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MONDALE A?--.TD FOREIGN AID

Every time I read about a new speech given by candidates Jimmy Carter or Valter Mondale, I shudder to think how much it's going to cost us all in additional taxes.

In what was described as a major speech on U.S. foreign policy, Senator :Mondale recently charged America with lacking a "proper concern for the so-called third world" and with being "indifferent to people seeking greater justice." He ber•ted us because there are half a billion people now living on the edge of starv,tion and accused us of being "insensitive" to "international economic security. 1'

In all recorded history, there has never been anything to com pare to the sensitive outpouring of l,merican dollars to help the needy and less fortunate around the rest of the world. The generous American taxpayers have given away more than 200 billion to more than 100 **KBJDISrt•x** foreign countries.

The original purpose of foreign aid was to stop the advance of Communism. When President Harry Truman signed the first foreign airl bill in April 1948 he said: "This is the answer to the challenge facing the free world."

After 29 years of foreign aid, the Communist challenge facing the free world is far greater than ever before. The Communists have consolidated and made permanent their control of Eastern Europe ancl China, and extended their control over Southeast Asia, Cuba, and, most recently, Angola and Mozambique in Africa. Foreign aid is now extended even to Communist countries.

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There is no evidence that foreign giveaways ever bought us any frJ.ends. Many of the big recipients of American grants oonsistei.1tly vote against us in the United Nations.

There is consid.erable doubt that U.S. foreign aid. ir:i of any real longterm ben.efi:ti to um:lero.eveloped countries, anyway. Foreign aid often goes into the hands of the MlritirtS pol:l tical cliq_ue that happens to_ be in control, it encourages the e bl ishment of tmecono:mic industries-that can•t be sustained without subsidies, aml it en courages reliance on sternal help instead of self-improvemen.-t. Hong Kong is an example of how a poor countrj" can pull itself up by its own bootstraps by hard work and ambitione

Foreign giveaways are the biggest ripoff of the American worlcer that the liberals ever devised. We pay first in direct taxes, second , in the inflation caused by the deficit spenclin.g required to make the payments, third in high in,terest costs because most :foreign aid is borrowed money, and fourth in the loss of ,jobs from the drain of capital investmen·t.

Every poll taken b1 the Uniterl States shows that foreign a.id :ts the least popular of all Federal spam.ling programs There ie :no dema11d from the voters to continue ·these annual i v..-saways. Yet• if there arfJ three certainties in this undertain world, thtiy anl!I death, taxes. and foreign aid. U•'J;it c; ther annual foreign a:i.d bill of $5billton, and e,,Em that figure does n.ot in.elude tbe billions more hidden under other beadings.

1.rhe only excuse for Walter Mondale's U.1-aditis:ed speech u1•gb1g more foreign aid is that he didn't write it himself. He wae reading a speech wti tten for him by Jimmy Carter ts Georgia braintrust. Th.t:e best thing Senator Mondale can do is to disavow it.

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