

Sale Of Wheat To Soviet Union Seems Teetering On The Brink

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The long-stalled deal to sell surplus American wheat to the Soviet Union appeared today to be teetering on the brink.

The Commerce Department Thursday issued export licenses for the sale of \$40.6 million worth of U.S. wheat to Russia in what may be the first break in the lengthy negotiations.

Jack N. Behrman, assistant secretary of commerce for domestic and international business, said, however, the export licenses were issued to private traders who thought they could arrange sales and wanted assurances the licenses would be available if needed. The licenses are, in effect, "hunting licenses," Behrman said.

The licenses provide for cash sales. Behrman said they would be subject to U.S.-Soviet agreement on terms. He said the exporters would have to comply with government requirements on shipping half the wheat in U.S. flag ships.

Negotiations for the sale of U.S. wheat to Russia have been in the hands of private U.S. grain firms since shortly after the government laid down ground rules for the deals last October.

For a time, the negotiations were carried on in Washington with a Soviet trade mission. Several weeks ago, the Soviet officials went home. Soviet spokesmen announced they still were open to offers, however, and representatives of several U.S. firms are known to have visited Moscow recently.

The biggest single roadblock to completing the sales—price—has been linked to the U.S. government's insistence that half of any wheat sold to Russia or her satellites be carried on American ships "if available."

To qualify as available, government officials explained that U.S. ships would have to be ready to carry the wheat at rates not exceeding government-set "guidelines." Even so, it appeared that the total freight rate "package" boosted the U.S. selling price beyond what the Russians were willing to pay.

Administration officials earlier had estimated that sales to the Soviets could reach about 4 million tons, eating away a heavy share of the wheat surplus piled up in government hands in this country under the farm price support program.

Agriculture Secretary Orville L. Freeman, continually hopeful that the sales would materialize, predicted last week they would be made "in due time."

Douglas Fir Sawmills Cut Eight Billion Feet In '63

PORTLAND (UPI) —Douglas fir sawmills in Western Oregon and Washington produced 8.1 billion board feet of lumber this year, the West Coast Lumbermen's Association (WCLA) said today.

This was up slightly from the 1962 output and did not include two billion feet of Douglas fir production in Northern California.

G. C. Edgett, executive vice president of the WCLA, said the fir production in Oregon and Washington was worth \$603 million to the two states.

Edgett said the output should remain fairly constant during 1964, with a moderate improvement to keep pace with an expected increase in new single family dwellings.

Orders of 8.2 billion board feet in 1963, Edgett said, were off fractionally from the 8.26 billion board feet for 1962.

Edgett cited several accomplishments the industry made in 1963. They included final Interstate Commerce Commission approval making permanent the seven cents per 100 pound rate reduction in temporary effect since Dec. 1, 1961. He said this cut meant a \$20 million annual saving on freight bills. Edgett warned the next big freight battle WCLA faces is a freight rate reduction being considered for the southern pine region. WCLA is seeking an offsetting reduction for western shippers.

Edgett also pointed to the successful effort to get legislation enacted which exempts lumber destined for foreign markets from filing rate schedules in advance. The new law allows U.S. shippers to negotiate for shipping rates on each shipment, the same as Canadian competitors.

The favorable action of Congress on the bill requiring marking of lumber as to country of origin would help West Coast mills compete with Canadian mills in U.S. markets, Edgett said.

He said a campaign of national promotion of West Coast species by WCLA has been projected for 1964.

Romney Invites Four Prospective GOP Candidates

LANSING (UPI) — Gov. George Romney said Thursday he had invited four possible GOP candidates for the 1964 presidential nomination to Michigan.

Romney said he had extended invitations to Gov. William Scranton of Pennsylvania, Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona, Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York and former Vice President Richard Nixon.

Romney is scheduled to introduce Scranton at a dinner before the Economic Club in Detroit on Feb. 10, and said he "would be willing to introduce any of them" to the people of Michigan.

In regard to Scranton's possible candidacy, Romney said, "obviously some people are undertaking his support and I would assume it is on an organized basis."

"Although I don't happen to be impressed by the fact that he has talked to Gen. Eisenhower, Gen. Eisenhower has talked to quite a few people," Romney said.

Romney said he had not extended an invitation to 1960 GOP vice presidential candidate Henry Cabot Lodge, who now is ambassador to South Viet Nam, because "I gather he doesn't feel he could leave Viet Nam right now."

Forest Service To View Tramway

PORTLAND (UPI) —Regional U.S. Forester J. Herbert Stone said Thursday the forest service would take another look at the desirability of an aerial tramway in the Columbia Gorge.

Stone said it would be part of an overall recreational planning study.

Stone said earlier he had conferred with representatives of Bonneville Aerial Tramway, Inc., which had requested an application to construct the tram.

The initial application of the firm was denied by the supervisor of the Mt. Hood National Forest.

Stone said a study which would include a possible tramway should not be limited to the Munra Point site, the proposed location of the tramway, but should cover such things as an inventory and analysis of possible tramway locations both on the Oregon and Washington side of the river.

