

Wheat Farmers May Turn Down Acreage Quota Plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Signs are increasing that wheat farmers may turn down the acreage quota program in the July referendum, Sen. Young (R-ND) said Thursday. The North Dakotan, a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee and a representative of one of the major wheat producing states, favors keeping the acreage allotment program.

"A vote against continuing the program would have far reaching consequences," Young said in an interview. "It would have its effect not only on wheat and other grains but on agriculture generally."

Continuation of the program is dependent on a two-thirds favorable vote by wheat farmers.

Under the present support program, wheat is to be supported at 82 1/2 per cent of parity this year. If the average quota program is rejected, however, the wheat rate would drop to 50 per cent of parity for 1956.

Young noted that when a similar election was held by wheat farmers in 1954 the program was approved by only a scant margin—with a heavy "yes" vote in North Dakota putting it over.

An index of the thinking here about the outcome next July, Young said, is the casting about for alternative programs if the present acreage allotment system is dropped.

"Several proposals are being advanced on what should be done in that event," Young said. "One is that the secretary of agriculture be given authority to support wheat at from 50 to 90 per cent of parity, with the understanding that

he set it at 75 per cent with no acreage limitations.

"Another is that wheat be supported at 65 per cent of parity with no acreage limitation."

Such alternative proposals, he said, "are wholly unacceptable and unsound."

"For example," he said, "if the support figure were set at 75 per cent of parity with no acreage limitations, it would lead to a far more serious surplus situation than we now have."

"The history of wheat production for the past 40 years proves conclusively that when the price of wheat declines to offset their loss in income."

Young said he believes the July ballot should list alternative proposals to get the farmer's opinion on what should be done if the acreage allotment program is discontinued.

Anti-Trust Law Charges Returned

BALTIMORE (AP) — Indictments charging violation of anti-trust laws in the sale of liquor in Maryland have been returned against many of the nation's leading liquor distillers along with a number of wholesalers, trade associations and individuals.

One count charged a conspiracy to "monopolize the interstate trade and commerce in alcoholic beverages."

Named among the 55 defendants were 14 distillers, seven wholesalers, three trade associations and 31 individuals.

The three-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury Wednesday charged a conspiracy to "raise, fix, maintain and stabilize the wholesale and retail prices of alcoholic beverages shipped into the state of Maryland."

Other counts charged conspiracy to monopolize interstate trade and an attempt to monopolize such trade in alcoholic beverages.

Rehabilitation Prisoners' Age Limits Disputed

SALEM (AP) — A dispute over whether there should be age limits for prisoners at the proposed state reformatory was aired Wednesday night at a House State and Federal Affairs Committee hearing.

Circuit Judge Donald E. Long, Portland, chairman of the advisory committee on the institution, defended the advisory committee's bill calling for no age limits.

But many witnesses argued that only young men between the ages of 16 and 25 should be sent there.

Judge Long, citing opinions of nationally known penal experts, argued that the reformatory prisoners should be men who are capable of being rehabilitated, regardless of age. He said that the state's circuit judges and district attorneys agree with him.

Appealing in support of limiting the prisoners to youthful offenders were representatives of the American Assn. of University Women, State Sheriff's Assn., Oregon Council of Churches, Portland Junior Chamber of Commerce, Oregon Prison Assn. and League of Women Voters.

Warden Clarence T. Gladden said there are 300 men in the penitentiary who are considered as likely transfers to the new institution. These men are not all within the 16-25 age bracket. He said there are 400 penitentiary inmates under the age of 25.

Communist Paper Back On London Newstands

LONDON (AP) — News - starved Londoners saw their first local daily in nearly two weeks Thursday, but for most the offering wasn't too palatable. The Communist Worker was back on the stands.

Reappearance of the Red organ marked the first break in the labor troubles which have shut London's 13 big dailies and 11 Sunday papers as well since March 25.

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Senate Tosses Life Line To Struggling Symphony

SALEM (AP) — The Senate tossed a life line to the struggling Portland Symphony Orchestra Tuesday by approving a bill to let the Portland City Council put a proposed bond issue to support the orchestra, on the city ballot.

The bill goes to the governor. In order to get a bond issue now, symphony supporters have to go through the costly process of getting initiative petitions signed.

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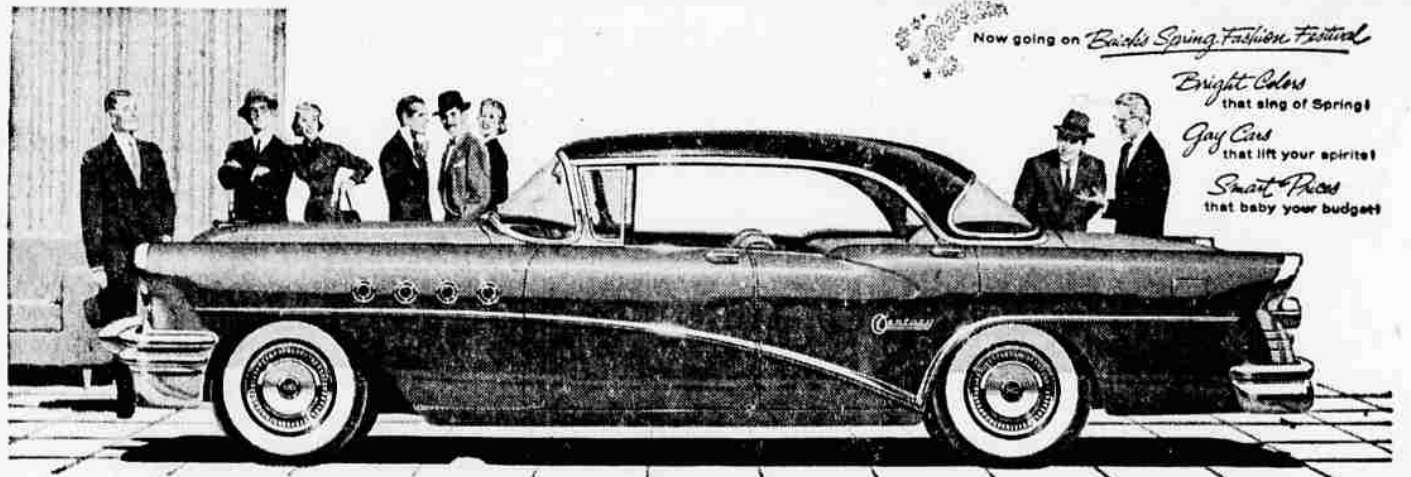
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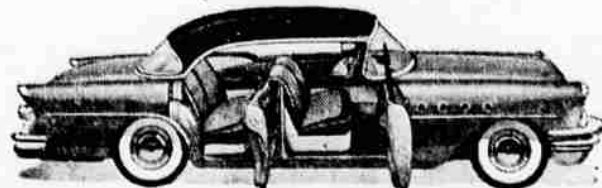
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