

NFO Claims 'Hold' Action Winning Out

But Cattle Sales Show Sharp Rise

CHICAGO (UPI)—The National Farmers Organization (NFO), battling to revolutionize grain and livestock markets, Thursday blamed an alleged conspiracy among food processors for signs its "all-out holding action" was failing.

NFO president Oren Lee Staley, discounting the hard facts of heavier livestock shipments and lower prices, predicted the showdown struggle in the farm-rebellion was still "about a week away."

The NFO campaign to keep cattle, hogs, sheep, corn and soybeans off the market is aimed at forcing food processors and buyers to bargain for contracts that guarantee higher, stable prices for those commodities.

Staley, at NFO headquarters in Corning, Iowa, said Wednesday's higher cattle and hog receipts at 12 major Midwest markets, which dropped prices, were part of a "psychological battle" being waged by processors.

Claiming that NFO leaders "are all more optimistic than ever before," he said processors "have just about thrown their big punch, although they might get big receipts again this week."

"We knew at the beginning that we had to get rid of the cattle in the commercial feed lots owned by processors and chain stores, plus those already contracted for sales," Staley said.

"We feel by the middle of next week the hold will really tighten and we'll have the strongest part of the all-out holding action."

The NFO hold began in earnest last week, when livestock prices rose under lower market shipments, but for the past three days the story has been different.

For the third consecutive day cattle sales rose sharply Wednesday and grain-fed steers and heifers ranged from steady to 75 cents lower on the 12 markets.

Association Formed

PORTLAND (AP)—Japanese lumbermen have formed an association in Portland to work on common problems and protect common interests. The group is comprised of six firms operating in the area and calls itself the Japanese Lumbermen's Assn. of Portland.

U.S. to Probe New Belt Of Radiation

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States will launch a satellite this year to probe the man-made radiation belt resulting from a U.S. high-altitude nuclear test.

The announcement Wednesday by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said an Explorer series satellite will obtain information on possible effects of the radiation on future satellites and will give the world scientific community additional data on the artificial environments created by the new radiation belt.

The fact-finding satellite will be launched before the end of this year on an unusual elliptical orbit that will carry it between 170 and 10,350 miles from the earth, NASA said.

It is expected to orbit the earth once every five hours and will have a life expectancy of at least 60 days.

They say the belt extends from 200 miles above the earth to about 700 miles, merging with the lower reaches of the natural field of radiation encircling the earth known as the Van Allen Belt.

NASA said the new belt, expected to die out eventually, will not menace astronaut Walter M. Schirra Jr., scheduled for a six-orbit flight around the earth Sept. 28. Project Mercury man-in-space missions have been carried out at altitudes of less than 200 miles.

Raids Bring 105 Arrests

WASHINGTON (AP)—Treasury men barged in on gambling spots across the nation in a series of raids Wednesday that brought 105 arrests.

The 18-state drive against gamblers charged with failing to buy \$50-a-year federal tax stamps was the eighth in two years by federal tax agents.

They raided 96 gambling spots in 50 cities, seizing automobiles, slot machines, pinball devices and \$18,500 in cash.

Conviction on the charge of failure to buy the gambler's tax stamp could mean fines up to \$10,000 and prison sentences up to five years.

The government agents hit hardest in Pittsburgh; New York; Los Angeles; San Francisco; New Orleans, La.; and Baltimore, Md.

The Internal Revenue Service said 67 slot and pinball machines and 19 automobiles were seized by the raiders.

Red China Troops Reported In Vicinity of Indian Outpost

NEW DELHI (AP)—The Indian government said Thursday Red Chinese troops have "appeared in the vicinity" of an Indian outpost on the disputed north-east frontier but said "there has been no clash."

Unofficial but reliable sources said an estimated 300 Chinese soldiers invaded Indian territory and surrounded a post a mile inside the Himalayan border manned by 30 men of the Assam Rifles.

No Fighting Found

There was no indication of any fighting. One unconfirmed report from the northeast said the Chinese disarmed the Indian troops and advanced nine miles farther into India.

A spokesman for the foreign ministry announced:

"Some Chinese forces have appeared in the vicinity of one of our posts in the area of the trijunction of Bhutan, the Northeast Frontier Agency and Tibet. There has been no clash."

Conflicting unofficial reports indicated the Chinese might be pressing toward Towang, an im-



portant Buddhist monastery town 15 miles inside the border. Three years ago the Dalai Lama, fleeing from the Red Chinese across the 14,210-mile-high pass from Tibet, made a stopover at Towang.

McMahon Line

The Chinese Communists claim the Northeast Frontier Agency's 36,000 square miles—a mountainous, largely unset-

tled area—belong to Tibet. India maintains the border is the McMahon line, drawn by the British along the peaks of the Himalayas.

The Chinese also claim 12,000 square miles of Ladakh, a bleak and barren plateau near the western end of the Chinese-Indian border. There have been at least four skirmishes there this summer. Ladakh on Indian maps is part of the state of Kashmir.

Chinese troops have entered the Northeast Frontier Agency seven times in the past six years but withdrawn each time. Three incursions were in the same area just east of the mountain state of Bhutan where the Chinese entered Tuesday.

