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MORE FOREIGN AID AUTHORIZED. I believe far too much money is being squandered in foreign aid gifts, but an additional sum in excess of \$2 billion was authorized in a bill which passed the House this week. The foreign aid appropriations have been cut up into a number of bills, so the total sum will not appear to be so big. The best that can be determined, the total for the next fiscal year will be approximately \$8 billion, and that is in addition to nearly \$11 billion unspent from previous appropriations. This particular bill passed by a vote of 249-148. This is about the same vote as in previous recent years. I firmly believe a majority of the American people are opposed to this use of their tax money.

INTERESTING AMENDMENTS OFFERED, BUT DEFEATED. An amendment was proposed to the foreign aid bill which would forbid gifts to communist-dominated labor unions in the Latin American countries, through the Alliance for Progress programs. I supported the amendment, but it was lost by a vote of 219-178. I supported amendments to bar aid to countries which trade with Castro, and to limit aid to Nasser, but these amendments were also defeated. Another good amendment which failed adoption would have terminated aid to countries which permit personal injury to, unlawful imprisonment and loss of life of American citizens.

U.S. SENATE ANNULS THE CONSTITUTION, and apparently the HOUSE is to follow suit, perhaps in an even more irresponsible manner. In passing the so-called Voting Rights bill, the very foundation of the American system is sapped. For nearly 200 years, the Constitution's explicit reservation of the powers of the States has been respected; their Constitutional authority to set qualifications for voter eligibility was unquestioned. This brazen contempt for the Constitution is caused by mob hysteria and fear. The proposal was pushed forward admittedly because of the mobs and rioting demonstrations in The Nation's Capitol, in Alabama, and elsewhere in the United States. It is stated that its enactment will stop the riots and demonstrations. The same reason was advanced in 1964 for the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, but it did not stop the mobs and rioting--they grew worse--and the agitators and instigators of such disturbances of the peace are freely stating that the enactment of this bill will not stop them. They are already planning bigger and more destructive demonstrations. History, through the ages, has proven that mobs are like spoiled and pampered children--every time you give in to them, they get worse.

THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, as we have known it, is dying, unless the U.S. Supreme Court can find the courage to restore it, in spite of the seeming assurance of the Federal Attorney General that the Court will follow him in this effort to bring a police state to our proud Republic. I join in the words of Daniel Webster, "If the columns of Constitutional liberty fall, they will be raised not again. They will be destined to a mournful and a melancholy immortality; they will be monuments of a more glorious edifice than Greece or Rome ever saw, the edifice of Constitutional American Liberty".