

Benson To Resist Demands That He 'Quit' Farm Post

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Agriculture Secretary Ezra Benson leaves Walter Reed Army Hospital today determined to resist demands from some farm state Republicans that he resign and to fight for congressional approval of his farm program.

But some of Benson's friends feel the program would have a better chance if the secretary stayed in the background and let President Eisenhower lead the fight.

These friends believe that congressional Democrats would oppose any Benson proposals simply because they carry his name. The friends think that an appeal to the public by Eisenhower would bring pressure on Congress to approve Benson's program.

Basically, Benson wants farm price supports lowered and production controls eliminated.

The secretary's friends feel that with Eisenhower leading the fight for this farm program, Benson could concentrate on counter-attacking his critics.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The National Farmers Union has accused Agriculture Undersecretary True Morse of "a new low in intellectual honesty."

The union based its charge on a recent Agriculture Department news release in which Morse said the current market prices for half

the crops covered by government price supports were above the support levels.

The farm organization said Morse ignored the reduction of support rates in recent years. It also said he failed to tell the truth about falling farm income and rising farm debt.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Agriculture Department officials plan to begin sending contract forms later this week to farmers, processors and food dealers who want to sell hormone-treated caponette chickens to the government.

Poultrymen and the food industry agreed voluntarily last week to remove treated birds from the market at the request of Arthur S. Flemming, secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

Flemming also obtained from drug producers a voluntary agreement to stop sales of the produce — stilbestrol — for use in poultry. Stilbestrol is a synthetic female sex hormone which has been known to produce cancer in laboratory animals.

The agriculture department said last Friday it was ready to accept offers to sell treated caponettes to the government. A department spokesman said a few offers were received Monday and contract forms might be sent out later in the week.



FAMILY PORTRAIT—Roy Maas of Remsen, Iowa, holds high the head of his prize-winning steer show. After the animal was named champ of the 1959 International Livestock Exposition in Chicago. Other proud members of the family are, from left: Mrs. Wayne Maas; father Frank; brother Wayne; mother; and Roy's girl friend, Darlene Hansen.

WALLOWA COUNTY VIEWPOINTS

4-H Achievement Party Is Set For Wallowa, Lostine

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Wallowa County Agents

WALLOWA (Special) — Francis Murphy and Pat Huber served as co-chairmen for the 4-H achievement program held at Wallowa and Lostine last Saturday.

Wallowa County Empire Builders also met at the Union Hall to organize on a county-wide basis. Meetings will rotate between Wallowa and Enterprise on the second Saturday of each month. Any boy or girl who is in the ninth grade may be an Empire Builder regardless of prior 4-H work. Delbert Pratt, Enterprise, is group advisor.

We are glad so many clubs are organizing early this year and hope many more will also. Re-

member, any leader who organizes and turns in material (enrollment cards) before Dec. 31 will receive a free subscription to the National 4-H News. Materials will be sent to Corvallis for processing Jan. 15.

Wallowa County Livestock Shipping Association directors plan an annual meeting at Enterprise, Dec. 18. They are arranging for a program that should inform farmers just what the price of animals will be in the future.

Ruth Makin, Extension secretary, had less trouble last week. Cornett and Kiesow will not yell for help because they will be attending the Extension Research and Teaching Staff Conference at Co. vallis.

At this meeting, agents are supposed to mingle with college people

and learn how things are done inside the slunk works. Extension agents are really part of the college team and that pay check is a pretty good blood transfusion.

Extension Office is typing the annual report. This project never fails to give us fits regardless of sympathy or sarcasm from the fans.

We record the number of office callers, but never write if they are pretty, witty, or sad. The report shows number of meetings and number of people attending, but no record is made of late, early, or angry citizens.

The annual report describes some of the jobs done to help keep Wallowa County on its feet economically and culturally.

CROWD WATCHES LIGHTING
NEW YORK (UPI) — A crowd of 3,000 jammed Rockefeller Center Thursday night to watch the lighting of 3,000 tiny lamps on a 70-foot Christmas tree, a Norwegian spruce bedecked with 1,050 large-size bulbs.

Pioneer In U.S. Aviation Now Pastor Of Tiny Church

RED BLUFF, Calif. (UPI) — One of America's pioneers in aviation is now the pastor of a little red church in Red Bluff. He is Lester J. Maitland, the man who made the first flight across the Pacific to Honolulu.

A 100,000 excited, cheering people jammed the side lines at dusty Bay Farm Airport in Oakland on June 28, 1927 when Lt. Maitland as pilot and Lt. Albert Hegenberger as navigator took off on that flight in "The Bird of Paradise," a tri-motored Fokker plane.

Twenty-six hours later when they landed at Schofield Barracks on the island of Oahu nearly all the population of Honolulu was there to greet them. Just a month before Charles Lindberg had made his historic flight across the Atlantic. That was thirty-two years ago and aviation has since come a long way.

Reverend Maitland continued his history making after that triumphant day in 1927. He was our oldest combat aviator in World War II and flew many bombing missions over Europe. He was commanding officer at Clark Field in the Philippines when the Japanese bombed us there.

He retired from Army in 1945 and later headed the Michigan Air National Guard as a brigadier general and he organized the civil defense program for Michigan.

He is a tall man with a shock of wavy gray hair that was once blond, has keen, blue eyes and a nose that gives him an eagle-like appearance.

He was one of the daredevil breed who flew the sticks and airplanes in World War I. His observations of destruction from the air from the aerial dog fights of World

War I to the hydrogen bomb convinced him, he said, that Christianity is our only hope.

A deeply religious man, he decided he could serve best as a man of the cloth and undertook years of study for that calling. He passed the strict requirements of the Episcopal Church and was ordained one of its priests on Dec. 23, 1956 at the little Parish of St. Johns in Iron River, Mich. He served as pastor of that parish for several years and later at St. Stevens in Escanaba, Mich.

A vacancy occurred at St. Peters in Red Bluff and the parishioners asked for him. He arrived and took over a few weeks ago. I talked with him in his rectory office and also talked with a number of his parishioners. This is a man who loves people and the great adventure of life. He is back near the scene where he was once acclaimed a great pioneering hero. You feel when you talk to him that he has arrived at the happiest part of his life in the work he is now doing.

HUNDREDS FLEE FLOODS
BELGRADE (UPI) — Floods in the towns of Bosnia and Herzegovina have forced hundreds of families to flee their homes, reports reaching here said today. There were no reports of casualties.

MONITOR FLIGHTS
WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Federal Aviation Agency has begun 37 days of round-the-clock monitoring of all scheduled airline training programs and flight operations to search out and correct irregularities and deficiencies, according to FAA Administrator Elwood R. Quesada.

Plan For Over 50,000 Boy Scout Campers At Colorado Springs National Jamboree

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Official Poster of the Fifth National Jamboree

More than 50,000 Boy Scouts, Explorers and leaders from all parts of the nation and some from other lands will camp together at the Fifth National Jamboree, July 22-28, 1960. A 2,000-acre site at Reverse J Diamond Ranch in Colorado Springs, Colorado, is being prepared for the jamboree. It will have its own water supply, electricity, telephone service, post offices and other services for the largest gathering of boys in the Western Hemisphere. Jamboree campers, all of them twelve years old or older, will share daily camp chores, cook their own meals, take part in displays, campfires, demonstrations, skill contests, and inter-camp visits during the seven-day event. Outstanding Americans will take part in the principal events.

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