STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND, RECORDED FOR TELEVISION, JUNE 5, 1958.

In considering the extension of the foreign aid program this past week, I have done my utmost to try to convince my colleagues in the Senate that this program is dangerous to our national security unless it is put on a sound basis. It should be greatly reduced to eliminate waste and extravagance. We should also eliminate unwise programs, such as the ones to give aid to Communist countries.

America should continue to help faithful and loyal allies with a program of reasonable military assistance in order to keep American boys at home and strengthen the free world. As to economic aid, I believe that if we are going to give such assistance it should be on a loan basis so that the recipients will know and feel their obligation and so that we can stand some chance of recovering some of these funds.

The American taxpayer has little to show for the $70 billion which have been poured into this and other give-away programs in the last ten years.

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