

Russians Clown With Foreign Aid; Rain 'Cements' Rangoon Relations

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House Appropriations Committee published its annual foreign aid hearings Wednesday and the good news is that the Russians also have a foreign aid program and a certain number of clowns among the people who run it.

They sent tons and tons of cement to Rangoon, where it was carefully piled in its sacks on the dock. But somebody forgot that this was the start of the rainy season. Now Burma is in fine shape for ballast, and maybe Russia will give her some ships.

Under a very attractive credit arrangement, Indonesia was able to buy 4,000 jeeps from the Russians. But these Russian jeeps had Russian windshield shields, which couldn't stand this tropical sun. They melted.

It's true that after the windshield shields were kicked out these jeeps ran pretty good, except when they didn't, which was often. They would steer, too, but not much. And the tires wore out after 5,000 miles.

Americans Come Through

A Soviet foreign aid team set foot in a south Asian country just in time for a flood which nearly wiped out the place. Here was their chance, and they went into action. Well, what they did was

phone Moscow for instructions. While the Kremlin made up their minds for them, American aid people bailed the local folks out of the water.

In fact, Leonard J. Saccio, our deputy director of foreign aid, said the Russian aid bosses "are making many of the same errors we have made, particularly in the early days of our programs."

The Appropriations Committee was delighted to hear this, especially the part about our mistakes being mostly behind us. They asked Saccio for details, and he allowed he was mighty happy to give 'em.

"Much nonsense has been written lately about foreign aid programs," he said. "None has been less accurate or more harmful than that which feeds the myth of the Soviet Superman."

Lang On Languages

Take the matter of language. He said it's widely believed the Russians send nobody abroad who can't converse with the natives, not so, he said. The fact is we do a lot better on this than they do.

Saccio's chief James W. Riddleberger, who formerly was one of our ambassadors, said even in Yugoslavia, where the local language is related to Russian, he found more Americans able to speak it than Russians.

In running their aid program

it's nice to know that the Russians can match us, error for error. But in talking about it they'll never compete. Today's volume of hearings covers 1,300 printed pages and more than one million words.

That's not counting all the words that were censored for security reasons. Ken Otto E. Passman (D-La.), chairman of the subcommittee that heard all the words, said he couldn't understand what was so secret.

Mysteries of Country 'X'

Take country X. On page 40 it is divulged we will send her 12 F-96A jet fighter planes at a cost of \$1,000,000 each. Passman said he'd do his best to explain this to the House, but that this would be hard since he had to keep the country's identity secret.

On page 478 Passman worries some more about sending jet planes to a backward, undeveloped country like X. Against whom, he wondered, were the X-men planning to use them? Against "hostile tribesmen," he was told.

By now I guess the Russian spies were searching their globes trying to pry out the secret. All I did was keep reading. On page 608 Passman wondered once more, why are we sending jet fighters to X?

Because, the witness explained, the emperor, one Haile Selassie, said that's what he wanted.

I guess that's what Passman meant when he complained that today's top secret in the committee may be tomorrow's newspaper story.

Plants Built By Americans Now Providing Competition

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NEW YORK (UPI)—Those new plants which America helped build and finance abroad are now turning stiff competition for American products not only in markets outside the U. S. but right here.

American exports have been falling off while imports of foreign goods have been rising. The steel industry has been hit hard by imports and it is getting a new slap right now with its mills idled by a strike.

The big advantage the foreigners have on us is the low wages they pay for factory production. Thanks to us they have the latest in factories and in knowledge of engineering and operation of them.

Industry's magazine, "Mill & Factory" takes a very dim view of this situation. "Shouldn't Happen To Dog" Its editor Carl C. Harrington holds that "what is happening to American industry shouldn't happen to a dog. It is being run out of world markets and is rapidly being run ragged in our own domestic markets."

The leading article in "Mill & Factory" entitled "The Case of America's Vanishing Markets" holds that American standard of living is being threatened by a growing flood of imported products.

"Foreign economies, largely rebuilt with U.S. dollars (75 billion of them) are turning out increasing quantities of quality goods," says Mill & Factory. "Lower foreign wage rates

make such wares attractive to domestic markets. Trouble spots are machine tools, appliances, and mining."

The magazine holds that "It's time we all took a long, hard look at Italian silk suits, Japanese cameras, French sport cars, and German hand tools. Let's stop kidding ourselves—these aren't bargains. They are deadly poison, and all of us are committing economic suicide when we buy them."

