

Morse Making Trip To Far East; Says Wheat Should Replace Arms

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Washington—Senator Wayne Morse is going around the world, and doing it in quite a bit less than 80 days.

On an official trip for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Morse served as chairman of a three-man American delegation to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference last week in New Delhi, India. The other delegates were Senators Frank Carlson of Kansas and Thurston Morton of Kentucky, both Republicans.

Accompanied by Mrs. Morse,

the Oregon Democratic senator plans to return via the Far East. It will be their first visit to Asia.

While Morse's expenses are being paid by the Senate, his office said the senator is paying the expenses of Mrs. Morse. Traveling by commercial airliner, they left Dec. 4 and expect to return to the West Coast Dec. 29. The senator's office said he had no plans to stop in Oregon but would return directly to Washington to prepare for the opening of the new session of Congress, Jan. 7.

Morse had been to Europe previously. Probably the most notable occasion was in 1952 right after the Republican national convention at which Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, recently returned from head of NATO, was nominated with Morse's

help as a GOP delegate to that convention. Following his trip abroad, Morse announced his defection from the Eisenhower campaign, saying he was disillusioned by what he learned of the general's work at NATO.

Forced on to Rome

Leaving New York, the Morses were unable to land in London, where the delegation was to be briefed. Bad weather forced their plane on to Rome. Then they went to Beirut, where Morse said he never saw such terrible conditions of poverty.

They then went to Karachi and to New Delhi for the week's conference. Last Tuesday Morse, a long-standing Rotarian, turned up in Madras as a Rotary luncheon speaker. Their itinerary after that includes Bangkok, Hong Kong, Manila, Tokyo,

where they plan to spend Christmas, and home via Honolulu.

Writing from New Delhi, Morse said that Asiatic delegates to the conference "did not hesitate to make clear to us that American wheat is a much more effective weapon against communism in underdeveloped areas of the world than are jet bombers or threats of massive retaliation."

Millions Are Hungry

"These teeming millions are hungry," observed Morse. "They can be strengthened much more (and so can freedom) with economic loans for dams, irrigation projects, agricultural programs, and job-creating enterprises such as steel mills, manufacturing plants and roads, than by military aid and the defense support by the hundreds of mil-

lions of dollars that has gone along with military aid."

Morse said America's present foreign policy "will never do the job" because it "overemphasizes military aid and so-called defense support." He said "a fraction of the same amount for economic development would have really strengthened the cause of freedom in these countries." He said loans for economic development instead of "handouts for military waste would save the American taxpayers great sums."

When India's prime minister Nehru "refers to British and American foreign policy as pacifism," they applaud," declared the senator.

"When Nehru challenges the United States and Great Britain to face up to the fact that the

independent free nations of the colored people of Asia and Africa intend to stand united against communism by proving that the democratic way of life can best improve the economic lot of the masses, he is accepted as the key leader of foreign policy thought

and action in this part of the world.

"We will make a great mistake if we do not change our foreign policy in Asia and Africa from one of military emphasis to one of economic emphasis. The fight for freedom in Asia and Africa will be won not with bombs but with bread."

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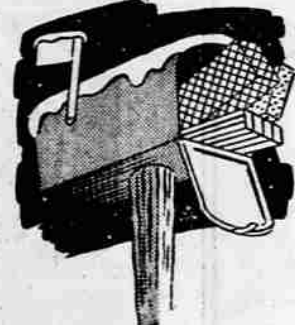
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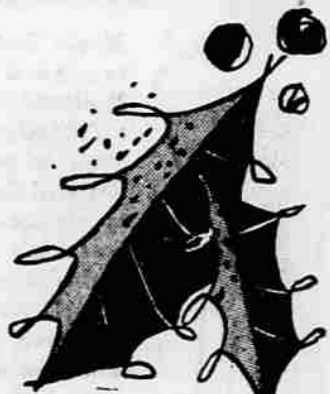
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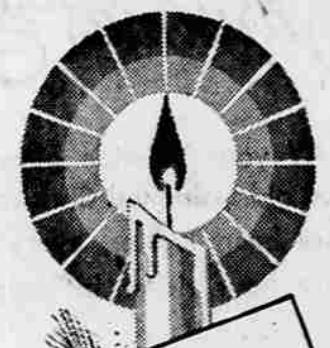
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