

Policy Toward Franco Spain Can Place U. S. in Awkward Situation

By JAMES THRASHER

Bi-partisan foreign policy is a valuable and well-advised American product, but also a rather tricky one. It concerns not only Messrs. Truman, Dewey, Marshall, Vandenberg and Dulles. It concerns other government functionaries—among them, Sen. Chan Gurney of South Dakota, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Senator Gurney's recent study of military conditions in Europe, observers say, may greatly affect the course of U. S. military policy. On one vital issue, however, we feel the senator has done his country a disservice.

Senator Gurney had a talk with Generalissimo Franco in Madrid the other day. Afterwards he said he favored complete re-establishment of relations between Spain

and the U. S. He said he was "tremendously impressed with Franco's pride in the Spanish people and his faith in Spain's military power."

He did not come out in favor of military assistance to Franco, but he thought that Spain should receive economic help. As a result, the American Embassy in Madrid had to announce that there was no basic difference of opinion between the State and Defense Departments toward Spain.

Prudence Lacking
Mr. Gurney has every right to admire Franco and the Spanish people. He has an equal right to favor economic or military aid for them. But it would seem more

prudent if, as a prominent member of the U. S. Congress and of the Republican Party, he had thought twice before making this rather embarrassing confession of his personal feelings.

If the senator wished to advance the bi-partisan foreign policy that his party is committed to, he might have remembered, as a senator, that the Republican Senate persuaded the Republican House to change its mind about recommending Marshall Plan aid for Spain—a decision which, if carried out, would surely have lost us friends and encouraged communism in Europe.

Democracy Suppressed
We are aiding, or have aided, governments in other countries that give off something less than a democratic aroma. But at least those governments are threatened by the forcible imposition of communism. This is not the case in Spain, where communism and democracy alike are sternly suppressed.

Spain's aid to the Axis in World War II could scarcely be contained within the bounds of technical neutrality.

Senator Gurney has his clear rights of expression. But he also has duties as an intelligent citizen, a loyal party man and a representative of government. He has the duty to remember that when he speaks in Europe, Europe can be forgiven for imagining that he speaks for his party and his government.

The government of which he is a part has been forced to make enough sacrifices of idealism for expediency as it is. His fulsome praise of Franco does not make the task of maintaining a united American front any easier.

Record '48 Crops Spur Farmers To Bigger '49 Goals

By OVID A. MARTIN
WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (AP)—With a record crop volume practically assured for this year, farmers already are turning their attention to planting for another big output in 1949.

The Agriculture Department reported this in a harvest-time statement yesterday estimating this year's total crop production will exceed the 1946 record by 8 per cent.

Favorable weather in September virtually nailed down earlier forecasts for 1948 production will top all others.

Fall plowing, field preparation and seeding of such fall-sown grain as winter wheat, rye and oats is progressing seasonally, the department said.

In some areas, however, lack of soil moisture has held up grain seeding. This was the case in parts of the southern great plains, where dry weather a year ago also hindered operations.

This year's record corn crop will turn out to be larger than the department had previously predicted if its latest estimate is borne out. Yesterday's report put the crop at 3,567,955,000 bushels—a boost of about 39,000,000 bushels from the September forecast.

Bigger Meat Output Looms
Surpassing the 1946 record by 10 per cent, the new corn crop opens the way for a big boost in production of meats, dairy and poultry products. Consumers should feel the benefits in the form of lower prices by late 1949, officials said.

With farm prices in general now down about five per cent from the January peak, an Agricultural Department economist said today a further drop of 15 per cent may come by the end of 1949—if peace prospects brighten.

O. C. Stine, assistant chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, told a conference of several hundred state agricultural college economists prices will hold so long as "the possibility of active warfare hangs in the balance."

But assuming peace, Stine said, the turn of the tide for agriculture has passed.

"The peak in real income for farmers was reached in 1946, in net dollar volume in 1947, in prices received in January, 1948," he said.

