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I think it would be to the best interests of the United States to participate actively in United Nations economic aid programs. I say this because if aid is administered in this manner, it means that more backward countries can be reached; it means, furthermore, that it will cost less in the long run; and it means that the results achieved will be more effective and lasting.

It is interesting to note that until last year the Russians refused to participate in any U.N. economic aid programs even though they found fault all the time with what the U. N. programs were attempting to do. Until that time they had not contributed even a red ruble to aid the undeveloped peoples of the world. Now, as American participation decreases, the Soviet Union is stepping in, and while the amount they are contributing to the U. N. economic aid fund is small; nevertheless, it is a contribution which they are giving a great deal of propaganda value to and which they are using to achieve their own objectives in the foreign policy field in the undeveloped areas of the world.

The cost of American participation in the United Nations aid program is small - probably amounting to less than one-fifth of what we are carrying on under our own Point IV program. It is my belief that the amount of money that we can put into the aid program under the auspices of the United Nations will repay us many times over in goodwill and friendship among the countries needing help the most. It is one way of helping

other people to help themselves so that they can learn our techniques; so that they can better their own way of living and thereby achieve a greater degree of security against the constant pounding Soviet propaganda being dinned into their ears all the time.