

## KEEP IRON CURTAIN FROM ATLANTIC

BY AID OF E.R.P.

### APPEAL TO U.S. SENATE

NEW YORK, Mar. 1 (A.A.P.)— "The iron curtain must not come to the rims of the Atlantic, by aggression or default," declared Senator Vandenberg (Republican, Michigan) in the Senate today, opening the Congressional debate on the European recovery programme.

He said: "The treacherous Moscow propaganda has charged us with iniquitous imperialism, and the Communist Cominform is frankly calling on its adherents to wreck the E.R.P. It is indeed a 'cold war.' It is a 'pressure war' against the independent recovery of Europe. It is also obviously aimed at the U.S.

"Peace with justice is our utterly paramount concern, and any thought of war is abhorrent to our soul. But peace and appeasement are not on speaking terms, and the totalitarian idea of virtually dividing the earth between Washington and Moscow would not be peace. It would simply be a dishonourable truce, preceding a final and unspeakable disaster.

### TO FIGHT ECONOMIC CHAOS

"There is nothing in this plan that threatens the Soviet Police Empire. It is not a plan against eastern Europe, but a programme for western Europe. It calls for no American domination of Europe. It strives to stop World War Three before it begins.

"It fights the economic chaos that would precipitate far-flung disintegration, and it sustains western civilisation. It means to take western Europe completely off the American dole at the end of the adventure. The E.R.P. could be the turning point in history for 100 years to come."

Senator Vandenberg pleaded for a quick passage of the Bill which he said was a welcome beacon in the world's dark night. He urged the Senate not to cut the 5300 million dollars proposed for the first year of the E.R.P. "Americans have everything to gain and nothing to lose by launching this hopeful enterprise full steam ahead," he said.

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Senator Vandenberg departed from the prepared text of his speech to denounce the Communist aggression in Czechoslovakia and Finland, declaring: "The fate of Czechoslovakia, where every semblance of democracy has been gutted out by subversive conquest, underscores the solemn thesis of the E.R.P. The kindred fate of brave little Finland may be added to this ominous score this very afternoon, while we are debating an axiom. Aggressive Communism threatens all freedom and all security in the old world or the new, when it puts the people anywhere in chains."