

Foreign Aid Work Nears Completion

Washington — The House Foreign Affairs committee today neared completion of work on President Eisenhower's foreign aid program which it trimmed in a frank effort to avoid heavier slashes later.

The President asked \$3,900,000,000 for overseas economic, military and technical aid in the coming year. In a series of votes Wednesday the committee trimmed a relatively small total of \$339 million from the major items. It was expected to complete action today on remaining sections.

Committee Chairman Thomas E. Morgan (D-Pa.) told newsmen the committee made the cuts to strengthen its position when it takes the bill to the floor within the next week or two.

Morgan said proposals for much larger cuts in the program were defeated by sizeable margins.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Politics-as-practiced note in the news:

Former President Truman blames the administration's tight money policy for the recession. The ex-Democratic chief executive said in a speech in Washington that the "tight money policy was used to ROB the ordinary citizens and PAY OFF political obligations to the gigantic financiers."

HMMMMM. Did he mean it? Of course not!

Then, one might ask, WHY DID HE SAY IT?

WELL, here we are at the beginning of what promises to be a red-hot political campaign, and when the moment came for Harry to say something that just seemed to him to be a good thing to say.

So he said it.

That's H.S.T. for you.

THAT brings up something else.

At Asilomar, at a conference sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Northern California, a panel of nationally recognized authorities on radiation and nuclear fallout has been discussing possible dangers from continued nuclear weapon tests.

In the course of the discussions Arnold Kramish, a research physicist for one of America's large corporations, criticized the press for not "educating" the public on information released by the Atomic Energy Commission.

He added:

"The AEC has unclassified (that is, turned loose from censorship) a great amount of material that the people can get just for the asking. It is NOT the government's fault that the people do not understand the situation."

WHY don't the people understand it?

The press has certainly quoted the authorities at great length and in copious volume—including the assertion that radiation from the average illuminated dial wrist watch probably involves more radiation danger to the average person than the average fallout from the average test of nuclear weapons.

Here is one reason:

In this world, the things THAT AIN'T SO are usually so much more fascinating than the things that ARE so.

FOR example:

There's the "brilliant object" that flashed across the sky down in Dixie the other night. It was sighted by a number of pilots and scores of ground observers. Most of them agreed it was traveling high, fast and in a southerly direction. Several witnesses said it seemed to explode near Atlanta. One of them testified that it exploded with such brilliance that it blinded him.

WHAT was it?

I imagine that most competent scientists would agree that it was a meteor—probably an unusually large one. But it's SO MUCH MORE FASCINATING to believe that it was something sent over us by the Russians—or that maybe it was one of Daddy Warbucks' flying saucers.

In the same way, it's so much MORE EXCITING to contend that fallout from the testing of nuclear weapons may destroy the world.

GLOVES OFF

New York—Members of the police Juvenile Aid Bureau were under orders today to put an iron fist into the velvet glove treatment of teen-agers. Police Commissioner Stephen Kennedy said a 100-man task force will operate in troubled areas to curb gang wars. Members of the force "will let the kids know they are not their daddies or big brothers," Kennedy said.

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