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Hope for the DPs

By JAMES THRASHER
The plight of Europe's displaced persons has at last attracted the attention of some Americans who are in a position to help relieve it.

We don't know why the sudden flurry of interest. The essential facts of the displaced-persons problem have not changed in a year or more.

Senator Smith, recently returned from a trip to Europe, thinks that this country should admit a reasonable number of displaced Europeans immediately, outside the immigration system.

There are about 800,000 persons, Mr. Smith explains, who cannot be resettled. These are the last remnants of the 8,000,000 uprooted by the European war.

Almost all of them are in the American, British and French zones of Germany—about 530,000 in the American zone alone.

All this has been argued before. But now, all of a sudden, the arguments are being listened to. One reason for the Middle West's interest undoubtedly is the serious decline in our farm population.

With aid to Europe shaping up, American farmers have a big job ahead of them, and they know it. It is not a pleasant job to face when they are short-handed.

The great majority of these DPs are from the Baltic and Slavic countries. Thousands from those same countries came to America in the last 75 years and settled in the Middle West.

But before they are given that chance, two things must be done. Congress must pass legislation allowing them to enter. And, in fairness to all concerned, there must be a plan for absorbing them gradually—places for them to go which provide comfort, independence and a chance to do useful work.

With the Senate leader and one of his able colleagues interested in the first step, and farm, labor and church leaders working on the second, it finally seems that something is going to be done.

The naturalists who say that wild life is disappearing should stay out late a couple of nights.

Reader Editorial

ANOTHER PLEA FOR THE OLD FOLKS
EUGENE—(To the Editor)—I'm like Mrs. D. W. DuBois, I've never before realized the situation was really so shocking, and unbelievable, that these poor old folks were going to be put out of their very humble and poorly furnished home.

Now folks I really think this should sink deep down in every human soul, this is not just something to be laughed off. To think a church organization would try to do such a heartless, cruel procedure, then wonder why more people over the world don't attend church services.

Yes, I'm aware that you folks living in all the real comforts of life, modern homes, a big bank account, no doubt think (why worry about these old folks?) I'm secure, my money will be my haven. Well did you ever stop to think, you like these poor old folks may be helpless, sick, and all the charm and attractions you now possess will be gone?

Don't let us sneer because they're old and gray. For remember while you're young, the days to us may come.

When we'll be old and only in the way. It seems to me there should be a law passed, for all organizations, where they take in contributions, such as dances, football games, auto races, horse races, theaters, prize fights, and churches everywhere, and many others I can't recall. These I think should have to donate a certain amount for care for the old folks. It would mean so much to this worthy cause.

But no, we must send billions to Europe so as

to get them in the best condition, physically, and all up in many other ways (we know nothing about), all prepared for another war. Yes, I'm like E. L. Reynolds of Creswell, whoever started this thought of taking this farm away from the old folks should not only hang their head in shame, but their hearts should be so full of remorse that they would spend sleepless nights for weeks to come.

Wake up folks, before it's too late. We're going down the valley one by one. Some day we'll be old like these poor old souls. Let's make what few remaining days they have here on earth, as pleasant and happy as possible. Regardless what some may think, this is my sentiment, facts are facts, we may as well face them.

As I Saw Him

EUGENE—(To the Editor)—Through the early 20's and 30's, I was employed in scientific agriculture work. In this work I became acquainted with Henry Wallace. I have been at his home, worked in the field many, many hours with him, and was working on hybrid corn with him the morning that fatal word was received concerning the deaths of Wiley Post and the Honorable Will Rogers.

Wallace at that time was a Republican, just as his father was. His father was a successful farmer, publisher, plant breeder, and head of the U. S. Department of Agriculture for 8 years. Henry followed his father's pattern. Then came the depression years. Henry had ideas. As I have often remarked, Henry's thoughts were in the clouds. This man was born 30 years too soon.

Then through eight trying years as vice president, then head of the Commerce Department, will ambassador and successful businessman employing hundreds of people. He is now doing, and has done more for agriculture than any man of our generation: producing hybrid corn which outyields all other varieties in number of bushels per acre, a strain of hybrid chickens which produces more eggs.

