

Dusty, Rain-Seeking Farmers Await Ike Tour; Starts Today

(Picture on Wirephoto Page)

SAN ANGELO, Tex., Jan. 12 (AP)—Farmers and ranchers of the vast Southwest, whose crops and ranges have been ravaged by the great drought of the 1940s, looked forward today to President Eisenhower's on-the-spot inspection tour which starts tomorrow.

T. A. Kincaid, president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Assn., summed up the general feeling.

"If there is anything the government can do to help the west Texas livestock industry, we'll stand a better chance of getting help because the President has seen the country."

Federal Aid Program

The President will arrive here tomorrow night for the first stop on his six-state air and motor tour to help him chart a program of additional federal aid to farmers and ranchers.

He will be accompanied by Agriculture Secretary Benson, Interior Secretary Seaton and a large party of officials and newsmen.

Other stops have been arranged for Monday and Tuesday at Woodward, Okla.; Clovis, N. M.; Tucson, Ariz.; Pueblo, Colo.; Garden City, Kan.; and Wichita, Kan.

Parched Pasture

On a 22-mile motor tour of drought country southeast of here Monday morning, the President will see once productive farms that have not had a good crop since 1949. He will also see parched pastures where only prickly pear cactus and mesquite trees now stand on the hard-as-rock land.

Several ranchmen and farmers will ride in the cars of the President and his party during the tour and tell of their experiences.

The President also will hear from ranchmen, farmers, bankers, businessmen and agriculture experts concrete proposals for a drought relief program.

Youths Jam Traffic to See Movie

BALTIMORE, Jan. 12 (AP)—An estimated 10,000 persons—most of them children—jammed downtown traffic today clamoring to get into a theater on cut-rate passes to see the movie "The Ten Commandments."

The youngsters had been issued passes at their schools to see the movie for 90 cents. Regular price is \$1.50.

The theater, which seats only 1,600, was packed and thousands of clamoring children were being held back by police when the feature finally began 45 minutes late.

Police Capt. Thomas J. Keyes said at least 10,000 persons were in the area when the police arrived and stopped traffic.

Matt W. Hodgdon, manager of the theater, said producers of the show had sent out 50,000 tickets to Baltimore parochial schools for distribution to students. Hodgdon said apparently school officials did not anticipate such a turnout today.

Type of Hairdo Still in Doubt If Elvis Drafted

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 12 (AP)—Question: If Elvis Presley is drafted will he be permitted to keep his long hair?

Answer: It depends on whom you ask.

After Elvis passed his preinduction physical at Kennedy Veterans Hospital last week an Army spokesman there said Elvis probably would be assigned to Special Services and his long hair would be unmolested.

But now comes Capt. John Mawn, public information officer at Camp Chaffee, Ark. Induction center for most draftees in these parts.

"No one," says Capt. Mawn, "gets preferential treatment at Chaffee. Recruits get 'military haircuts' the day they arrive."

Asked to describe a "military haircut," the captain said it bore a striking resemblance to "a peeled onion."

Stamp Honors Franklin

VIENNA, Austria, Jan. 12 (AP)—Communist Austrian post office department has issued a special stamp honoring Benjamin Franklin. Other special issues honor Bernard Shaw, Henrik Ibsen and Pierre Curie.

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Rich Priest's Estate Draws Legal Battle

RIDDEFORD, Maine, Jan. 12 (AP)—A niece has served notice she will contest the will of a Roman Catholic priest who left all but a few minor bequests of a \$1,200,000 estate to his 11-year-old son.

The Rev. Michael J. Kenely, pastor of St. Martha's church in Kennebunkport, who died Oct. 27 at the age of 73, amassed his estate by shrewd investments, court officials reported.

Hearing on allowance of the will began yesterday and was continued a week by Probate Judge David K. Marshall at the request of the niece, Mrs. Olive Jones of North Crafton, Mass.

Two witnesses to the will testified the priest was of sound mind when he signed the document in 1949, leaving the bulk of the estate to Miss Marion E. Casey, a retired Portland teacher.

Maine law provides two grounds for breaking a will—unsound mind of its maker or undue influence by beneficiaries.

Soviet Paper Airs Hatred For America

MOSCOW, Jan. 12 (AP)—We hate you, American colonialists!

Trud, the Soviet trade union newspaper, led off with that headline today in the latest attack by the Soviet press on U. S. Middle East policy.

The newspaper published a half page of articles from Egyptian, Syrian, Japanese and Cuban writers assailing President Eisenhower's newly announced Middle East doctrine.

