Farm Surplus Stock Retention Urged for Emergency Reserve

By J.W. DAVIS

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn) and President James G. Patton of the National Farmers Union suggested Wednesday it might be a good idea to hold on to the government's stocks of surplus farm products.

Patton testified before the Senate Agriculture Committee, of which Humphrey is a member, in its consideration of new farm legislation.

They agreed that the surpluses in government hands — now amounting to about eight billion dollars worth — might be used as a civil defense reserve in case of war.

"If we have been on the verge of war three times recently," Patton said, "we'd better keep these reserves."

Dulles Statement

His remark was based on statements of Secretary of State Dulles that three times in the last 18 months the country was at the brink of war.

The Eisenhower administration contends the government-owned surpluses are a major factor in depressing farm prices. Secretary of Agriculture Benson has submitted a "soil bank" bill designed to retire millions of acres from surplus production and put them aside for use only after the surpluses have been cut down.

However, Humphrey attacked the administration's plan as "a scandal" and said "if the farmers ever get this kind of a deal they can close up shop right now."

Plan Criticized

He particularly criticized that part of the soil bank plan which would take commodities from the surpluses and give them to farmers who agree to hold down on planting cotton, wheat, corn and rice.

Humphrey said this would amount to "dumping" and would depress farm prices even more. "This is the biggest gimmick ever designed," he said. "The govrnment is destroying the free market — this market that Mr. Benson says he loves so much."

In the House, Rep. McCormack of Massachusetts, the Democratic leader, made a speech opposing the idea of disposing of some of the surplus farm crops to Communist countries.

President Eisenhower asked for authority to do this in his farm message. But McCormack said it would help the Communists "in their attempt at world revolution."

Theatre Time Table

ELSINORE

"EAST OF EDEN" at 7:00 and 11:51.
"BATTLE CRY" at 9:23.

CAPITOL

"TRAIL OF THE LONESOME PINE": 7:00 and 10:46.
"SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS": 9:06.

HOLLYWOOD

"SEVEN CITIES OF GOLD": 7:00 and 10:38.
"SPECIAL DELIVERY": 9:12.

Salem, Rail Concord Halts Court Action

An agreement reached between the Southern Pacific Co. and the city of Salem regarding crossing signals resulted Wednesday in dismissal of an SP appeal against an order of Charles Heltzel, state Public Utilities commissioner.

Further court action was deemed unnecessary since the agreement between the railroad and the city covers most points in the Heltzel order.

The agreement, made last Nov. 22, stipulates that drop-arm signals be installed at most major crossings on the mainline through Salem. Provision is made that each party share in the initial cost of the projects.

Prior to the SP-city pact, the PUC had ordered the railroad to install signals at busier crossings along the mainline.

Installation of signals is slated to commence next summer.

Salem Girl's Eye Injured

A five-year-old Salem girl struck in the eye by a file apparently escaped with a badly cut eyelid, according to her mother.

Four stitches were required to close Toma Lee Townsend's wound, but the attending specialist said the eye does not appear injured, Mrs. Herbert W. Townsend said.

The file struck the girl as it fell from a cupboard while Mrs. Townsend was reaching to a high shelf at their home, 240 D. St., she said. First aidmen treated the wound about 3:15 p.m. and advised medical attention.

Thieves Loot Coin Machines

Loss of about $17 in nickels, dimes and quarters to burglars who hacked into amusement and cigaret machines with a meat cleaver was reported Wednesday to the Marion County sheriff's office.

The burglary occurred Tuesday at Nick's Inn, 3725 Portland Rd., deputies said. Entrance was effected by removing glass from a door, and the cleaver was taken from the kitchen, they said.

Mrs. Ellingson Rites Saturday

Statesman News Service

SILVERTON — Funeral services will be Saturday morning at 10 for Mrs. Louise Ellingson, 45, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Silverton. Burial will be in Valley View Cemetery, the Rev. J. L. Luthro officiating.