No man is perfect. I have always voted the Republican way, and will continue to for the present, choosing the lesser of two evils. But Wallace's experience, with his aggressive and honest attitude will not vanish overnight. Evidently he thinks the country needs a new look—on domestic and foreign affairs—which, to be honest, is evident. That's a citizen's privilege under our constitution.

World conditions are bad, it needs leaders with ideas. McNary was my ideal. Senator Morse is another citizen thinking ahead of his time. We should study these men more, regardless of politics. Their ideas, honesty and sincerity of mind demand such consideration.

Respectfully, RALPH FOSNOUGH, 2114 Riverview St., Eugene

WASHINGTON LETTER BY PETER EDSON NEA Washington Correspondent

Truman, Taft, Taber and the Budget
WASHINGTON, Jan. 21—(NEA)—President Truman's budget message gives his answer to his two severest friends and best critics, Republican presidential hopeful Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio, and New York's Chairman John Taber of the House Appropriations Committee.

Taft has charged that Truman's State of the Union message 10-year plan—"doubling Joe Stalin's bid"—would cost "almost at once ten billion dollars a year more than we are now spending; with later increases to come."

Well, there's always room for a difference of opinion in the United States. But the President's budget message spells out in detail just what he had in mind. The total comes to \$8 billion plus for the first year. These are obviously starting figures. European aid might be reduced after the first year, but if the other initial outlays were granted by Congress, the amounts for each item would have to go up in later years, as Taft says.

This, however, is the way the President figures it out for year one of his 10-year plan: For foreign aid, including China...\$7,100,000,000 For universal military training... 500,000,000 For national health program... 116,000,000 For public housing and public works... 57,000,000 For aid to education and science research... 315,000,000

The total, \$8,088,000,000, is two billion under Taft's \$10 billion estimate and less than half of Taft's \$19 billion. Taber's Estimates Were Much Higher The way Taber figured it, universal military training would cost two billion, aid to education three billion, aid to public health and "socialized medicine" two-and-a-half billion, social security expansion two billion, housing three billion, foreign relief \$6.8 billion—total, \$19.3 billion.

Taft had an entirely different set of figures when he took to the air waves to answer the President's State of the Union message. He said universal military training would cost two to four billions, aid to education one billion. The President's health insurance program, Taft said, would pour into Washington between three and four billion dollars in payroll taxes, "to be used by a Washington bureau to pay all the doctors in the United States to give free medical service to all the people in the United States."

Taft said the President's housing program would cost \$200 million. The senator didn't make an estimate on what public works would cost. Aid to foreign countries he put at three billion more than now being spent, which of course adds up to about the same as the \$6.8 billion figure for the Marshall Plan's first year.

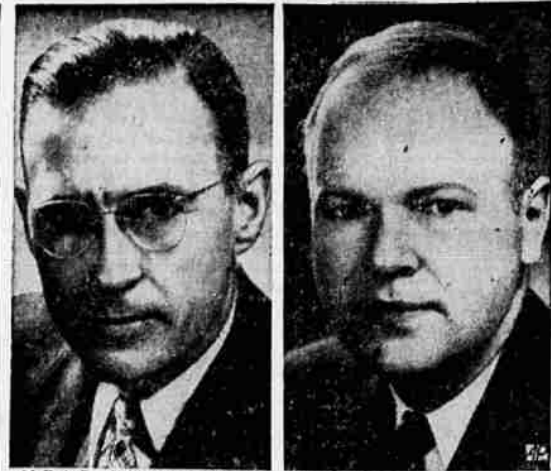
Actually, these figures Taft gave in his radio speech add up, not to \$10 billion a year, but to a low of \$13 billion and a high of \$16 billion. In past utterances, Taft has already committed himself to spending at least five-and-a-half billion dollars of government money for the very things Harry Truman put in his 10-year plan. Last October, Taft said he thought four-and-a-half billion dollars ought to be enough foreign aid in any one year.

