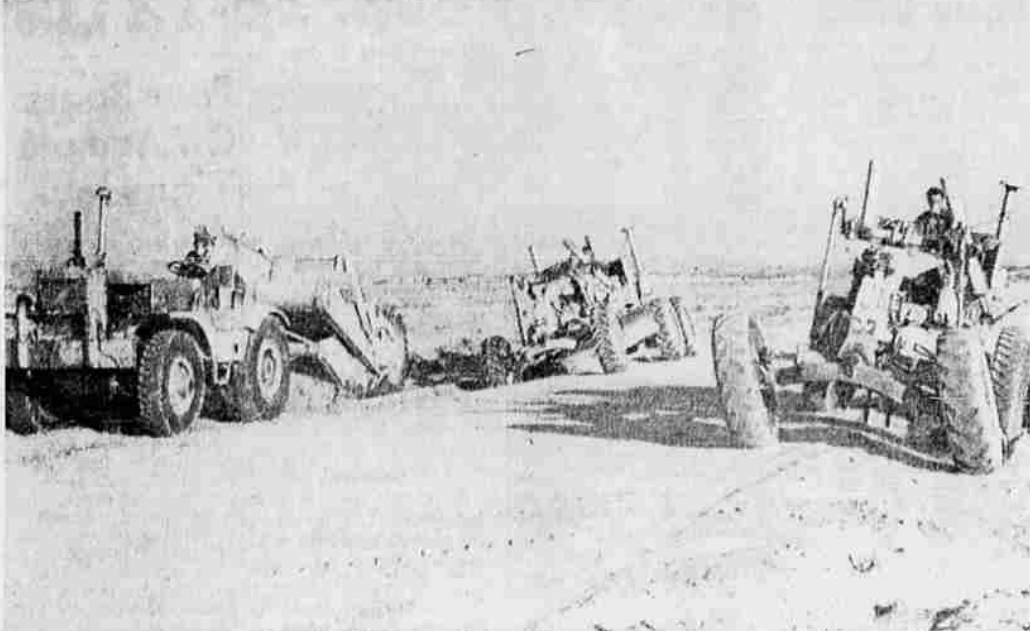


Massive Work-Build Program Planned in Spain



AMBITION PROGRAM—Starting officially Jan. 1, Spain is attempting her most ambitious program yet to approach economic equality with Europe's most developed nations.

This recent picture shows an earth mover (left) and two graders being used in an area development program in Badajoz province. (UPI)

MADRID (UPI) — Spaniards historically have been spectacular dreamers and brilliant improvisers. But can they buckle down to the steady, unexciting routine demanded by a work-and-build program?

On Jan. 1, a massive program of this kind officially gets under way. More ambitious than the country ever has attempted, it is designed to bring the country closer to economic equality with Europe's more developed nations.

The government has announced it will spend almost 325 billion pesetas (about \$5.5 billion) in the first four years of the program.

It hopes this public spending—and increased private investment encouraged by the program—will lift Spain's gross national production by six per cent each year of the four. Its goal is a per capita annual income of \$469 by the end of 1967 as compared with the present per capita income of \$300.

Not all of what the government plans to do has yet been spelled out. The complete plan will fill 30 large volumes, of which only one has been published so far. That one volume gives general goals and projected amounts of investment in various sectors of the economy. Some specifics, however, are known.

In the area of transportation the government plans the repair and construction of 6,200 miles of roads, the renewal of 2,250 miles of railway track, the building of 494 new railway locomotives and 70 light trains, installation of 470 modern cranes at ports, and the improvement of 11 airports.

Plans to build an average of 130,000 new housing units each year, and to provide additional hotel space for 31 million tourists and visitors a year (an estimated 10 million tourists have come to Spain in 1963).

In the educational field, four new technical colleges and an additional 16,000 classrooms for primary education are planned.

In agriculture it is hoped to increase the number of tractors in use from the present 92,000 to 200,000. Other known goals in-

clude the building of 42,000 gross tons of new fishing vessels and improvement of 40,000 gross tons, and an increase of 11.5 per cent in national power output.

The government says the country is ready for the program. Spokesmen point to Spain's continuing political stability under its aging chief-of-state, Generalissimo Francisco Franco, 71, and to the healthy state of its gold and foreign currency reserves.

The country's healthy balance of payments position (\$1.2 billion in gold and currency reserves) results from Spain's booming tourist trade and the savings that emigrant workers have sent home.

Spain's planners are unreservedly enthusiastic about "The Big Plan," describe it as "a highway to the development of

Spain's economy."

Foreign investment will be encouraged and new guarantees to potential investors will be offered.