Other Outputs Soar
The department estimated yesterday that 3,220,000,000 bushels of corn will be harvested as grain,



LESSON IN SAFETY—Lassie, the collie, waits at curb for Officer Ernest E. Pressley's signal before pushing Susie across a Chicago street. Pressley staged demonstration with dogs to teach traffic safety lessons to school children.

the balance going into silage and other feed materials. This would be 50 per cent more than was harvested last year, when the crop was extremely short due to dry weather.

Aiding corn in establishing a production record this season were record outturns of soybeans, peanuts, pecans and cranberries; near-record crops of wheat, oats, flaxseed, rice, sorghum grain, dry beans, and citrus fruits, and above average crops of cotton, barley, all hay, potatoes, tobacco, sugarcane, sugar beets, hops, peaches, cherries and apricots.

The combined crop of food grains—wheat, rye, rice and buckwheat—was said to be the largest on record.

Detroit Curfew Fixes Penalty for Parents

DETROIT, Oct. 12.—(AP)—A midnight curfew—under which Ma and Pa face a penalty in event of violation by their children—takes effect at midnight tonight.

The curfew applies to children under 17 years of age. If they're found unescorted on the streets after midnight, their parents will be fined \$15 or 30 days.

Henry Wallace Barred From Nebraska Ballot

LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 12.—(AP)—The Nebraska Supreme Court ruled today that the name of Henry Wallace cannot appear on next month's general election ballot in Nebraska.

The ruling also prevents the names of six presidential electors pledged to support Wallace from appearing on the ballot.

New Flight Endurance Mark Aim of Two Pilots

DALLAS, Tex., Oct. 12.—(AP)—Fred Vinmont and Bert Simmons, two Dallas flyers, take off tomorrow in an attempt to set a new flight endurance record.

The present record is 721 hours. The men will refuel their plane in flight from the airport



GETS LAST WISH—Col. Chang Ya-min, former chief of the Shanghai Garrison economic affairs section (center, rope around neck), is about to be helped to one of two bowls of Chinese wine which he asked for before he was shot by a firing squad, near Shanghai. He was the second Shanghai Garrison officer shot within 16 days after conviction on corruption charges. (AP Wirephoto)



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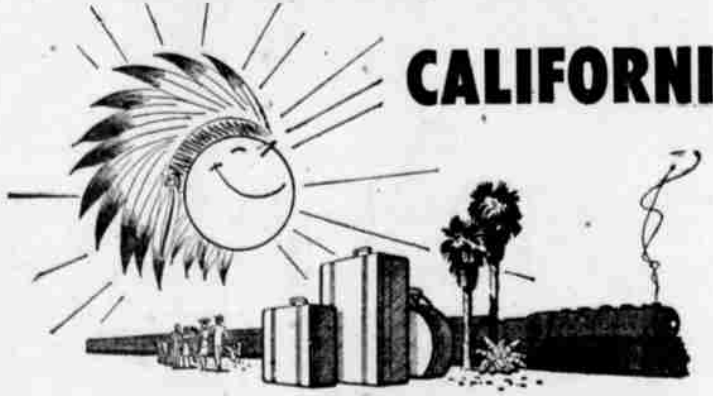
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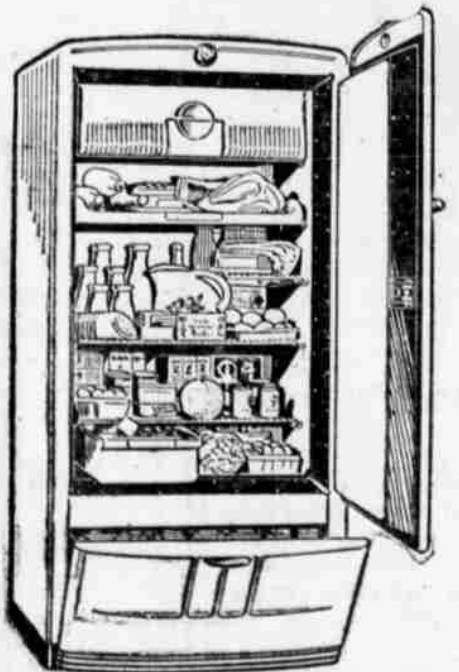
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- 3. COMFORT.** You have more elbow room to relax in now. There's just as much or more of nature to enjoy, but not so many vacationers getting away from each other together.
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