Steel Strike Has Impact

Right now with the steel industry on strike, this nation is importing many steel items and more are being processed by foreign producers.

Among these steel products are barbed wire, nails, reinforcing bars and many other steel products.

"Take a look at a keg of nails being used on nearly any building project," says Harrington. "Nine out of ten times they will have come from overseas. You will find foreign steel reinforcing rods being used as far west as Chicago. And even government agencies are not averse to buying less costly turbine generators from abroad."

"Mill & Factory" has suggestions for combating the foreign competition problem. It urges ultimate reorganization of all possible production because "If labor costs are out of control, then eliminate as much labor as possible."

Increased tariffs might help but this seems out of the question the magazine admits. Falling in

Wheat Marketing Vote Falls To Lowest Mark

Farm News Roundup

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The total vote in last week's nationwide referendum on marketing quotas for wheat fell to the lowest point on record, an Agriculture Department review showed today.

Just under 200,000 votes were cast in the balloting which approved quotas for the 1960 wheat crop. In last year's referendum, more than 230,000 votes were cast.

In 1953, when marketing quotas for wheat were ordered for the 1954 crop after several years of freedom from controls, a total of nearly 450,000 farmers voted.

The 1959 tabulation showed that only one out of five among the one million eligible voters cast a ballot.

The percentage of those in favor of continuing the present allotment and support program in

1960 was the lowest since 1954.

WASHINGTON (UPI)— Democratic Sens. Stuart Symington (Mo.) and Eugene McCarthy (Minn.) have demanded that President Eisenhower tell Congress exactly what he meant when he said he wanted a "decent" farm program.

The lawmakers said Monday that Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson promised last February to submit an omnibus farm bill to Congress. The recommendation has not come, they said.

Meanwhile, the Senators pointed out, the President has vetoed the wheat and tobacco bills passed by Congress.

Symington said Eisenhower at least should specify what he thinks is right if he continues to veto. What Congress thinks is right, The President called for a "decent" farm bill at his news conference last week.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Agriculture Department reported today that the spring lamb crop was 2 per cent higher than last year and 10 per cent above the 1948-1957 average.

The crop totaled 21,108,000 head. The 13 western sheep states produced 3 per cent more lambs than last year and 7 per cent more than the 1948-1957 average.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate approved 76 to 7 Monday a bill to set up an agency to promote increased use of farm products in industry.

The legislation is similar to a bill which the Senate passed 82-0

Judge Rules Against Grade C Apple Law

YAKIMA (UPI) — Superior Judge Lloyd Wiehl Monday held a new state law placing restrictions on grade C apples to be unconstitutional.

The law was passed by the last session of the Legislature. Cecil C. Clark, Wapato fruit grower and state representative, had filed suit challenging the validity of the law. Wiehl overruled a demurrer filed by the state June 19. The declaratory judgment signed Monday permanently enjoins the state from carrying out the provisions of the law.

Assistant Attorney General Ernest M. Furnia, representing Director of Agriculture Joe Dwyer, said Wiehl's decision would be appealed to the State Supreme Court. The high court probably will not hear arguments on the appeal until October.

C. W. Halverson, Clark's attorney, said Wiehl's ruling killed the law for at least this year. The measure would have eliminated C grades on red and partial red varieties of apples. Clark asserted the law was arbitrary because it did not apply to other varieties of apples.

last year but which died in the House. It also would call upon the proposed agency to develop new crops to replace those in surplus.

The agency would be under the Agriculture Department. It would be charged with finding new means to dispose of government-owned surplus commodities

Receptionist Will Testify In Doctor's Murder Trial

WEST COVINA, Calif. (UPI)—

Carole Tregoff, 22-year-old former receptionist who has vowed she will stand by accused wife slayer Dr. Bernard Finch, was expected to be called today to testify about the night socialite Mrs. Barbara Finch was killed.

Miss Tregoff, a divorcee, was with the society doctor July 18 when he confronted his estranged wife at their \$80,000 home here. They struggled and Mrs. Finch pulled a gun, Miss Tregoff told police.

But she said she did not actually see the shooting of Mrs. Finch.

At the time of Finch's arrest, Miss Tregoff's story of how she drove him here from her Las Vegas, Nev., apartment, dashed Finch's possible alibi that he had been in that desert city at the time of the slaying.

The state subpoenaed Miss Tregoff along with six other witnesses to testify at the preliminary hearing in which it was attempting to substantiate a first degree murder charge against the 41-year-old defendant.

