

Farmer Caught in Fight Over Farm Spokesmen and Plan

By OVID A. MARTIN

Washington, Dec. 24 (AP)—The farmer—furious over future prices and crop adjustment problems—today finds himself caught in the middle of a bitter struggle.

The conflict is between top-ranking government officials and powerful farm organizations, and involves two issues: (1) Future government farm program, and (2) the question of who speaks for the farmer.

On one side is Secretary of Agriculture Brannan, with strong administration support, and on the other are such farm organizations as the American Farm Bureau Federation and the National Grange. Only one major farm organization—the National Farmers Union—is backing the secretary. A fourth—the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives—is expected to take sides against him at its January convention.

The battle may have far-reaching consequences for agriculture, because of the possibility that it may interfere with future congressional farm legislation.

This situation is in sharp contrast to the relatively peaceful relations existing between government labor officials and labor organizations. In general, both have the same idea as to government policies toward organized labor.

Caught in the middle along with farmers is congress. Naturally anxious to pass legislation desired by farmers, the lawmakers will be at a loss as to which side to listen to—Brannan or the farm organizations which oppose him.

A basic difference between the secretary and his foes is the so-called Brannan farm pro-

gram. In general, the Brannan plan would support farm prices at higher levels than would the farm groups that oppose him. But, the plan would permit lower customer prices for perishables than would the farm groups.

The secretary would use government payments to achieve the dual and apparent conflicting goals of high farm returns and low food prices. Opposing farm groups argue that the farmer is entitled to his full return at the market place.

Both the farm bureau federation and the national grange adopted strong resolutions against the Brannan plan at recent conventions.

Differences in views played a part in decision of farm bureau officials not to invite Brannan to its meeting. The action brought a charge from Brannan that the organization was "undemocratic." The federation reported that farmers did not need a "federal appointee" to tell them what to do.

Perhaps as important as differences over farm policies in the struggle is the question of who has the right to speak for farmers on problems involving their welfare.

Farm bureau officials have charged that the administration is attempting to set up the agriculture department's farmer-committee system as a competitor organization to the private farm organizations. This system was established in the early new deal days to help administer farm programs.

Brannan and his predecessors have encouraged the farmer-committee system to pass on to them ideas and desires of farmers. Each year the committee holds an annual meeting similar to those of the farm organizations to discuss problems.

At the moment, the Brannan foes appear to have the better of the situation. In power is a congress which at its last session turned thumbs down on the Brannan plan and passed legislation more in line with the views of his opponents.



Santa's Workshop—Dan Vinson (center), real-life Santa Claus, talks with two helpers who are busy in Oklahoma City, Okla., turning out stacks of cloth dolls to be distributed to needy children of convicts on Christmas. "Uncle Dan" guesses there are 10,000 people taking part in the project which started five years ago—now means hundreds of thousands of gifts for children in 46 states. Robe Reubell (left), a building contractor, put dolls through silk screen press to paint faces on them while Mrs. J. L. Sturgeon, a housewife, examines them for defects. (Acme Telephoto)

East Salem Homes Opened For Family Dinner Groups

East Salem, Dec. 24—Christmas day in the homes of East Salem will be quietly observed with family dinners late in the afternoon. In many homes there will be service men home and relatives and friends from both far and near by communities.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Cole and daughter, Carol will be entertaining at their Lansing ave. home Mrs. Cole's mother, Mrs. Anna Jones and daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Nell K. Hamilton all of Salem; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Howell of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Gemmell, Lia and Douglas of Salem, and Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Lang of Glendale.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Wilson on Rawlins ave. will be the holiday family gathering for her family; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lively, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Lively and daughters, Sherry and Janice; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lively and Phyllis; Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lively, Maybelle and Melvin; Ervin Viergutz, Jimmy Fawkes, and Shirlee, Sydney and Virginia Lively.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent P. Kremer home on Lansing ave. guests will be Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Kremer and Mrs. Elizabeth Roan.

At the Lansing ave. home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Zajic dinner will be served to Mr. and Mrs. Desco Blunt and daughter, Joe Ann; Mrs. Hattie Curtis and the hosts.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Johnson are having at their home on route five her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson and family of Salem.

At the home of Mrs. Marcia Aplet on Childs ave. holiday guests will be Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hein and Susan from Bend; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hein, Phil and Virgil from Portland, Mrs. F. N. Coffey of Salem and Lowell Aplet home for the college vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bowers and daughter, Susan from Corvallis are spending the holiday weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Larkins on Park avenue.

