



SEN. ALAN CRANSTON

UNCLE MONEY-BAGS

Although virtually every American is hard hit by inflation, most of us favor helping people in poorer nations, especially disaster victims.

But Sen. Alan Cranston (D., Calif.), who believes wasteful military spending abroad is one of the chief causes of inflation, thinks Americans would be keenly upset if they knew all the facts about U.S. multibillion-dollar foreign aid programs.

Cranston, who is a member of the powerful new Senate Committee on the Budget, has been analyzing the figures and here are some of the things he has learned:

• The U.S. has sent nearly \$200 billion in aid and credits to 138 foreign countries since the end of World War II—the equivalent of more than 40 percent of the entire U.S. national debt (\$474 billion).

• About one-third (\$66 billion) has been in the form of military aid.

• Among the governments

we've been supporting are 56 military dictatorships and authoritarian regimes which, to one degree or another, have used military aid money, intended for defense against outside aggression, to terrorize and subjugate their own people.

These repressive governments have obtained \$81 billion in U.S. aid since 1945, they are scheduled to receive still another \$5 billion this year. Forty-two percent of past money (\$34 billion) and 50 percent of this year's money are for military aid.

• Even the \$47 billion sent to those countries in the form of so-called economic aid, according to Cranston, "included huge sums appropriated for military or diplomatic reasons rather than for humanitarian purposes. Much of this money has ended up in the banks of the bureaucrats and the affluent instead of in the hands of the poverty-stricken."

Senator Cranston has listed 56 repressive governments and the total amount of military and economic aid they have received from the U.S. Below are the 10 that received the most.

S. Vietnam	\$22.3	billion
S. Korea	12.2	billion
Taiwan	6.16	billion
Pakistan	5.1	billion
Brazil	4.7	billion
Greece	4.3	billion
Spain	3.14	billion
Iran	3.1	billion
Indonesia	2.9	billion
Philippines	2.7	billion

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