Spokesmen for the firm, Lauren Lucas and Richard Britton, said the proposed Bonneville tramway would not be an eyesore and would not harm any natural wonders of the gorge.

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Stassen Might Seek Nomination

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) —Former Minnesota Gov. Harold E. Stassen said Thursday night he is considering running for the Republican presidential nomination at the urging of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Stassen, who had served as Eisenhower's disarmament advisor, said he would decide next month and that he has conferred with Republican leaders of several states. If he throws his hat into the ring, he said, he will make a "vigorous fight for it," entering some of the primaries.

Stassen said he was one of several persons asked by the former President to consider entering the GOP presidential race so that the party can have the widest possible selection.

Gov. William W. Scranton of Pennsylvania and U.S. Ambassador to South Viet Nam Henry Cabot Lodge disclosed recently they too had been asked to run by the former President.

Stassen said the Republican platform should be based on the policies of the Eisenhower administration and some of the principles of the late President John F. Kennedy, such as the partial ban on nuclear tests and the civil rights fight. The GOP, he said, should sponsor modernizing the United Nations and further disarmament in foreign relations and a balanced budget and full employment at home.

"I'm more interested in getting America to move on these big steps than being a candidate," he said.

Ed Chibouris, Oregon State University seismology student, said it registered 4 on a scale of 10 and appeared to be centered slightly west of Portland.

In Seattle, seismologist Norman Rasmussen of the University of Washington said the quake was felt between Salem and the coast. He also said the quake did not exceed 4 on the scale of 10.

There were a few reports of cracked ceilings and walls.

In Seaside, residents said houses shook, while reports of the quake also came from other coastal cities between Astoria and Oceanlake.

In Portland few residents seemed aware of it.

Chibouris said the tremor was less severe than one which struck near Portland in November.

Umpqua Sunday School Has Program, Songfest

By MRS. GEORGE MUNSON
The annual Christmas program was presented by the Umpqua Sunday School Monday evening in the Sunday School building near Umpqua. Mrs. Walter Cutright and Mrs. Frances Lane were in charge of the program. The Christmas tree had been decorated by the Young People's class and Mrs. Dale Judd decorated the auditorium.

Special out of town guests were the Rev. and Mrs. Roger Smith and four children of Brownsville; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hamilton and family of Sheridan; Mrs. H. W. Sovey of Newport; and David Crane of Ft. Ord, Calif. Group singing around the piano for over an hour, followed the program.

The Rev. James Johnson announced that he will have preaching services each Sunday morning at 11 o'clock following the regular Sunday School period. These will be non-denominational services and everyone in the area is invited.

Serviceman Home
Stephen Peery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Peery of Umpqua, arrived here on Thursday from Camp Pendleton, Calif., where he is a Marine Pfc.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lansing and son, Dan, of London, Ore., were guests Sunday at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. "e"mar Murphy. Enoch T. Hollard, formerly of Umpqua and grandson of Mrs. Roy Edwards, left on Monday for the Naval Reserve

Leonard Olson Top Guardsman

M/Sgt. Leonard G. Olson has been named "Guardsman of the Year" for Roseburg unit of the Oregon National Guard.

Olson was selected by a vote of the non-commissioned officers.

When he dons the green fatigue uniform of a guardsman, Olson becomes a platoon sergeant for the first rifle platoon of the Roseburg unit. In his civilian role, he is a salesman at a Roseburg hardware and appliance store.

Olson has headed a rifle platoon for nine years. During the 1963 summer training encampment, his platoon was picked as the outstanding platoon of the brigade in performing a "live fire" demonstration before visiting general staff officers.

His Guard activities have included attendance at a 15-day cold weather training school in Alaska last year. A member of the Roseburg unit for 16½ years, Olson's record shows nine years of perfect attendance at Army drills, with four years consecutive.

He is one of two remaining members of the original Guard organization which was operating in 1947 following World War II. Olson is also active in Cub Scout work and has volunteered extra time to provide basic training for Civil Air Patrol members.

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Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Jacobs and Robert and Larry of Grants Pass spent Christmas day in Roseburg with Mrs. Jacobs' brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Stark, and family.

GRANGE PLANS PARTY
Members of the Riversdale Grange and their guests will hold a New Year's Eve party at the Grange Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 31, beginning at 8 p.m. A full evening of entertainment is planned including dancing, games and cards. Ladies are requested to bring light potluck refreshments such as sandwiches, salad or cake.

Peerys Are Grandparents
Word was received from Redding, Calif., of the birth of a baby girl to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hawks. The latter is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Peery of Umpqua.

David Crane of Ft. Ord, Calif., son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crane, is spending the holidays at the home of his parents.

Mrs. Mary Norrd of Chico, is a house guest at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Tenness.

Word has been received from Forest Grove by Mrs. Kenneth Fortine of Umpqua that her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Crane, are recovering from injuries received in a serious three car accident recently. They are both in Tualatin Community Hospital. Fifteen others involved in the accident escaped injury.



