texas Democrats are quietly organizing a delegation to the Chicago convention pledged to Governor Shivers as a favorite son—not with the idea of nominating Shivers, but in order to block Truman. Most Texans don't believe that Dixiecrat idea will work out.



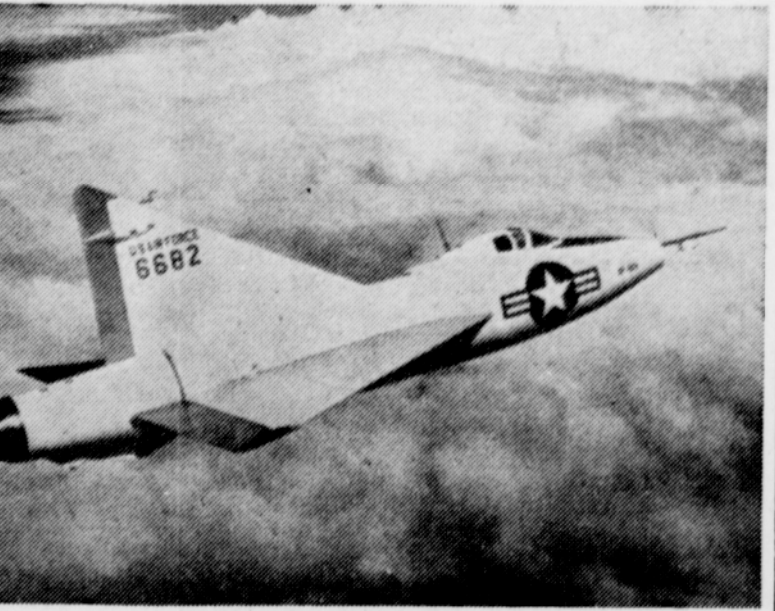
WILLIE 'THE ACTOR' HAS AUDIENCE . . . A sheepish grin is Willie "the Actor" Sutton's response to on-lookers who were on hand at Butler street station in Brooklyn as Willie, surrounded by detectives made his appearance. He was booked and fingerprinted and returned to Queens City prison after appearing in Kings county court where he pleaded guilty to charges of owning and carrying guns. Despite the plea, slippery Willie will be returned to Queens where he faces trial for the holdup of a branch of the Manufacturers Trust Company in 1950. He will not be sentenced in Brooklyn on the gun charge until the holdup charge is disposed of in Queens.



ARMY UNVEILS PINT-SIZE HELICOPTER . . . In Washington, D.C., perched beside a jeep is the XH-26 helicopter announced by the United States army recently. It is designed for air observation as well as evacuation. It can be carried and dropped by a plane by parachute, unpacked and made ready for the air in 20 minutes by two men trained in its operation. It is designed basically as a one-man ship, but can carry two side by side or tandem in twin external litters. The 'copter is powered by two 16-pound pulse jet engines, one on each end of the rotor blades. Top speed is 80 m.p.h., and it can fly for about 90 minutes without refueling, covering a lot of territory.



WINS \$159,500 SUIT . . . In San Francisco, Joseph Sullivan, 45, warehouseman who was badly crippled by a municipal railway bus in 1950 is congratulated by his family after winning a compromise settlement of \$159,500. Sullivan sued the city for \$300,000 after he was struck by a bus while crossing the street. His spinal cord was severed and he became paralyzed from the hips down. The settlement will cost the city \$37,500 with Lloyd's of London paying the rest.



FIRST PHOTO . . . This is the first photo release of the Delta Wing XF-92A with afterburner. It shows the high-speed research ship climbing to altitude in one of its tests at Muroc, Calif. The plane is completing an air force evaluation program. It was designed and built as an experimental ship to explore and test flight characteristics of a true Delta Wing. The extended tail section of the plane that you see in the photo is the part that contains the afterburner.



TEA TIME ENSEMBLE . . . One of the striking ensembles at the Junior League mardi gras celebration at the Hotel Plaza, New York City, was this tea table skirt, complete with cups. Necklace is string of teaspoons, hat a teapot.



NEW VEST . . . In Washington, D.C., marine P.F.C. Mary Kennedy models the bulletproof vest that is saving lives in Korea. The vest, weighing about eight pounds, drapes over a man's shoulders, front and back.

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HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Jam Cooking
A bit of olive oil can prevent much grief on jam-cooking days. Simply rub the inside of the cooking pot with the oil before placing the jam ingredients therein.

Pot Holders
Hang your pot holders over the range if the space is not in use. You'll have them handy as you need them.

Thin Mayonnaise
Thin mayonnaise with leftover juice from sweet pickles and serve with a salad of tuna fish or salmon.

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