

MEADOWS DOES NOT WORK

Another Oregon editorial writer, discussing the American foreign aid program, declares: "I do not pretend to know the answer but I do know that the foreign aid program as we now know it does not work."

He should have quit when he was ahead—after the eighth word. Either that or document his flat statement with evidence that our worldwide mutual security program, economic aid to emerging nations, and military assistance, don't work.

LET'S get one thing straight. No program of this magnitude and scope could possibly be accomplished without some pretty bad mistakes, some stupid decisions, some corruption, some waste. (Even the federal highway program, exclusively in this country, is subject to the same charges, but no one suggests it be abandoned.)

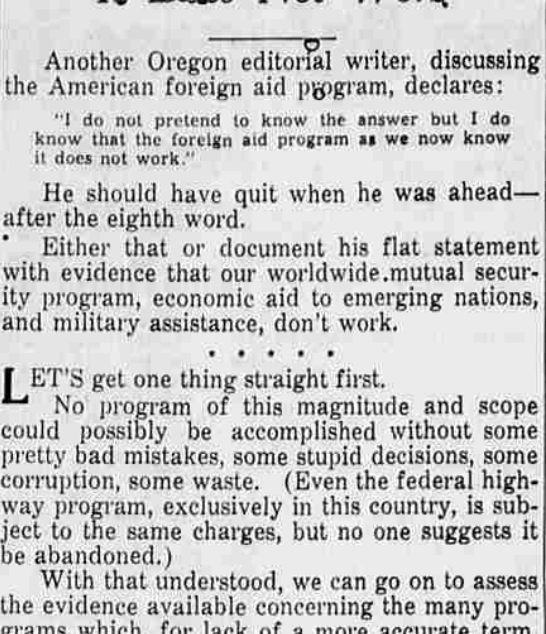
With that understood, we can go on to assess the evidence available concerning the many programs which, for lack of a more accurate term, have been lumped under the heading of "foreign aid."

Ask Britain, France, Italy, West Germany and the Lowlands whether or not it has worked. American aid furnished the basis for their recovery from the shock of war, put them back on their feet, and none of them now are receiving any substantial economic aid from this country.

WE could also ask whether American aid had any effect in Greece or Turkey, when these allied nations were on the verge of going behind the Iron curtain.

Ask India, one of the few remaining bulwarks of democratic government in the vast continent of Asia, what would have happened to her without American assistance.

Denis the Menace



"A SLED? WELL, I THINK IT'S LIKE A BELT, 'CAUSE MOM SAYS HERS IS GETTIN' PRETTY TIGHT."

Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible.

News From Alba: To the Editor: The enclosed letter refers to my visit this summer to Medford's Sister City, Alba, Italy.

Reflections: To the Editor: Picture of the top of Mount Ashland and article in recent paper, of a proposed ski development project, bring to mind many things about the Ashland watershed.

Upside-Down Years: To the Editor: It has been mentioned several times that 1961 reads the same upside down, which is true.

Appreciates Sacred Heart: To the Editor: This is written to express my thanks and appreciation to the nurses and Sisters at Sacred Heart hospital for the many kindnesses afforded me during my recent stay in Sacred Heart hospital.

What's Your I.Q.: Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

Cuba Break Draws Line in Americas, But 'Gunboat Diplomacy' No Longer Possible

Involved are both human and political elements. Last February in Rio de Janeiro, President Eisenhower restated the Monroe Doctrine in modern terms.

Washington Report: By William S. White. The Farm Problem: Washington—President-elect Kennedy is stoically facing up early to one of his toughest trials—the hardy, the un-sinkable, the all-but-timeless "farm problem."

Was First Choice for P.M. For Real? Washington Wonders: Dawson's qualifications for a Cabinet post in the light of his record. The selection had been rumored long before it was announced.

West Eyes Proposed Laws; Finds Many Inconsequentialities: Dawson is pictured by the Chicago Daily News as the absolute political boss of an empire of corruption, fraud and crime.

In the Day's News: So we break relations with the Castro government of Cuba. What does this mean? It means exactly what it says.

THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE: He backed a puppet, Maximilian of Austria, as Emperor of Mexico. He supported Maximilian with French troops.

WHAT SHALL WE DO NOW?: We'd better tell Mr. Krosch what we told Napoleon III.

IN THE EARLY 1860's, when we were up to our ears in our tragic family quarrel, our war between the States.

OLD SEN. GEORGE MOSES OF New Hampshire used to call "the sons of the wild jacks."

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County history from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO: Building activity reached an all time high in Medford during 1950 with the total value of building permits issued during the year being \$3,551,442.

20 YEARS AGO: Marriage licenses in Jackson county the past year numbered 305, an increase of 99 over the previous year.

30 YEARS AGO: E. M. Wilson will be sworn in as mayor of Medford tonight.

40 YEARS AGO: Oregon is scheduled to get another Congressional seat due to the new census figures.

50 YEARS AGO: The Jackson county court has decided to arrange the county into 14 road districts instead of the existing 10.

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