

could have done something about it, we didn't do anything and millions of people around the world sat idle. I said at the very same time now while ten million people are destined to die of starvation in Africa, I would hope that my good senators in the front there would listen, ten million people are destined to die of starvation in Africa, the American farmer is going into bankruptcy in wholesale numbers because of the lack of an adequate price for his grain. And 40 years from now historians will write the story and say that while American farmers went bankrupt many people starved to death because of the inadequacy of our export policy. I would like to say at this time that many people have contributed money toward the African cause. Many people have spent time, nonagricultural people. I believe that it would be a symbolic measure of confidence and responsibility if the Nebraska farmer would make a contribution of grain toward that good cause. I would expect that we would then be able to get some help from the transportation industry to transport that grain, from the maritime workers, from the railroad workers, all of those people. I am going to tell you something else. I have been often accused of being a mercenary on this floor, some of you directly, some of you indirectly. The facts are that we might possibly sell a few bushels of grain five or ten years down the road as a result of opening up this market. Accuse me of whatever motives you wish. I don't see anything wrong with that. The point blank truth is that there are people starving to death in Africa today. I want to remind you that after World War I, Mr. Hoover was sent to Russia to feed those people and keep them from starving. After World War II, President Truman inaugurated the Marshall Plan to keep millions of people in Europe from starving to death. At this time, there is a concern for the people in Africa, a concern for the people in Asia, and a concern for the people in Central America, but there is no overwhelming desire to resolve the problem. I am going to say something now which you might accuse me of being a racist, but I am going to say this that if those people were not black, if they were white people, we wouldn't let it happen. We would not let it happen. We would marshal all of our reserves and we would be going overseas to feed those people. If you have read the latest issue of Newsweek, if you can read it without it tearing your heart out, you have got to be concerned. You have got to show some concern. It is okay for us to sit here, we are concerned because we cut a few million bucks out of the budget. How would you feel if you had millions of your