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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

April 7, 1947

Mr. Marriner Eccles
Chairman, Federal Reserve Board
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Eccles,

I am writing to you as a sincere friend of American cooperation with the United Nations for peace and security.

Senator Taylor of Idaho, Congressman Blatnik of Minnesota, and I have introduced the enclosed resolution dealing with aid to Greece and problems of the eastern Mediterranean area through the United Nations.

Under the administration proposal, unilateral action by the United States would provide more than half of the monies to Greece and all of the monies to Turkey to be used to maintain armed forces. We believe that the United States should not support foreign soldiers as part of a global policy of power politics which can only lead to war.

Under our resolution, the United States can do everything the President proposes to do to help Greece without undermining the United Nations. The United Nations has all of the mechanism and agencies to deal effectively with problems of economics and social welfare as well as aggression. The handling of this crucial matter through the United Nations is of stern necessity to the future of the organization and the peace of the United States and the world.

Senator Taylor, Congressman Blatnik, and I would be immensely grateful if you and your organization would give our resolution your full support immediately and join with us actively to help the cause of peace through the United Nations. Please keep me informed of any action you and your organization takes in this crucial matter.

Best wishes to you, and

Always sincerely

*In your
information*

Arthur Capper

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S. J. RES. 93

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 25 (legislative day, MARCH 24), 1947

Mr. PEPPER (for himself and Mr. TAYLOR) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

JOINT RESOLUTION

Favoring the establishment of a relief and rehabilitation fund for Greece to be administered through the United Nations Organization.

Whereas the postwar adjustment in the Near East and Middle East areas has given rise to a number of interrelated situations which endanger the peace and foster suspicion and distrust among members of the United Nations, including: Armed conflicts in Greece and Palestine, disputes over the control of the Dardanelles, and problems of access by the various nations of the world to the critical oil resources of these areas on an equitable basis; and

Whereas the people of the United States have renounced war and the use of armed force in the solution of international disputes and have joined with other peace-loving nations

in the United Nations in order to promote and secure the peace through international cooperation; and

Whereas there is and will be hunger, privation, and suffering in Greece if assistance is not promptly provided, and the Government of the United States desires to assist in the furnishing of such assistance to Greece for humanitarian reasons and in order to promote international well-being; and

Whereas administration of such assistance by the United Nations will promote international confidence and minimize suspicion and conflict among the nations, and will foster that spirit of unity of the Great Powers that brought us victory in war and laid the foundations of a United Nations organization to preserve the peace: Therefore be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
 3 That it is the sense of Congress that (a) the United States
 4 shall initiate a request for an emergency meeting of the
 5 General Assembly of the United Nations to consider, investi-
 6 gate, and take appropriate action looking toward the resolu-
 7 tion of, those situations in the Near East and Middle East
 8 areas which are endangering the peace, and (b) United
 9 States representatives at the several constituent organiza-
 10 tions of the United Nations now in session request such organ-
 11 izations as have jurisdiction over any of the aforesaid
 12 situations to expedite consideration and action upon such
 13 situations pending the convening of the emergency meeting
 14 of the General Assembly.

1 SEC. 2. The United States representatives at the appro-
2 priate constituent organizations of the United Nations are
3 hereby authorized and directed to initiate proposals looking
4 toward the establishment of a fund for the relief and rehabili-
5 tation of Greece in accordance with the following terms and
6 provisions:

7 (a) The said fund shall be subscribed by voluntary con-
8 tributions of the member nations (but the United Nations
9 may recommend to the member nations quotas based on
10 equitable considerations).

11 (b) The said fund shall be controlled and administered
12 by appropriate organizations and officials of the United
13 Nations.

14 (c) The said fund shall be used only for the provision
15 of supplies for the relief and rehabilitation of the civilian
16 economy of Greece (including incidental administrative,
17 transportation, technical, and other necessary services); but
18 no part of said fund shall be used for the provision of military
19 material, supplies, or services.

20 (d) No assistance shall be provided through this fund
21 unless the Greek Government has given assurance satis-
22 factory to the Secretary-General of the United Nations
23 that: (1) the supplies made available under this fund as
24 well as similar supplies made available locally will be
25 distributed among the people of Greece without discrimina-

1 tion as to race, creed, or political belief; (2) representatives
2 of the United Nations and of the governments which have
3 contributed to the said fund and representatives of the press
4 and radio of the countries which have contributed to said
5 fund will be permitted to observe freely and report fully
6 regarding the distribution and use of said supplies; and (3)
7 upon request of the Secretary-General of the United Nations
8 the Greek Government will furnish promptly information
9 concerning the production, distribution, importation, and
10 exportation of any supplies which affect the relief and re-
11 habilitation needs of Greece.

12 (e) The Secretary-General of the United Nations or
13 the appropriate organizations of the United Nations shall
14 submit quarterly to the nations contributing to the said fund
15 reports of expenditures and activities pursuant to said fund.

16 SEC. 3. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated
17 to the President upon the establishment of the fund described
18 in section 2, a sum of not exceeding \$250,000,000 to pro-
19 vide the United States contribution to such fund. Any
20 advances made by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation
21 pursuant to section 4 shall be charged against any appropria-
22 tion made under this authorization and shall be repaid to the
23 Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

24 SEC. 4. Pending the establishment of the fund described
25 in section 2, and notwithstanding the provision of any other

1 law, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation is authorized
2 and directed until such time as an appropriation is made pur-
3 suant to section 3 to make an advance of \$100,000,000 to the
4 President for the purpose of providing supplies for the relief
5 and rehabilitation of Greece. The administration of such
6 relief and rehabilitation shall be carried out by appropriate
7 organizations of the United Nations. For this purpose the
8 President shall transfer the aforesaid advance to the Secre-
9 tary-General of the United Nations or to such constituent
10 organizations as the Secretary-General may direct, in such
11 amounts as the President shall determine to be appropriate,
12 upon the receipt of assurance satisfactory to the President
13 that the terms and conditions specified in subsections (c),
14 (d), and (e) of section 2 will be complied with.

15 SEC. 5. The authority of the President under sections
16 3 and 4 may, to the extent the President so directs, be exer-
17 cised by the Secretary of State.

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