

Taft Foresees European Cost Topping \$8 Billion If Truman Bill Not Slashed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—American aid to Europe may exceed \$8,000,000,000 in one year if President Truman's long-range recovery proposal is not trimmed by Congress, Senator Taft (R-Ohio) declared today.

Taft told reporters that if the president's request for \$6,800,000,000 for the first 15 months of the so-called Marshall plan is granted, additional outlays of American money in Europe may total \$1,200,000,000 in the year beginning July 1.

Commenting that he expects little of the original recovery funds to be spent before that date, the Ohio senator said Congress must keep in mind the necessity of providing about \$850,000,000 for German food.

He said European countries at the same time will be able to draw roughly \$350,000,000 in American money from the international bank.

Stabilization Fund
Taft noted that wholly apart from this calculation, the Western European nations could be expected

to obtain about \$500,000,000 from the international stabilization fund.

Taft also pointed to government reports which accompanied the president's Marshall plan message indicating that exports of goods from this country for the next year will continue to exceed imports by about \$10,000,000,000.

Meanwhile, Senator Morse (R-Ore.), who doesn't always follow the voting path of his GOP colleagues, cautioned his party not to try to peddle "a political bill of goods" in acting on the Marshall plan.

Morse told reporters he is "perfectly willing to go along with the republican party in any modification of the Marshall plan that can be supported by adequate evidence."

"But," he added, "my party should not forget that the American people are not interested in being sold a political bill of goods. They want a program of statesmanship that places the public interest above democratic and republican presidential politics."

While Taft and Morse were outlining their views, democrats completed plans to include a four-minute discussion of Western European needs on a national radio program to be devoted otherwise solely to political topics.

Jack Redding, national committee publicity director, announced that Senate Minority Leader Barkley (Ky.) will speak briefly from Paris January 2 on a 30-minute broadcast which the democrats hope will be heard by 4000 local meetings of party members.

Three other senators will be on the program. Senator McGrath of Rhode Island, the national committee chairman, will talk on party organization. Senator Magnuson of Washington will discuss western problems and Senator Green of Rhode Island will talk about so-called "social" legislation. Rep. Norton of New Jersey will discuss high prices.

Scheffel Heads Draft Ike Move

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP)—Stuart Scheffel, 37-year-old publisher of Young America, a weekly magazine, is the new chairman of the National Draft Eisenhower League, Inc.

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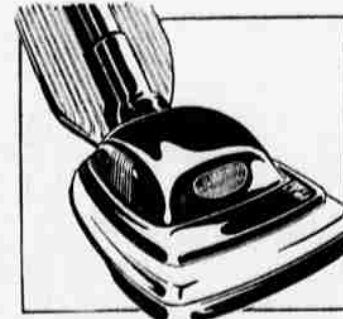
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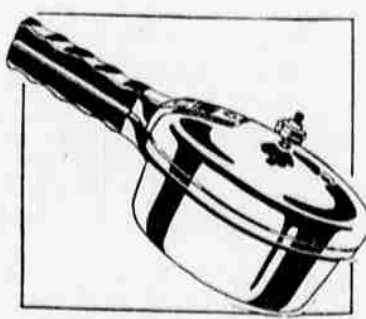
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