The Egyptian contributor said the United States was following a "stick and carrot" policy aimed at enslaving and exploiting other nations. The Syrian writer spoke of the "brotherly Soviet union."

The Japanese writer called for return of Okinawa to Japan.

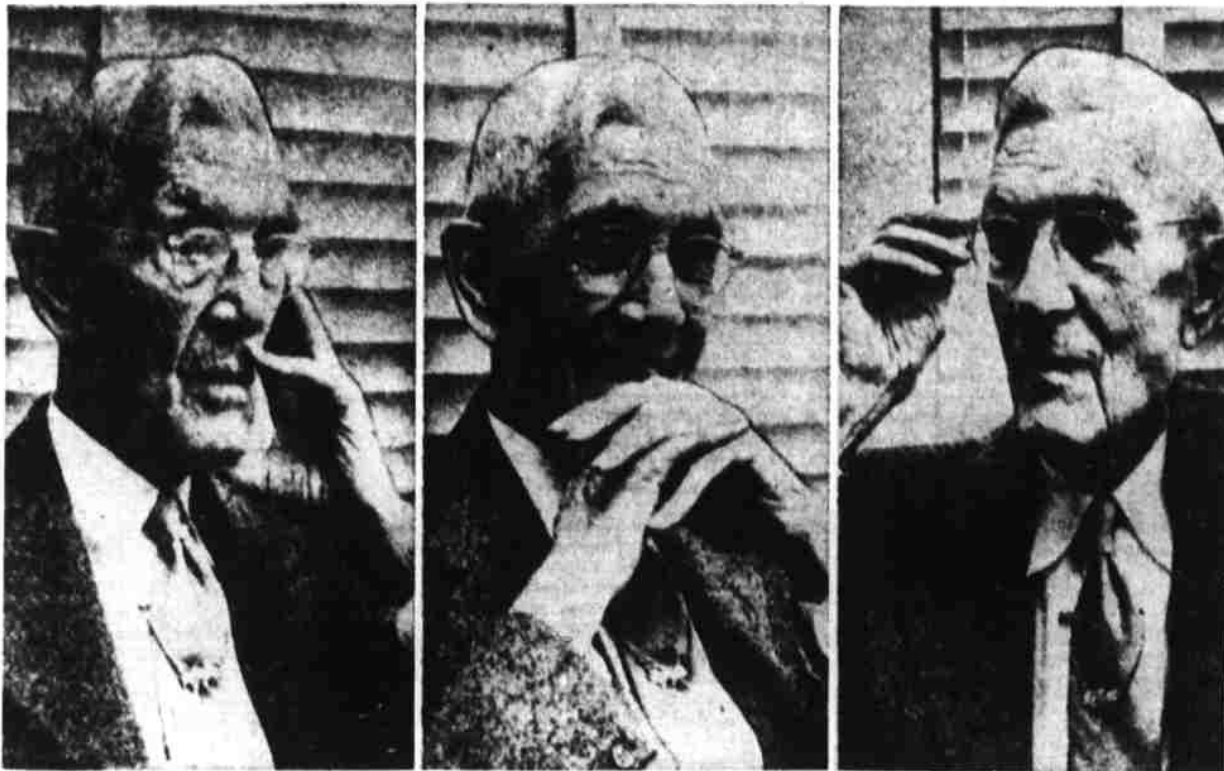
Several Moscow papers published a Tass report from New York which said Hungarian refugees at Camp Kilmer in New Jersey were living in shabby wooden barracks.

Coos, Douglas County Timber Sales Planned

COOS BAY, Jan. 12 (AP)—The Bureau of Land Management will offer for sale 270 million board feet of timber in Coos and Douglas counties during 1957.

The timber is in areas which includes Smith River, Loon Lake and the Middle and East forks of the Coquille River.

Pension Promoter Plans Political Pitch to Women



LOS ANGELES, Jan. 12—Dr. Francis E. Townsend, 91 years old tomorrow, is still pushing his pension plan, but now it has new political pitch to women. He proposes formation

of new party, Women's Anti-Poverty Party. He says his pension plan, presented each year to Congress since 1933 without success, is still needed. (AP Wirephoto)

Dr. Townsend Still Pushing Pension Plan at 91

By GENE HANDSAKER

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 12 (AP)—Dr. Francis E. Townsend, 91 years old tomorrow, is still pushing his 25-year-old pension plan with a new, political pitch to women.

He proposes formation of the women's anti-poverty party.

Women as a whole, he argues, are much more considerate of the general welfare than the men. The mother has infinitely more influence over growing children than the father has. As a rule, she spends more time with them and gives them greater affection.

