



**INSPECTION, BAVARIAN STYLE**—Participants line up for inspection during a festival in Bavaria, Germany, to insure that they are wearing genuine Bavarian costumes. Two of the inspectors check to see that underwear is the conventional fashion—shorts going to the knees. An expert can tell quickly whether one is a native Bavarian or a "foreigner" dressed like one. It takes three hours for a girl to dress "genuinely Bavarian." (AP Wirephoto)

**Mexico's Dicker For U. S. Oil Loan Discloses Complicated Situation**

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WASHINGTON—(NEA)—Mexico's surprise ending of negotiations for an oil development loan from the United States may be only one phase of a complicated internal Mexican economic and political situation.

Mexico is deep in a postwar readjustment situation similar to the one the British are so worried about. Mexico enjoyed a war boom, with high prices for everything, including attractions for American tourists who had no place else to go.

Most of this business dropped off after the war. Mexico had trouble regaining its prewar trade with Europe, which was broke. The hoof and mouth disease epidemic cut off Mexico's big cattle exports to the U. S. When the U. S. oil shortage ended in 1948 and Mexico's oil exports dropped off, the country developed a bad dollar shortage.

Anyway, all these developments created a situation which demanded that Mexico do something to increase her exports. One of the best bets seemed to be an increase in oil production. During the war the U. S. House of Representatives committee on Interstate Commerce made con-

tinuing studies of world oil resources. In the course of these investigations, attention was directed to Mexico's undeveloped resources. The Mexican government invited the committee to come down and see for itself.

Chairman Charles A. Wolverton, New Jersey republican, and a sub-committee made two trips to Mexico in the fall of 1948. Last January the committee filed a report. It recommended that the U. S. government loan Mexico \$70,000,000 for oil development, to increase supplies available to the U. S.

In 1938 the Mexican government had expropriated properties of U. S. oil companies involved in a labor dispute. Seized properties were put in a government company, Petroleos Mexicanos, better known as Pemex.

Last March Pemex made its first break with Mexican national oil policy. It signed its first contract with U. S. producers for oil exploration. The U. S. company that took the contract is a pooling of interests representing Signal Oil and American Independent—the latter a combination of Edwin W. Pauley and eight other independents. Why Not Private Capital?

This was the situation when negotiations were begun between the U. S. government and Mexican Sen. Antonio J. Bermudez, director general of Pemex, for a \$70,000,000 loan as recommended by the Wolverton Committee. It has been generally believed that there was some connection between this loan and the Pauley deal with Mexico, or that Pauley promoted it. Pauley now claims there is no connection between the two deals, other than that they both involve Mexican oil.

It is State department policy that no government loans should be made to foreign countries if private capital is available.

It would be considered strange if the U. S. government were to grant the Mexicans a develop-

**Hog Program Would Change Breeding Seasons To Benefit Both Farmers And Consumers**

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Farmers may get their first experience this fall with the government's latest gadget for ending periodic ups and downs in prices and supplies of meat.

The gadget is a provision in the agriculture department's price support program for hogs. It is aimed at giving a better price break to the farmer who raises, fattens and sells his hogs early than to the farmer who comes along later and contributes to a market glut.

Under this provision the farmer who markets his spring hogs in September is guaranteed \$19 to \$18.50 for 100 pounds. His neighbor who doesn't get his hogs in market shape until December is guaranteed between \$14.75 and \$15. That's a wide difference—and quite a penalty on the late guy.

The farmer knows, but perhaps the consumer doesn't, that hogs do not move steadily to market throughout the year. Marketings start the year at a very high level, then taper off in March and April. Then they spurt up in May and June, fall off again in July and August, only to climb again in the fall.

Usually prices of hogs—and pork chops—follow this same pattern. Right now, for example, housewives are complaining about prices of pork. The reason is the low level of marketings. Most farmers breed their sows so that they will farrow in the spring and early fall—when the weather is usually most favorable for pigs.

Breeding Change Needed  
What is needed, says the department, is a change in the breeding pattern so that more pigs will be born in the late win-

ter and more in the summer and hence fewer in the spring and fall.

Both the farmer and the consumer would benefit, says the department. The farmer would average out somewhat higher prices than he now gets because there no longer would be a sharp price break just at the time when he has the most hogs to sell.

The consumer no longer would have to pay very high prices in the late winter and late summer because there would be larger supplies of meat at those times.

To encourage farmers to spread out hog farrowings and marketings, the price support guarantee is highest in those seasons when hog marketings—and pork supplies—are usually the smallest.

Farmers May Fall In Line  
This variable price support pattern has been in effect for several years. But farmers have had no experience with it because prices have been far above support levels.

The situation is expected to be different in the fall. A big increase in last spring's pig crop is expected to be reflected in a heavy market run of hogs in the



**VEEP STEPS OUT**—Vice President Alben W. Barkley watches the Cardinal-Giants baseball game in St. Louis, Mo., while Mrs. Garlison S. Hadley, St. Louis widow, has her mind on more feminine things, such as lipstick. It was the Vice President's second flying trip to St. Louis this summer, and he visited Mrs. Hadley both times—

late fall and winter—in fact so heavy that it may pull prices below government support levels. Government officials believe the experience of having to sell hogs under the variable price support standard will lead many farmers to spread their future pig raising operations over a longer period of time.

**DRIVER EXAMS DATED**  
A driver's license examiner will be on duty in the Roseburg city hall Aug. 18 and 19 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., according to an announcement from the secretary of state's office.

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