Mrs. Ellingson was daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. George Henriksen. He was formerly pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Ellingson was born Feb. 5, 1910, at Newman Grove, Neb. She came with her parents to Silverton in 1918 from Portland, and was graduated from Silverton High School and Luther College at Decorah, Iowa. Until her illness late last fall, she was librarian at Pacific Lutheran College at Parkland, Wash. She died in Tacoma, Wash.

Survivors include a son, Eric Ellingson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; brother, George Henriksen, Portland; sister, Mrs. Dora Nelson, Eugene.

Blaze Handy To Firemen

The Salem Fire Department had only a half block to go when fire which started with an exploding can of alcohol Wednesday evening burned several rubberized seat covers and charred a section of wall and roof at Davidson's Auto Service, 530 Chemeketa St.

The explosion, although the can was covered, apparently was touched off by a spark from a torch being used some distance from the alcohol, employes said. Several window panes also were broken by heat.

Candidate

INDEPENDENCE — State Rep. Joe Rogers, who announced Wednesday he would seek reelection from Polk County to the House. He is a Democrat, has served one term. Rogers operates a dairy near Independence. (Story on page 1.)

Exhibits Play Major Role in Court Action

(Picture on page 1)

Exhibits playing a part in testimony at a $295,708 damage suit in Marion County Circuit Court would dazzle the eye of the toy-minded younger set.

The exhibits are being used in a suit against the State Highway Department by Natt McDougall contractors of Portland. The plaintiff firm contends that it was misled by the department's specifications in placing a bid on a Lane County highway project.

Exhibits put on display in Wednesday's testimony included scale models of a variety of equipment used in construction projects — such as earth-removers and graders. Also exhibited by both plaintiff and defendant were models of a section of the Siuslaw highway between Florence and Junction City, which is of concern in the suit.

Witnesses for the state testified Wednesday before Judge Val Slopper and will do so through the remainder of the week. The trial, which started Jan. 5, is expected to conclude early next week.

The Portland firm charged in its complaint that it offered a bid on the Siuslaw job on the basis of information shown in highway department plans. It further charged that because of misleading specifications its bid of $260,570 was far exceeded by the $502,772 actual cost of the operation.

Willamette Grad Files for Post as Portland Mayor

PORTLAND (AP) — Charles J. Watt, 37, political tyro and part owner of a bottling company here, filed Wednesday for mayor of Portland.

A native of Portland, he attended Willamette University and Oregon State College. He is single.

Previously Earl Mossman, Portland theatrical figure, filed as a candidate for the office, and City Commissioner Ormond R. Bean announced he would seek the job too.

Two other men are viewed as possible candidates, the present mayor, Fred Peterson, and Terry Schrunk, Multnomah County sheriff.

Tax Study Unit To Meet Here

The Legislature's interim tax study committee will meet Friday and Saturday in Salem to discuss taxes on industries, timber taxation, and methods of taxing publicly-owned electric utilities.

Sen. Rudie Wilhelm Jr., Portland, is chairman of the Committee.

CASE NEARS JURY

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—The case against Burton Abbott for the unwitnessed kidnap-murder of Stephanie Bryan—a case hinging largely on test tube and microscope findings—goes to the jury Thursday, 48th day of the trial.

Polio Virus Quickly Killed By New Drug

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)— A new drug that kills polio virus on contact was reported Wednesday by the University of Miami.

The germ-killing drug, known as chlorpactin, is readily available and soon may be used as an antiseptic destroying harmful virus in hospitals, laboratories and homes.

"This is news of importance to every mother and child," said a spokesman for the university, where the germ-killing powers of the drug were tested by Dr. Murray Sanders, professor of microbiology, and Dr. Manuel G. Soret.

In an article prepared for the official journal, Antibiotics and Chemotherapy, Sanders said chlorpactin was tested at the University of Miami microbiology laboratory against the virus of polio and encephalitis.

"It completely and quickly inactivates or kills polio virus on contact," he wrote.

A spokesman said chlorpactin is not a cure for polio. It is not taken into the body. Its primary use is as an antiseptic wash for persons in contact with the virus of various diseases.

