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SWEEPING ARMS AUTHORITY

There is little chance that the Military Assistance Program will get by Congress in the exact form proposed by the Administration's bill. It is not a question of whether the U. S. should implement the North Atlantic Pact by having other signatory nations to arm themselves against aggressive action. Logic and a realistic appraisal of the facts make it imperative that the Congress adopt some sort of arms-aid program.

The bill prepared by State Department experts is a great deal more than a blueprint for implementing the Pact. It amounts to the surrender to the President of the most extensive powers any President has ever sought in peacetime, powers which Congress cannot properly hand over to the Chief Executive without seriously endangering traditional Congressional control of foreign policy and foreign commitments.

The men who drew up the bill were singularly unrealistic if they thought it would have any chance of passage. Examples of the sweeping powers abound in every section of the measure.

Aid isn't limited to Pact members. The President is authorized, upon the request of any nation, to furnish assistance through grants, or for payment in cash, or through any other means, upon such terms as he deems appropriate.

He can procure equipment and materials "from any source" including Government stocks or equipment and materials now under contract.

He may order the transfer of "any equipment and materials and services" to "any nation, or to any agency or organization representing any nation."

He can accept for import "on such terms as the President deems appropriate" property, rights, equipment and materials, services or other things of value.

services or other assistance and such expenses. But further on the bill says that "Value as used in subsection (b) of Section 7 of this act shall be determined in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the President."

"When the President deems it necessary for the performance of functions authorized under this act, including, but not limited to, replacement of equipment and materials or services under subsection (b) of Section 7 of this act, such functions may be performed without regard to any provisions of law relating to the making, performance, amendment, or modification of contracts, or the obligation and expenditure of Government funds, as he shall specify."

But perhaps the most dubious grant of authority at all is the definition of the word "nation" which is used throughout the act.

The word "nation" shall mean any foreign government or country, or group thereof, or any representatives or group of the people of any country, however constituted, designated, or acting as such, or any other persons for any purpose of this act.

The only check on the President is he is required to report to Congress at intervals not greater than once every six months on the activities and expenditures authorized under the act.

It is not clear that the President is authorized to spend more than \$100 million in any one year, but the bill does not say so.

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'What Do You Think About John L. Lewis, Senator?'

James D. White

First Reaction



People's Platform

Radio Criticism Answered

deleted? How many kids would prefer taking out the comic? It's the same thing in radio. Ours is an actual attack on a program, not a criticism of the same objective—to reach as large and as representative a cross-section of the public as is possible.

Grade Cols. despite more than twenty years of undiminished success as the South's favorite radio star, is today more popular than ever. Kurt Webster has never concentrated on classical recordings, yet he is listened to more faithfully than any disc jockey in his area.

Sedatives And Driving

SLEEPY drivers have been responsible for many deaths. But the new drugs that will make them sleep and irresponsible drivers other than the public are the cause of many deaths.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

In the Spring of 1946 when building materials were scarce and the merry-go-round was in high gear, a columnist published a series exposing the mysterious money in which the U. S. Government and audit \$20,000,000 in new grants, stable, etc.

Just when they started digging the Tanforan race track, the merry-go-round was in high gear. The Tanforan race track did friends—including the President's favorite, Harry Vaughan, who was able to find his mysterious Greek sidekick, John Maragon, and the now famous lobbyist, ex-Col. James V. Hunt.

Big Bootlegger Turns To Racing
The biggest bootleggers ever to operate run booze off the coast of California had plans against the nation's authorized use of building materials.

WASHINGTON
Simple rage on the local and semi-official levels—the first reaction to the Chinese Communists' first reaction to the U. S. Ship Ametosh.

There were two separate items. The first was a strike at the U. S. Navy by the Communist New China news agency, giving the Red version of the ship's return to the Ametosh's dramatic escape.

The second article, everything to a Gen. Yuan Chiang-Hell, who is not identified in what appears to be a page of what appears to be the commentary, the agency names Yuan as the "commander of the ship's liberation force."

Marquis Childs
Back To Normalcy
BY REPUBLICAN SENATOR MARQUIS CHILDS
This is some regional treatment of an event which should have been covered in the light of the history of the party since Alf Landon and the election of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

READ AND REMEMBER
BY W. L. GORDON
1. What is wrong with this country? 2. How can we get it straightened out? 3. Which one of these words is the best? 4. What does the word "terrorous" mean? 5. What is a word beginning with imp that means "to be angry?"

Enter General Vaughan
JUST when the Maragon-Vaughan-Hunt team stepped into the Tanforan picture also is not known. According to the Tanforan picture, the Maragon-Vaughan-Hunt team was not started until after Tanforan found itself facing criminal prosecution.

Justice Takes Initiative
SIGNIFICANT excerpts from the "Washington Merry-Go-Round" published at that time read: "The Tanforan race track was built at a total cost of \$20,000,000. Their financing of the Government appeared so wild and extravagant that it had to be investigated by the body very high up."

More about the mysterious team of Maragon, Vaughan and Hunt will be reported as they accomplished inside the Government will follow tomorrow.