The blue eyes twinkled behind spectacles as he added:

"I don't think my mother ever gave me a cross word, but I got plenty of them from my dad."

The new party's tentative platform, as typewritten by the lean physician, includes:

Equal pay for women in jobs that men also perform.

Equal representation, "as nearly as possible," in the U. S. Senate and House of Representatives.

Eliminate Poverty

The platform says women "maintain that the elimination of poverty in the United States as quickly as possible is a sacred duty of our government."

It then advocates the pension program—"universal insurance,"

Dr. Townsend now calls it—that has made him a messiah to countless thousands of oldsters and a visionary and dreamer to his critics.

Townsend read from the platform, in a voice soft but firm.

The pension would be financed by a gross income tax of at least 2 per cent on all sales of goods and services. Wage and salary groups would be exempt from tax on their first \$250 of monthly earnings.

Proceeds would be divided among persons above 60, cripples, the chronically sick, blind, stone deaf, and widows supporting minor children.

Pump in Money

Recipients—about 20 million—would get about \$135 a month each, Townsend said. Their spending would pump about two billion dollars a month into the nation's economy.

"Congress as it's made up now doesn't want our program in effect," Townsend said.

"But ways and means, that tight little committee of 25 men, always refuses to present it to the floor for discussion. I'm getting tired of it. I believe this thing has smoldered long enough and we can set it afire."

On Their Tails

The Townsend National Security Insurance, Inc., recently moved its national headquarters from Cleveland, Ohio, to Washington, D. C., to be near congressmen— "to be right on their tails," as Townsend put it.

"The Townsend National Security Insurance, Inc.," he said, "has nearly 200 U. S. senators and representatives have expressed themselves as favorable to the plan generally. Each may have had some reservation."

Townsend, a 5' 7" over for six years, boards and rooms in Washington with a family of friends.

He had no particular birthday-celebration plans. In coming weeks he'll address mass meetings here and visit clubs in California, Oregon and Washington.

In Depression

There are about 2,000 such clubs in the country now, he said. There were nearly 8,000 in the depression's depths in the early '30s.

Townsend said his health at 91 is "better than it's been in 50 years. It's largely a mental attitude, I think. My habits of eating and sleeping are as regular as I can make them."

"I avoid excesses of all kinds. I never did drink liquor or use tobacco, although I don't know that that has anything to do with my longevity."

He walks three to four miles and eats two carefully balanced meals daily.

Still Optimistic

"Does he think his program will ever be adopted?"

"Some form of it, yes. I guess there never was a party platform that was carried out to the final letter."

Younger persons, he conceded, may have to see it through.

Social Security, he says, is "unfair and inequitable. It doesn't nearly cover the people who need it. It gives the most money to the people who need it least, and vice versa."

Russell Issues Challenge To Civil Rights Supporters

By JOHN CHADWICK

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—Sen. Russell (D-Ga.) today threw down the gauntlet to advocates of civil rights legislation who contend this is their victory year.

Russell, leader of the Southern forces and an acknowledged master of parliamentary tactics, told a reporter that he is "well aware of the fact that there is great political pressure for the passage of these misnamed civil rights bills."

But he said that if the measures reach the Senate floor, they will run into resolute opposition from senators who, he said, are determined to defend "the constitutional rights of the states and the people."

Past attempts to pass civil rights measures have been defeated by Southern filibusters, or the threats of filibusters, but Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn.) and other supporters of the legislation say they have excellent prospects of victory this year.

Earlier this week a highly influential Senate Democrat, who was unwilling to be quoted by name, said the outlook is that civil rights legislation will be passed fairly early in the present Senate session.

This source, who has not been known as an advocate of such measures, predicted that a Southern filibuster—the use of dilatory debate and parliamentary maneuvering to prevent a vote—will be broken after a month or so.

Russell said he had told Georgia constituents even before the session started that there was "greater danger" of civil rights legislation this year than in the past, but he emphasized he was not conceding defeat or compromising the issue.

Last year the House passed but the Senate Judiciary Committee, headed by Sen. Eastland (D-Miss.) never acted on the civil rights program advocated by President Eisenhower.

They are replicas of actual gowns now on display in the Smithsonian Institution here. The private collection belongs to Mrs. Thomas Eberly of Washington, who got the idea that a lot more people might like to see what these First Ladies wore.

The dresses, after a pre-inaugural tea and fashion show at the Mayflower Hotel next Friday, will go on a tour of 14 cities for scholarship funds and benefits for the Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Answers to Crossword Puzzle

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