Extortionist's Wife Leaves State Hospital

PORTLAND (AP) — Mrs. Dorothy Peddicord, wife of the blind man who bombed the Meier and Frank department store last year in a $50,000 extortion attempt, is out of the state mental hospital.

She told reporters that a psychiatrist at police headquarters had suggested that she commit herself. "He told me I was close to breaking up," she said.

"I didn't know but what he was right so I agreed to go. It was not my idea nor did I get the rest there he said I would. I would much rather have gone home," she said.

The woman, the mother of five children, was in court Tuesday when her husband's plea of innocent because of insanity was accepted.

She told reporters that she had gone to the police station shortly after her husband's arrest. She sais she was held there, behind locked doors most of the time, and the police did not let her see an attorney until the following morning when she agreed to commit herself.

Los Angeles Couple Jailed

A Los Angeles man, Jack Everage Fallis, was fined $250 Wednesday in Municipal Court and his driver's license was suspended on pleading guilty to a charge of driving while intoxicated. His wife, Mrs. Viola Fallis, drew a five-day jail sentence on her plea of guilty to vagrancy.

Police, meanwhile, said they were investigating ownership of the truck in which the couple was arrested.

The couple was apprehended about 1:30 a.m. Wednesday on a driving charge, police said.

STAR GAZER

By CLAYTON POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars

To develop message for Thursday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

1 Attractive	31 Your	61 Our
2 Friendly	32 Handling	62 To
3 Offer	33 Better	63 Rather
4 Be	34 In	64 Well
5 Cooperative	35 Stock	65 Aspected
6 Aspects	36 You're	66 Than
7 Be	37 Give	67 Be
8 Careful	38 Ideas	68 Exhaustion
9 Don't	39 Popular	69 In
10 If	40 Correct	70 On
11 Slow	41 You	71 Others
12 And	42 Profitable	72 Demand
13 Trickery	43 Drive	73 Later
14 Could	44 Tools	74 Air
15 Mechanical	45 Someone	75 Ties
16 Don't	46 "Go-sign"	76 Unexpected
17 Watch	47 Your	77 A
18 Trades	48 Field	78 So
19 Give	49 Machinery	79 Else's
20 Masonry	50 Mind	80 Helpful
21 Develop	51 Rise	81 Love
22 Down	52 And	82 Unless
23 New	53 Neglect	83 Property
24 You're	54 Mistakes	84 Be
25 Up	55 This	85 Affair
26 Force	56 Yourself	86 Thrill
27 Is	57 Now	87 Positive
28 Don't	58 Old	88 Day
29 Or	59 Could	89 Careful
30 Your	60 The	90 Awaits

ARIES MAR 22–APR 20: 15-18-20-44-49-64-65
TAURUS APR 21–MAY 21: 4-5-12-17-31-35-51
GEMINI MAY 22–JUNE 22: 47-50-59-67-70-77-81-85
CANCER JUNE 23–JULY 23: 11-22-28-43-56-62-68
LEO JULY 24–AUG 23: 7-8-10-24-32-45-79-83
VIRGO AUG 24–SEPT 22: 2-6-37-41-46-55-80-88
LIBRA SEPT 23–OCT 23: 1-3-14-21-27-47-48
SCORPIO OCT 24–NOV 22: 33-40-54-57-62-66-73
SAGITTARIUS NOV 23–DEC 22: 13-27-34-60-74-78-84-89
CAPRICORN DEC 23–JAN 20: 9-26-30-38-61-71-82-87
AQUARIUS JAN 21–FEB 19: 36-39-52-69-72-76-86-90
PISCES FEB 20–MAR 21: 16-19-25-29-53-58-75

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Complaints of Private Jaunts In State-Owned Cars Reduced

State employes aren't using state-owned automobiles for their own private use nearly as much as they used to, state finance Director Harry S. Dorman said Thursday.

Dorman said that a couple of years ago, he was getting an average of five complaints a week about use of state cars for private purposes. Now, he said, he gets only about one complaint every three weeks.