Taft Had Advocated Public Housing Program Ever since the war, Taft has been advocating a public housing program which he says will cost \$800 billion the first year, diminishing thereafter—he hoped—as private industry became encouraged to take over the business.

On aid to education, Taft also has a bill. His idea is to give grants from the federal treasury to the poorer states, so that the average expenditure per pupil would be raised to \$80 a year. Taft estimates this would cost \$150 million the first year, \$200 million the second and \$250 million a year thereafter. Compare this with Truman's \$300 million aid for education, plus \$15 million for scientific research.

On aid to health, Taft likewise has a bill. Here he would also give grants-in-aid to the states for building hospitals, providing medical care for school children and the poor, aiding voluntary health insurance plans. He has put the cost of this at \$250 million a year for five years. Compare with Truman's \$116 million.

Incidentally, Taft is also on record in favor of extending social security coverage to farmers and domestic workers. Maybe all these "radical" spendthrift ideas of Taft's should be called to the attention of GOP economist John Taber.



HEAD ENIWETOK PROJECT — Dr. Darol K. Froman (left) has been named director and Dr. Alvin C. Graves (right) deputy director for the secret experiments at the new Eniwetok proving ground for atomic weapons in the Pacific.

Leathery-Faced Californian Tells Congress About Farmin'

By ROBERT F. LOFTUS
WASHINGTON—(AP)—An uninhibited California fruit rancher peeled down to his shirt sleeves the other day and gave the House Agriculture Committee an A-B-C lecture on how to help the farmer.

Fellas, he said, the farmers would be mighty pleased if you'd leave them alone and forget about writing a new farm aid program. But if Congress has to pass a farm law, for gosh sakes put it in English.

The congressmen grinned. They said it might be worth trying, if the witness would give them a few more ideas.

The witness was Frank Long, a lean, leathery-faced citizen sent here by the Fresno County, Calif., chamber of commerce to advice congress on the farm aid question. He grinned back and said he had plenty of ideas.

First, he laid his five-gallon sombrero on the committee table. Then he took off his leather jacket, hitched up the sleeves of his fawn-colored shirt and straightened his brightly-speckled tie.

He said the farmers he knows have been worried for years about the way the government has been "sticking its nose" into agriculture. Especially, he said, since "Hank Piggy Wallace" expounded his farm views in the early days of the New Deal.

"You know, fellas," he said, "we got scared to death after hearing him. It made us feel like they were going to take a lot out of the lives of the farmers and make them into slaves."

Long complained that the New Deal farm programs worked out by Wallace "made a lot of damn crooks and liars" among farmers. He said they made things too easy for farmers not to work.

"A lot of the boys did their farming on sidewalks," he said. Rep. Chester H. Gross (R-Pa.) interrupted to say that he thought times hadn't changed altogether, that there still were a lot of "run

down New Deal farms" around. "Well," the witness snapped back, "why the devil do you fellas sit here in Washington and permit these things to be done?"

Make It Simple Long pulled out a sheaf of notes he had written on a farm aid program—if Congress insists on enacting one. But first he said he wanted to tell the committee members something about the farm problem.

"Folks," he said, "I've always thought that our economy is composed of three things—business, labor and agriculture. Treat the three equally, and everything's okay."

"This has always seemed to me a fine three-horse team which, when pulling together, can plow a fine, straight row. But some folks think the farm horse is pretty rugged. So they take one of its outs away."

"Then, when they see that the horse is getting along okay, they take all the outs away. Pretty soon, they take some of the hay away, and finally he staggers and goes down, pulling the other two horses with him."

"What does it mean?" he demanded. "Another 1929 depression?"

Fishermen Hold Astoria Convention
ASTORIA, Ore.—(AP)—A demand that America's fishing interests in the North Pacific be protected in the Japanese peace treaty is expected to be made by delegates to the annual convention of the CIO International Fishermen and Allied Workers.

Delegates representing 22,000 offshore and inland fishermen from Alaska to Mexico are convened here for a four-day session.

Officers said the convention would also discuss possible action against a recent injunction obtained by the U. S. Department of Commerce, preventing the union from boycotting buyers who refuse to meet price demands of the fishermen.



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