

McNary Likes Wickard Plan, Price Fixing

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20-(AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Wickard has reached the conclusion, a close associate said Thursday, that some form of price fixing should be adopted to stabilize farm, food and industrial prices in the interest of wartime economic unity and to prevent inflation.

This official, who asked that he be not quoted by name, said this conclusion prompted Wickard to advocate in a speech Wednesday night repeal of a provision of the price control law prohibiting ceilings on farm prices at less than 110 per cent of parity.

Senator McNary of Oregon, republican leader, endorsed this idea Thursday, as well as a Wickard proposal for a "practical plan" to impose price ceilings on livestock. On the other hand, Rep. Fulmer (D-SC), chairman of the house agriculture committee, complained that Wickard was doing nothing to assure farmers a "fair and square deal" under the price control law.

Wickard was said to feel that the government should have the power to set ceilings on agricultural products at any level deemed necessary to protect the whole structure of price and wage control. Generally speaking, ceilings on farm products would be at parity—the farm price goal of federal crop programs.

Wickard was said to believe that if ceilings were reduced, price supports should be increased. Under present legislation, the minimum ceiling level on farm prices is 110 per cent of parity and the minimum support level is 85 per cent of parity. It was the theory of this legislation that farm prices would fluctuate between these two limits and average out about parity.

A parity ceiling would require a parity price support, it was explained, if prices were to average parity. Such a support would, in effect, be price fixing.

The secretary was said to be leaning toward the belief that it would be better to set the prices by executive decree—joined in by both the agriculture department and the office of price administration in the case of farm products—than to use the present method of setting up ceilings to keep prices from going too high and of using government crop loans and other devices to keep them from going too low.

Oil Chances Probed, Burns

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20-(AP)—Senator McNary (R-Ore) telegraphed Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo) at Cheyenne, Wyo., Thursday asking that the senate mineral resources committee which O'Mahoney heads, hold hearing at Burns, Ore., to investigate oil production possibilities in Harney county.

The subcommittee has been holding hearings in the west and McNary suggested it investigate the possibilities of producing oil in the Oregon area.

McNary said the geological survey would send an oil expert to Harney county if it was found there was reasonable showings of oil there.



Milk bottles have joined the War Bonds campaign. A message in red, white and blue will pour from every bottle, urging milk drinkers to Buy War Bonds. A Treasury Dept. messenger, Jane E. Austin, shows how vitamins have been joined with victory.

Dimond Sees War Decision In Aleutians

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20-(AP)—When the final battle of the war in the Pacific is fought it is likely to be waged in the Aleutian islands area rather than in the Solomon islands, Delegate Dimond of Alaska predicted Thursday at a meeting of the junior board of commerce.

"If the old strategic principle that one follows the shortest line to advance against the enemy is valid," Dimond said, "the crucial battle of the Pacific will be fought in the north Pacific."

Dimond said that the late Brigadier General William L. Mitchell foresaw the present war and had warned that to win it the United States must advance against Japan through the Aleutians and thus carry air bombardment to Japanese cities.

Fogs in the Aleutians, Dimond continued, were no worse than those near Halifax and said United States forces would have to fight in fog if this country were to win the war.

"There is no substantial ground to prove we can't fight just as well in the fog of the Aleutians as the Japanese can," he added. He declared that the safety of the United States depended largely on provision of a unified command in all Alaska. He explained that a unified command now existed only in the Aleutians.

"A divided command can lead to nothing but disaster despite the best efforts to cooperate," he said. "One would think the experience of Pearl Harbor alone would be enough to condemn forever divided commands."

Dimond praised action of army and navy fighters in the Aleutians and said United States airmen in their Catalina flying boats had put up a good fight against Japanese planes.

Job's Daughters Elect

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., Aug. 20-(AP)—Enola A. Henry of Porterville, Calif., was elevated to the office of supreme guardian of the international order of Job's Daughters at the group's 22nd annual convention Thursday.

Army Officers Sans Training Gets Flaying

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20-(AP)—Disclosure by the war department that 18,967 civilians with no previous experience as military officers had received army commissions during the 60 days beginning last June 1, brought from Representative Faddis (D-Pa) Thursday the comment that the United States army "is getting mechanized."

On the other hand, Secretary of War Stimson said a large percentage of the appointees were much-needed doctors and other technical men. He said appointments from civil life would decline greatly as officers' training schools turn out more and more graduates.

