

acquisition under 608."

Senator GRUENING. Suppose you cut it in half. Wouldn't that enable you to—

Mr. LEE. Actually, we have slowed it down essentially. I believe that our output has been slowed down to one-half in both of these depots in recent months as a result of these investigations.

"ROOM FOR BOTH" CLAIMS LEE

Senator GRUENING. If you cut it in half, the other half might go back to the people who paid for the property in the first place, the American people.

Mr. LEE. Again, just an observation, Mr. Chairman. The amount that we are taking is such a small percentage of the program that I don't think it would make a great deal of difference. I think there is room for both.

And here again I would like to refer back to this experience that AID program.

LIPPMAN QUERIES AID'S INERTIA . . .

Mr. LIPPMAN. Mr. Lee, I would like to get back to one thing. It is something of a mystery to us as to why AID didn't take on this question of the adequacy of repairs in past years. Why did they have to wait for the subcommittee to stir them up, so to speak, to get into an evaluation of this thing?

. . . AFTER REPEATED COMPLAINTS . . .

The record is replete with mission complaints going back for many years. And Mr. Crownover knows from his own experience in the Far East about this. In January he wrote a memorandum to Mr. Greenfield summarizing his surveys of this situation in the Philippines, in Thailand, in Laos, and Vietnam, and concluded that there was a uniform agreement that there should be an upgrading of equipment.

wrong with the excess property program. So you move in and you correct these. Next week or next month another subcommittee or perhaps this subcommittee will uncover some additional specific deficiencies and you move in and correct those. But the real fundamental question, it seems to me, relates to the system that you have,