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AID TO INDIA

The old adage "you can't teach an old dog new tricks" may be headed for the scrap heap. The big-spending liberals are finally becoming disillusioned with U.S. foreign aid to India. It has taken 25 years and $10 billion to teach them that this is a waste of our taxpayers' money, but recent articles in the pro-foreign aid press indicate that the lesson has finally sunk in. The liberals are suddenly discovering that the U.S. has few, if any, vital interests in India.

Year after year, the U.S. Treasury has been raided to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars for India. The United States has given more aid to India than to any other country since the end of World War II. We were told that this was a noble effort to build democracy in Asia.

When taxpayers' resistance to this nonsense began to creep up on the Congressmen, they concealed the continued U.S. dollar inflow to India by "laundering" it through the International Development Association.

This is an international organization headed by Robert McNamara which disguises its foreign handouts by calling them "loans." These so-called loans are made for as long as 50 years and without any interest. Just try going to your bank to get a 50-year loan without any interest. India has received 44 percent of all the money doled out

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by the International Development Association.

It wasn't only money that we gave to India. Our Goverment crated up and shipped to India the largest ammunition plant in the world, the St. Louis Ordnance Plant, which used to employ 42,000 people. It arrived just in time for one of the India-Pakistan wars.

We used to have a baseball announcer in our area whose trademark was to cry "Holy Cow" every time a home run was hit. Many people thought he originated that expression. But he didn't. It came from India where the cow is sacred. A large percentage of the grain we sent to India went to feed the holy cows and sacred monkeys which the Indians are not permitted to kill. India may be poor in many things, but it has a rich abundance of beef on the hoof.

And what has been the result of our generosity to India? The Socialists who control India never miss an opportunity to vote against the United States in the United Nations and in favor of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. India invaded and conquered the little country of Goa.

The Indian economy has gone from bad to disastrous, and is plagued with black markets and massive strikes. And now, instead of spending money to combat the dire problems of starvation and smallpox, India has just built and exploded a nuclear device.

India's nuclear explosion should blast away the remnants of the liberal myth that India is holy and deserving of having a perpetual pipeline into the U.S. Treasury.

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