Faddis, a member of the house military affairs committee and sponsor of recent legislation requiring the armed services to make periodic reports on civilian commissions, said he was surprised that "the list isn't bigger."

"They've curtailed some," he commented, "probably because the general staff has been cut

down and they can't get around to issuing the commissions so fast now."

"They've probably commissioned every movie actor who can stand up by himself," he declared. "It's hard to find anybody below a brigadier-general."

The report, filed in conformance to the Faddis amendment to the service men's pay increase act, was made public by the senate military affairs committee after the house committee declined to release it on the ground it was confidential.

The navy department filed a similar report, but it was not made public, the house naval affairs committee regarding it as confidential.

Two Minor Fires Are Extinguished

The city fire department answered two calls Thursday night. A car on fire at 10:30 p.m. while parked between High and Church streets on Court. No serious damage was reported. The second fire, caused by defective wiring was reported at 8:40 North 14th about 8:40 p.m. It was also quickly extinguished with no serious damage resulting.

Wage Raising Halt Sought

NORFOLK, Va., Aug. 20-(AP)—Price Administrator Leon Henderson, calling upon all Americans for greater sacrifices to win the fight against inflation, said Thursday night the farmer "must take less, from now on, for many of his products," and wage increases must be limited to those "clearly dictated by necessity."

In an address prepared for a rally of war workers here, Henderson asserted, "it is a question of whether we want to win this war or whether we want personally to profit from it."

Placing wage and salary increases during the last year at \$1,200,000,000 a month, Henderson said the cost of living "has not even begun to catch up."

Japs Find Opportunity

SEATTLE, Aug. 20-(AP)—A regional leader among the Japanese who were transferred last week to the Minidoka relocation center in southern Idaho wrote to

a Seattle newspaper that the residents of the project are impressed with its potentialities.

"Some day," wrote American-born Bob Hosokawa, "with patience, hard work and faith in our government, this will be a living tribute to the foresight of our administration and to the American Japanese. Here there are facilities which are adequate and potentialities which are stirring. We can strive to build a model American community, based on the democratic way of life. Some day our fellow Americans will be proud to point to Minidoka."

Wyoming Nominates

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Aug. 20-(AP)—The nomination of E. V. Robertson, Cody republican, for United States senator was conceded Thursday by his closest opponent in a six-way primary race. Dr. A. G. Crane, Cheyenne, former president of the University of Wyoming, wired Robertson that "unofficial returns indicate your nomination."

Robertson's opponent in the general election will be Sen. Harry H. Schwartz of Casper, who had no opposition on the democratic side of the primary.

Aid Sought For Miners

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20-(AP)—The senate special silver committee, seeking to encourage mining of strategic non-ferrous metals, recommended Thursday tax legislation that would give relief to financially hard-pressed mine operators.

A report submitted to the senate by Committee Chairman Thomas (D-Okla.) suggested that in tax returns filed by mine owners there should be adequate allowance for depletion, and that there should be no curtailment of such allowance as proposed by the treasury.

The committee also recommended that there should be no federal tax upon the proceeds of strategic mineral or metal mining operations until the capital investment was recovered.

Berry Pickers Needed

PORTLAND, Aug. 20-(AP)—There is a serious shortage of pickers for the blackberry crop, now at its peak, H. W. Strong, Gresham grower, said Thursday in appealing to Portlanders to work in the fields on Sunday.

Pastor Charge Is Conspiracy

HARTFORD, Aug. 20-(AP)—The Rev. Kurt E. B. Molzahn, accused of conspiracy to spy against the United States, should know Friday night whether he can go back to his parish in Philadelphia or whether he must serve a prison term that might be as long as 20 years.

With the defense having concluded two days of summation, during which it contended the prosecution failed to show that Mr. Molzahn conspired or even had any intent to conspire, Federal Judge J. Joseph Smith said he would charge the jury of eight men and four women and give them the case Friday.

Mrs. Goodrich Dies

PORTLAND, Aug. 30-(AP)—Requiem mass was held Thursday for Mrs. Caroline C. Goodrich of Portland, former president of the University of Portland Mother's club. She died Tuesday. She is survived by her widower, a daughter and four sons, including Hollis Goodrich, jr., Portland newspaper man.

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