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# OK Expected On \$5½ Billion In Foreign Aid

## Connally Doubts Senate Group Will Trim Marshall Plan Fund

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (UPI)—Chairman Tom Connally said today he believes his Senate Foreign Relations Committee will OK the entire \$5,580,000,000 which the administration seeks for the second year of the Marshall Plan.

The Texas Democrat was referring to a suggestion by a committee member, Sen. Walter F. George (D. Ga.), that foreign spending could be trimmed by five per cent.

Sen. George said that if enough items in President Truman's budget were reduced five per cent, there would be no need for a tax increase.

But Sen. Connally said he doesn't expect his committee to trim anything from the Marshall Plan request.

**Headings Next Week**

"A small cut like 5 per cent," he said, "would just be irritating without accomplishing any real purpose."

The committee will resume hearings on the foreign aid program next week. Among those scheduled to testify is Richard M. Bissell Jr., of the Economic Cooperation Administration.

Both Houses of Congress were in recess for the week end, but there were these developments:

### Housing

Sen. Paul H. Douglas (D. Ill.) said he favors using President Truman's proposed long-range housing program to take up the slack when the national economy lags.

He wants the federal housing program to be slowed down in boom times so that as few as 50,000 homes a year would be built. But in slack years, the program would be up to 250,000 homes annually. The administration's measure calls for a maximum of 150,000 homes a year for seven years.

### Labor Law

Sen. Irving M. Ives (R. N. Y.) said he's for dropping the government's injunction weapon against national emergency strikes.

Sen. Ives said the injunctive machinery means little because once an injunction expires a strike can still be called. He said a "real emergency" would require "further congressional action."

### Rushville Detour On 52 Opened

Opening of a detour on U. S. 52 in Rushville was announced today by the State Highway Commission. The road was closed because of sewer construction.

Thirteen roads in the state have closed because of construction, according to the commission's weekly bulletin. They are:

IND. 5—Closed to traffic over 3 tons at south edge of Indianapolis; 18 miles over Route 15.

IND. 8—Bridge out east of Columbus; 11 miles over Rds. 31 and 46.

IND. 10—From Princeton to Winamac; 7½ miles over county oil mat and 110.

IND. 22—Closed to traffic over 3 tons at south edge of Indianapolis; 12 miles over Rds. 202, 18 and county gravel.

IND. 22—Westfield to Noblesville; detour 12 miles.

IND. 22—Bridge 2 miles west of Noblesville; 1 mile over Rds. 202, 18 and county gravel.

IND. 22—Bridge out west of Rising Sun; 11 miles over Rds. 50 and 66.

IND. 22—From Princeton to Winamac; 7½ miles over county roads.

IND. 22—West of Rd. 22; ½ miles over Rds. 20, 18 and 38.

IND. 22—Bridge out about 8 miles east of Brookville; 11 miles over Rds. 20, 18 and 38.

IND. 22—Bridge out west of Rising Sun; 11 miles over Rds. 50 and 66.

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