NEW WORSHIPFUL MASTER of Oakland Lodge No. 16, AF & AM is Homer Trusty, center. He and other officers were installed at the Oakland Masonic Temple recently. Pictured from left to right are Arthur Treman, junior deacon; Leo Sparks, treasurer; LeRoy Groff, marshal; Dave Gneau, tyler; Floyd Ross, senior warden; Trusty; Don Curry, junior warden; Otis Van Meter, junior steward; Jack Fox, senior deacon; John Bonner, chaplain; and Marvin Steinbach, secretary. Not present for the picture was James Payne, senior steward. LeRoy Groff is outgoing worshipful master. (Warren Studio, Sutherland)

Erhard Leaves For Talks With Johnson In Texas

BONN, Germany (UPI)—Chancellor Ludwig Erhard left today for the United States where he will assure President Johnson that the European Common Market is not turning isolationist.

Erhard left by chartered airplane from Wahn Airfield at 1:08 p.m. (4:08 a.m. PST). The flight to Houston is a direct one, lasting 11 hours. The chancellor is due in Houston at 3 p.m. PST.

Erhard was accompanied by Foreign Minister Gerhard Schroeder and other high officials.

According to official sources, Erhard intends to tell Johnson he is pleased with the agreement reached by the common market ministers in Brussels Monday. But the real test of the decisions taken there, Erhard is understood to believe, will come during next year's so-called Kennedy round of international tariff reduction talks.

High on the list of items to be discussed at Johnson's ranch home Saturday and Sunday will be the situation in Berlin, where the Communists have for the first time in two and a half years permitted West Berliners to visit relatives in the Eastern half.

Erhard had planned a meeting with the late President Kennedy last month to discuss policies and get acquainted following his taking over from retired Chancellor Konrad Adenauer in October. But the President was assassinated two days before Erhard's scheduled arrival in Washington. Johnson urged him to reschedule the talks as soon as possible.

Western plans for continued diplomatic probes with the Soviet Union and the future of U.S. trade with Europe were expected to dominate the discussions.

West Germany and the United States approved such probes at the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) council meeting in Paris 10 days ago.

Need German Approval
But specific German approval of the various measures proposed for discussion with Moscow must now be given, since most of them directly affect Germany.

They include the establishment of military observer posts on both sides of the Iron Curtain to reduce the danger of surprise attack, and any arrangement that would concern Berlin.

Erhard has said he supports any U.S. attempt to discuss these issues with the Soviet Union as long as Germany's interests are safeguarded.

In The Armed Service
Norman C. Garlinghouse, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earvin Garlinghouse of Sutherland, participated in a coordinated U.S. and Government of the Republic of China amphibious exercise titled "Big Dipper" while serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk along the southern coast of Taiwan.

Franklin D. Hausotter, fireman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hausotter of Rt. 1, Riddle, is serving aboard the anti-submarine warfare support aircraft carrier USS Kearsarge.

Lester E. Moschkau, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. August Moschkau of North Reuben Road, Glendale, was among the first crew members to report aboard the newly commissioned guided missile destroyer USS Goldsborough at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Wash.

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Stormy Pro-Castro Committee Seeking Quiet Retirement

By FRANCIS L. MCCARTHY

United Press International
NEW YORK (UPI)—The pro-Castro Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPFC) quietly is seeking to go out of business, it was learned today.

In its stormy 27 months of existence, the committee—financed originally by the Castro Cuban delegation to the United Nations—has engaged in street brawls, been investigated by Congress, and more recently, tied in by implication with the slaying of President John F. Kennedy.

Suspected presidential assassin, Lee H. Oswald, a self-confessed Marxist, identified himself to authorities on his capture as a chapter chairman of FPFC in New Orleans and Dallas. The FPFC claimed he was never a registered member but the Federal Bureau of Investigation dug up correspondence between Oswald and V. T. Lee, the FPFC national chairman.

Informed sources said FPFC began disintegrating even before the Dallas tragedy. Many of its original 29 sponsors—the list included Truman Capote, Waldo Frank, Carleton Beals, James Baldwin, Simone de Beauvoir, Jean Paul Sartre, Norman Mailer, Prof. Robert G. Colodny and the Rev. Donald Harrington, among others—had dropped out one by one.

One of the original sponsors, Robert F. Williams, of Raleigh, N.C., expelled by the NAACP for preaching violence and sought by federal authorities for kidnapping, took "political asylum" in Communist Cuba.

The committee's original sponsors self-described as "thinking people" set out FPFC's alleged purpose—"To give a clear picture of Cuba as it is, without the distorted picture as given by the American press."

Sources attributed its comparatively brief span of life—little more than two years—to mounting anti-Castro American public opinion, the Washington hearings and, ultimately the "bad publicity" the FPFC got from disclosure of Oswald's activities in its behalf.

At the peak of its activity, FPFC had a mailing list of some 6,000 persons with an active membership of one-fourth of that total.

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