WASHINGTON REPORT by Congressman JAMES B. UTT

The ARMS CONTROL and DISARMAMENT ACT

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As one of the 37 Members of Congress who voted against the "Arms Control and Disarmament Act" in 1961, I regret that my fears at that time are becoming fully justified. This legislation became known as Public Law 87-297. I am completely in favor of multilateral disarmament to lessen the chances of war. Everyone is hoping and praying for a peaceful world and it is almost sacrilegious to urge anything but peace. International peace can only be maintained on the same basis that peace and tranquility are maintained in an American community, and that is by the presence of a strong law enforcement agency.

It is my belief that disarmament can only be attained by mutual desires and mutual trust. Today there is no mutuality of desires and no mutuality of trust. Peace can always be had at any time by surrender to the aggressor whether it be between two men or two nations, but surrender is not desirable.

The so-called Disarmament Act set up a super-agency with power greater than the power of the Congress, which delegated it. The law was almost a duplication, word for word, of a disarmament proposal by the Kremlin in 1959, and so we find ourselves again advancing the Moscow policy. As an example of the power, Section 43 provided that the President "may, in advance, exempt actions of the Director from the provisions of law relating to contracts or expenditures of Government funds whenever he determines that such action is essential in the interest of United States arms control and disarmament and security policy."

In that same year, there were a half-dozen separate pieces of legislation which had provisions that "notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the President may" do so-and-so, and then enumerated a series of situations where the President could completely disregard the law of the land.

The Disarmament legislation was passed for the purpose of implementing the Department of State Publication 7277, entitled "Freedom From War -- The United States Program For General And Complete Disarmament In A Peaceful World." This little gem from the State Department laid out the program for complete disarmament on a three-stage basis, the purpose of which was to reduce the armaments of every nation to almost the zero point, including our own National Guard, and to concurrently augment an international peace force under the benevolent guidance of the communist-dominated United Nations, whose recent murderous actions in the Katanga should make every American shudder at the thought of the UN blue helmets enforcing the edicts of U Thant in this Republic. The idea was to reduce our military capability to zero with the exception of a small federal army trained in "counter insurgency" to put down civil strife within this country.

Walt Rostow was sent to Moscow before Mr. Kennedy took office. He asked Khrushchev what America could do to reduce tensions. Mr. Khrushchev replied that we should abandon our first-strike capabilities and remove our foreign bases -- and that is just what we have been doing. The only real peace-keeping force in the world today is our own Strategic Air Command with its capabilities of reaching any point in Russia. We had proposed to build the B-70, now known as the RS-70, capable of flying at 70,000 feet at 2000 miles per hour. This program has been practically scuttled because it was a first-strike weapon and Khrushchev didn't like it. The abandonment of the Sky Bolt was political and not military.

One of the first steps of the Arms Control Agency was to recommend the repeal of the Connally Amendment and to make this country completely subservient to the International Court of Justice. The International Court of Justice is about as un-American as possible. It is true that the World Court is not supposed to act on domestic matters, but so does the UN Charter provide that the UN should not inject itself into domestic matters. Yet the Congo is living proof that they have no intention of living by the Charter. There is every intention on the part of the Disarmament Agency to destroy the sovereignty of this Nation and put us under the control of international tyranny, and they are moving rapidly in this direction. It is for these reasons that I have introduced a bill to repeal the Arms Control and Disarmament Act.

I would urge that the readers of this report send to the State Department for the Second Annual Report to Congress of the U. S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, a 106-page "dilly."

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