

# REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

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U. S. Finances  
Gold Raids  
at Fort Knox

WASHINGTON, July 22—The United States is financing the raid on its gold store at Fort Knox under foreign military and economic aid doles in grants and loans.

Brig. Gen. Bonner Fellers [ret.], national chairman of the citizens foreign aid committee, reports that the United States has doled out 116 billion dollars to 122 governments and organizations. Some 75 of these have used some of the dollars to buy 11 billion dollars of American gold from Fort Knox.

The recipients of American aid have 26 billion American dollars which they could exchange for gold, altho Americans cannot get gold for their dollars, except for the fact that American gold stores total only about 13½ billion dollars. Fort Knox lies at the mercy of foreign dollar holders, however.

## Could Wreck Dollar

POSSIBLY the chief reason they don't demand more gold is that if they should withdraw the required gold backing for American dollars, they would not only wreck the dollar, but their dollar holdings. This would undoubtedly drag their own currencies into financial chaos.

The peak of American gold holdings was reached Sept. 21, 1949, at 24 billion 691 million dollars. They have dropped to below 13½ billions. Most of the drop has come from withdrawals by nations that have received aid. Switzerland, which has not shared in aid, has withdrawn almost a billion dollars

in gold, but these withdrawals have doubtless come from bank accounts of Americans escaping income taxes, and other holders of numbered accounts, including dictators.

## Record of Gold Withdrawals to April 1

THE leading foreign aid recipients and their gold withdrawals, from July 1, 1945, thru March 31, 1966, according to the list prepared by Gen. Fellers, are as follows:



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[IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS]					
Country	Granted Aid	Purchased Gold	Country	Granted Aid	Purchased Gold
Argentina	707.5	170.0	Israel	1,073.4	24.5
Austria	1,198.1	554.3	Italy	6,053.7	543.1
Belgium-Luxbg.	1,986.7	697.2	Japan	3,934.1	202.7
Brazil	2,788.3	28.4	Korea	6,361.9	3.5
Chile	1,125.0	15.8	Mexico	1,029.9	24.0
China	4,755.5	0.0	Netherlands	2,472.3	736.3
Denmark	923.1	118.4	Pakistan	2,937.3	.2
France	9,401.6	2,601.8	Philippines	1,888.9	.2
West Germany	4,995.0	656.9	Spain	1,863.9	757.6
Greece	3,669.9	134.4	Turkey	4,755.2	59.5
India	5,882.4	0.0	Unit. Arab Rep.	1,080.9	155.7
Indochina	1,535.2	0.0	United Kingdom	8,958.8	1,408.5
Iran	1,549.5	29.7	Viet Nam	2,377.5	0.0
			Yugoslavia	2,733.3	26.4

The 116 billion dollars American taxpayers have doled out in aid comes from only 6 per cent of the world's population in the United States. No nation in history has ever been more generous. Even so, this is only part of the story, because American aid is responsible for about 40 per cent of the national debt and the aid share of the debt is now costing taxpayers 4 billion a year.