Deputy district attorney Fred C. Whichello revealed Monday in the opening day of the hearing the "highly significant" contents of an attache case belonging to Finch and found at the murder scene.

Whichello, calling the contents "implements of violence," said they included 13 shells for a .38-caliber revolver, an eight-inch knife, two lengths of clothesline, medical alcohol, seconal capsules, a flashlight, surgical gloves and bandages.

The prosecutor said the brown case was found the day after the slaying by Dr. Finch's father, Dr. Raymond R. Finch, who lives next door.

He turned it over to police saying, "This is my son's tennis case," said Whichello.

Finch earlier said there was nothing in the bag a doctor doesn't regularly use in his work. He is not expected to be called to testify during the preliminary hearing.

Miss Tregoff attended the hearing Monday but received only one quick glance from Finch during the session. They looked into each other's eyes briefly and smiled during a recess.

Whichello said he was issuing a subpoena against the late Mrs. Finch's attorney, Glenn Maheu, ordering him to produce her will in court. He said he hoped the document would provide a motive for the slaying.

Cat 'Family' Annoys Neighbors

GLENDALE, Calif. (UPI)—Two women who face trial on charges of keeping in their home 147 more cats than the legal limit of three pleaded today for "sympathetic understanding" from their annoyed neighbors.

"What will happen to our family," asked Aura Hardison. "We do not breed our cats, merely provide a home for the homeless."

But in court Monday when the women were arraigned, Richard L. Vernon, who lives two houses away, said:

"I know this is America and the women have certain liberties, but this has gone beyond reason. Everyone has a right to a hobby but this defies convention."

And Bob Meyer, another neighbor, said he attends Glendale College and finds studying hard going.

"It's difficult to concentrate on studies on a hot night as my bedroom is 10 feet from the cat compound," he said. "And if the cats fight, they always wait until 1:30 a.m."

Miss Hardison admitted she and Marian Martin housed 150 cats in their plush stucco home in defiance of a recent city ordinance making housing of more than three cats unlawful without a kennel permit. But she said her application for such a permit was turned down.

Both women pleaded innocent to charges of operating a kennel without a license and asked for a jury trial Aug. 20.

Fire Department Answers Calls

La Grande's fire department spent one of its busiest days yesterday battling two barn fires, a grass fire and being called to another grass fire early this morning.

The first call came at 2:52 yesterday afternoon when a grass fire caught at 701 G St. Flames spread to a barn in the field and a second truck was called at 2:57.

The truck returned to the station at 3:12 and four minutes later was called to Third and E to put out another barn fire.

Firemen were then called to the 600 block on Third St. at 5:25 this morning to put out a grass fire.

SAUD IN GOOD HEALTH

FRIEBURG, Germany (UPI)— Doctors Monday reported that a thorough medical examination had shown King Saud of Saudi Arabia to be in "good health," although he "suffers from some blood pressure" trouble.

The first basic patents to make "artificial leather" date back to 1855, according to a study by the Twentieth Century Fund.

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MARKETS

PORTLAND DAIRY

PORTLAND (UPI) — Dairy market:

Eggs — To retailers: Grade AA large, 47-49c doz.; A large, 44-47c; AA medium, 37-40c; AA small, 27-29c, cartons 1-3c additional.

Butter — To retailers: AA and grade A prints, 65c lb.; carton, 1c higher; B prints, 63c.

Cheese (medium cured) — To retailers: A grade cheddar single daisies, 41-51c; processed American cheese, 5-lb. loaf, 40-43c.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND (UPI) — (USDA) — Livestock:

Cattle 350: fed steers and heifers not established; utility dairy type slaughter steers and heifers 18-21; few utility cows 16.50-17.50; canner-cutters 13.50-15.50; heavy cutters to 16.50; few cutter bulls 18-21; good-choice 600-800 lb. stocker and feeder steers 25-26; medium down to 20.

Calves 75: slow; vealers steady; good-choice 26-29; few head choice at 30; utility-standard vealers and calves 19-25; culls down to 15.

Hogs 450: includes 95 head bought to arrive; trade slow; 29-head lot 1 and 2 butchers 203 lb. steady at 16.25; mixed 1, 2 and 3 at 180-235 lb. 15-15.75; mixed grade 350-550 lb. sows 10-12.50.

Sheep 800: moderately active, steady; mostly choice 80-105 lb. spring lambs 19.25-19.50; mixed good-choice 18.50-19; few good down to 18; cull-gold ewes 2.50-4.