Spending on education will be spread all the way from primary to university level, but one of the main tasks will be the professional formation of thousands of presently unskilled workers, and a great increase in technical and scientific training. A special effort will be made to train engineers.

In agriculture the primary aim is to augment production so that 340,000 workers at present engaged on the land can be moved to industry and public services.

Main aims in the development of industry are production of 4.5 million tons a year of crude steel by 1967 (and a complete structural revamping of the

steel industry), 70,000 tons a year of aluminum metal, 14 million tons of cement a year, and 1,112,400 gross tons of ships built in the four years.

Also blueprinted for industry is a 10 per cent annual increase in chemical production and a boost in fertilizer production. A 12 per cent growth per year is

scheduled for machinery making.

It is impossible to predict the amount of private investment that will be made during the first four years of the program, but economic circles say the planners hope it will be at least 500 billion pesetas or about \$8½ billion.

Congressional Achievements Dwarfed

WASHINGTON (CQ) — The list of Congressional achievements in 1963 was dwarfed by the number of items remaining on the agenda at year's end. Neither the major issues — civil rights and tax cuts — nor the most routine matters — annual appropriations — were fully dealt with.

Although it dragged out the longest session since the Korean conflict, Congress cleared much less major legislation than in the two preceding Kennedy years. But among the bills enacted were some landmark programs.

Achievements Listed
The most historic action in Congress was the Senate's consent to ratification of the nuclear test ban treaty. But Congress in 1963 also inaugurated three major new domestic programs and significantly expanded three others.

Outstanding among the new programs was a bill providing aid for construction at public and private colleges. Medical school construction aid and medical student loans were also initiated by the 88th Congress in its first session. Both programs had been sought for years.

A program sought for the first time in 1963, a new federal attack on mental illness, received Congressional approval.

Programs Expanded
Vocational education and manpower retraining programs were expanded to meet civil rights and unemployment needs. The other expanded major program broadened the attack on air pollution through new federal controls.

Congress also hurriedly passed the first peacetime compulsory arbitration legislation, to avert a nationwide rail strike.

Most of the other 1963 legislative achievements were extensions — of the draft law, feed grains program, Civil Rights Commission, Mexican farm labor program, Export - Import Bank, corporate and estate tax levels and duty - free allowance reductions. The debt limit was extended three times.

The annual authorization were enacted, but went through the legislative mill more slowly, and two — foreign aid and space — came out with larger cuts than in recent years.

New Frontier Setbacks
While the delays on tax reduction and civil rights were the Administration's biggest headaches, some of the New Frontier's leading programs made no progress on Capitol Hill. General school aid and medical care for the aged through social security were granted hearings, but never got out of committee in either house.

Some Administration bills were never considered, among them unemployment compensation reform and increased minimum wage coverage. The Administration did not even bother to send Congress its bill for an Urban Affairs Department, badly beaten in the House last year. The bills passed by the Senate — mass transit and youth employment — were never brought up in the House. The Administration reportedly feared they would have been defeated there, and left them stranded in the Rules Committee.

Victim of Economy Drive
The domestic Peace Corps, one of the few brand new proposals of 1963, fell victim to a GOP economy drive. It passed the Senate only narrowly, and apparently was not pushed in the House for fear of defeat.

Other proposals which saw only partial action included area redevelopment aid, civil defense shelters, a wilderness system, a Land Conservation Fund, a pay raise for all three branches of the Government, and an omnibus transportation program.

Administration measures were not the only bills to suffer in the prolonged, listless session. Even the routine annual appropriations bills were not en-

acted until the end of the year, long after the July 1 beginning of the fiscal year for which they were to provide funds.

Outlook for 1964
Since action begun this year can be completed in the second session of the 88th Congress, some of the bills currently stalled are likely to be enacted in 1964. Despite the protracted battle waged this year by their opponents, the tax cut and civil rights bills are expected finally to pass before Congress adjourns next year.

Other issues may, however, be knocked aside as Congress struggles to land these big ones and rush home for the 1964 elections.

The length and inactivity of the 1963 session evoked numer-

ous public criticisms and Congressional explanations.

Convinced of Long Session
The injection of the civil rights issue into the legislative process in mid-June convinced legislators that they would face a long session, and sapped the impetus to speed work. Southerners were accused by some of deliberately delaying action on other bills to improve their bargaining position on civil rights.

The rather permissive leadership of Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield, D-Mont., and Speaker of the House John W. McCormack (D-Mass.) was sometimes criticized for slowing action, but Senators and Representatives were quick to voice confidence in their leaders.

Both in Congress and in the press blame for the inactivity and delay was often placed on Congressional rules and organization. Reforms were proposed, but received no significant action.

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Roseburg School Guide Received at College

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