The reason for the reduction is that Dorman and other department heads have been watching closely to curb the practice. The new car pool, operated by Dorman, provides better control over use of the state cars.

The complaints come from the public. Some people, when they see a man and a woman in a state car, assume that the state employe is joy riding.

"Actually," Dorman said, "we encourage state employes to take their wives with them on long trips. We find that the employes do better work when their wives are along. The employes don't play around as much at night."

To show how alert the public is, Dorman told about 12 reports he received recently that five state cars, loaded with men and women, were seen heading up the Columbia River highway on a Sunday.

Dorman said he found out that the occupants of the car were employes of the state department of education, who had to travel on Sunday in order to be at a Monday morning conference at Baker.

Dorman said one state employe was suspended from his job for two weeks. He took his girl on a Sunday picnic in a state car.

Youth Confesses To Theft Count

Billy Joe Slaughter, 20, Salem, pleaded guilty Wednesday in Marion County District Court to a charge of petty larceny. Sentencing was set for Friday at 9:30 a.m.

The case reportedly involves theft of items from a downtown drug firm, according to city police who made the arrest.

China Says U.S. Formosan Policy Blocks 'Peace Pact'

GENEVA, Switzerland (AP)—A Red China envoy charged Wednesday that possible agreement with the United States to renounce use of force had been blocked by U.S. insistence on defending Formosa.

U.S. Ambassador U. Alexis Johnson declared a 2,500-word statement by Special Ambassador Wang Ping-Nan reflected "to some extent" the progress made here in 24 weeks of secret negotiations. But Johnson statd that by omissions and misinterpretation Wang "distorts and perverts the facts."

Wang's statement broke the official secrecy on the negotiations and summarized the Chinese version of the exchanges with Johnson.

Johnson said he was disappointed that the Chinese Communists "have again chosen to resort to propaganda regarding the talks between Ambassador Wang and myself."

It was Wang's view that U.S. insistence upon including Formosa in its area of self-defense nad blocked agreement.

The U.S. stand meant, said Wang, that Red China would have to accept "the U.S. occupation of China's territory, Taiwan" and was therefore absolutely unacceptable.

The Chinese Communists consider Formosa, seat of Chiang Kai-Shek's Nationalist Chinese government, to be purely Chinese territory and its "liberation" from the Nationalists a purely internal issue.

An elaborate locomotive and car testing machine on British railways measures the performance of engines and cars in a wise range of speeds in a wide variety of traffic conditions.

Al Sarena Claims Granting Procedure Called Different

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two Forest Service officials testified Wednesday that procedures followed by the Interior Department in granting 15 mining patents in Oregon in 1954 differed from customary practice.

Forest Service Chief Richard E. McArdle told a congressional investigating committee that if the procedure followed in the case of Al Sarena Mines, Inc., becomes a precedent it would "make a difficult situation more difficult."

Democrats have charged the patents were a "giveaway" of national resources. Republicans have replied "smear."

First Time

McCardle said it was the first time in his experience with the Forest Service that the Bureau of Mines was called in to sample mineral deposits on mining claims protested by the Forest Service on national forest lands.

He said the Forest Service was not informed of the sampling done by the Bureau of Mines on 15 disputed claims in the Rogue River National Forest, and did not know it had been done until after the decision of Clarence A. Davis, then Interior Department solicitor, reversing a previous denial of patents.

E. F. Mynatt, assistant general counsel of the Agriculture Department and legal adviser to the Forest Service, said the custom on protested mining claims during his 25 years in the department has been for the secretary of Interior to offer cases back to the Bureau of Land Management when the taking of additional evidence was desired.

Right Not Questioned

McArdle said he did not question the authority of the secretary of Interior to use the procedures followed in the Al Sarena case, but said they were "not customary."

He said the value of the mature timber on the 15 disputed claims was estimated by the Forest Service at $126,190 in September, 1950. The same timber on the basis of 1955 prices, he said, would be appraised at $231,775. He added that competitive bid prices at present are substantially higher than appraised values. When a patent is granted on a mining claim, the patent holder gets the timber too.

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