Iron Discovered

MOSCOW (AP)—Tass says iron ore deposits with reserves estimated at 500 million tons have been discovered near Adayevka, Kazakhstan, in central Asia.

Cuban Agents Arrest Four

HAVANA (AP)—Four foreign correspondents have been arrested and are being held by Cuban intelligence agents for trying to visit Soviet camps on the north coast, it was reported here Thursday.

The group includes two Britons, John Bland of Reuters and John Barnes, an Englishman working for Newsweek magazine. The others are Raul Casasas of the New York Times and his wife, Sarita Valdes, of the National Broadcasting Co., both Cubans.

Barnes was arrested last week. The other three have been held since they left Havana Monday for the Soviet installations.

In London, the Foreign Office said Cuban authorities had confirmed the arrest of Bland and Barnes. The Cuban State Ministry told the British ambassador in Havana their case was being "investigated." The Foreign Office said, but he did not give any details on their whereabouts, or the reasons for their arrest or the charges against them.

Tshombe Claims U.N. Started Fight

ELISABETHVILLE, Katanga (AP)—President Moise Tshombe says a new clash between United Nations troops and gendarmes, Tshombe told newsmen the incident was an imbecility "coming at the moment when I and my ministers were examining the U.N. plan."

U.N. officials said the Katangans fired first and denied there were any casualties.

Skepticism Voiced

A delegate at U.N. headquarters in New York expressed belief Tshombe faked the casualty claim as a pretext for rejecting the U.N. plan to bring his province and its mineral wealth under the authority of the central Congo government. U.S. officials in Washington expressed similar views privately.

Tshombe showed newsmen the bodies of a gendarme corporal and a private at an Elisabethville morgue, claiming they were killed in the clash. He charged U.N. troops opened up with machine guns after order-

ing his men away from a road-block near the U.N.-controlled Elisabethville airport.

"Won't Be Child's Play" "If the United Nations want war they can have it," Tshombe said. "It won't be child's play like the U.N.-Katanga flareups last September and December."

"I do not believe in (U.N. Acting Secretary-General) U Thant's good faith any longer," said Tshombe, "nor in the Western nations—the United States, Belgium and Britain—who guaranteed the implementation of Thant's plan."

"These imbeciles of the United Nations... they would be better returning to India and the other nations they come from."

Elud Mathu, U.N. representative in Elisabethville, gave a different version of the clash. He said 100 Katanga gendarmes surrounded and opened fire on a U.N. patrol of 20 Indian army Gurkhas and the Gurkhas "had to fire back."

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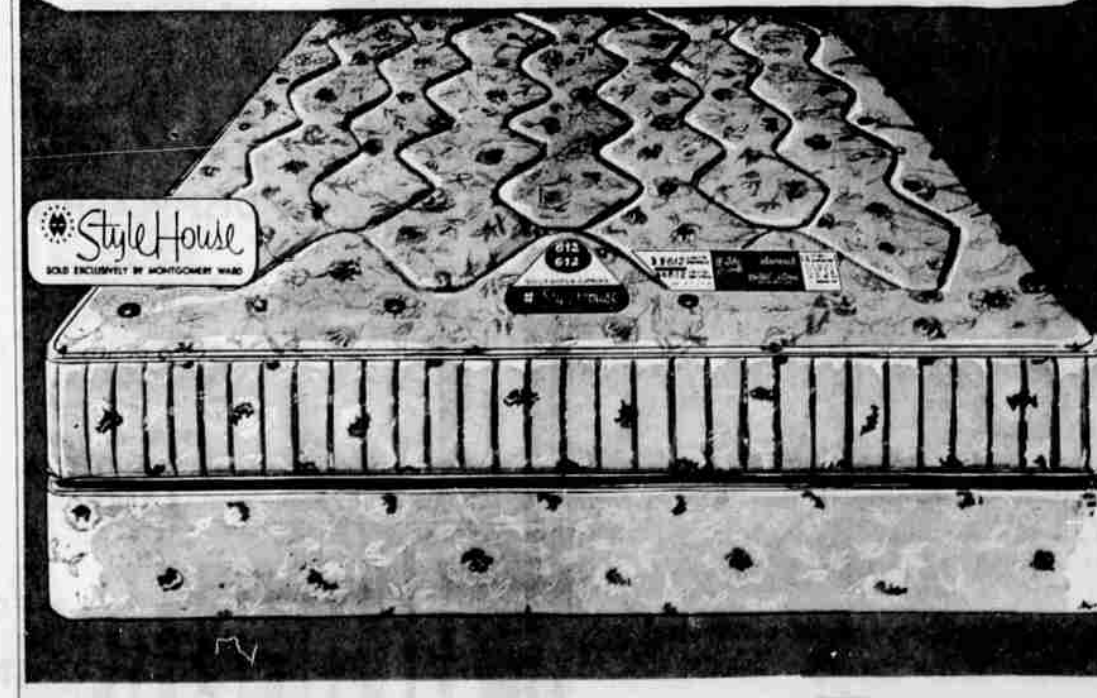
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