One of the larger dinner parties will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Johns on Monroe ave. Guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Al Boardman, George Mark and Mary Ann who arrived in Salem on Thursday from San

Mateo, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Reschke from Portland; T. Sgt. Leonard Cafferty from Las Vegas, Nev.; Mr. and Mrs. John French; Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Willer, Freddie and Dorothy; Mrs. John Goldale, Victor Johns, and Mr. and Mrs. Johns.

At the William Rahtz home on Monroe ave. special guests will be Mr. and Mrs. George Maske, Rae Ann and William.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Scorgie and family are entertaining at their Thorndale road home Mr. and Mrs. Albert Suran and three children and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Weiz, Kay and Sheila from Vancouver, Wash.; Emma Kaufmann and William Scorgie, his father.

At Raymond Mayes home in Auburn community special guests will be her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith from Kellogg, Idaho.

Mrs. John Marshall of Swegle is to have her family all home but her daughter, Mildred and her children who are in Montana. In the family group will be Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marshall; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Marshall; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Smith of Mill Valley, Calif.; Mrs. Blanche Schwening and daughter, Margaret from Los Angeles; Mrs. Grace Kufner; Private Harold Kufner on furlough from Las Vegas, Nev.; Marilyn home from school at Los Angeles, Donald and David Kufner, John and Dana Marshall and Mrs. Marshall.

Only one member of the E. E. Brandt family of Swegle will not be home this year, James Brandt who is with the army of occupation in Japan. Home for the first time in several years will be their son Leland who with his family arrived from Omaha, Neb., on Tuesday; Mr. and Mrs. Milo Grace and two children from Toledo; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ames of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brandt of Salem; Robert, Donna Mae and Larry with Mr. and Mrs. Brant. Monday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Brandt are having open house for friends to meet their son Leland and family.

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Chart of Brain Waves Urged in Murder Trials

By HAL K. COOPER

London, Dec. 24 (AP)—A chart of a killer's brain waves will be part of the evidence in every British murder trial if two London doctors have their way.

The doctors claim the shape of these waves differs sharply from normal in the "sudden impulse" killers who slay out of sheer uncontrollable temper. Being irresponsible, they argue, they should not be hanged for their acts.

The researchers are Fred H. Taylor, medical officer at Brixton jail, and Dr. David Stafford-Clark, psychiatrist of Maudsley hospital.

Together, they have analyzed the brain wave record of 64 murderers. They have advised the British Medical association of these findings:

More than 70 per cent of the murderers who killed without premeditation had abnormally shaped waves.

Nearly all of those who had clear cut motives for killing had normal waves.

The two doctors reported the commonest abnormality in the brain wave of impulsive slayers is what is known as a "theta" wave.

These are commonly given off by the brains of children up to the age of four when they are annoyed. In normal human beings they gradually vanish as self-control develops.

Adults whose brains give off these waves seem to suffer from an infantile lack of self control.

sweetheart for no known reason. He confessed the crime, but was unable to explain why he did it.

A lodger who beat his landlady to death because she told him to quit turning his lights off and on.

Rebekah Lodge Meets

Lyons—Faith Rebekah lodge met at the hall with Frances McCarley and Blanche Wagner presiding over the meeting and 34 members present.

Following the business meeting at the social hour, the Christmas party was held with gift exchange. Each member also brought a gift for her silent sister, revealed the names and drew new ones for another year. At the close of the evening refreshments were served by Anna B. Julian, Kora Prichard and Inez Ring.

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Plum Pudding, Brandy Sauce — Ice Cream
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Baked Sugar Cured Ham	1.40
Roast Oregon Turkey	1.50
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Poles Convict Six for Spying

Wroclaw, Poland, Dec. 24 (AP)—A Polish military court today convicted four French nationals, a Pole and a German on spying charges and sentenced them to prison terms ranging from six to 22 years.

The prosecution yesterday demanded the maximum penalty—death—for the six, who went on trial a week ago. All had entered pleas of guilt or partial guilt.

Yvonne Bassaler, a French stenographer in France's Wroclaw consulate, was sentenced to 12 years.

Basil Brousikow, a former French consulate messenger, was sentenced to 14 years.

A French foreign office spokesman in Paris on the day the trial began described as ridiculous the Polish spy charges against the four French citizens.

Opera Substitute Becomes a Star

New York, Dec. 24 (AP)—Opera, it was demonstrated today, can have a punch climax, like football. A substitute can come off the bench and become a star.

Helena Braun did. The blond-blue-eyed, young German soprano substituted in the exacting role of Wagner's "Die Walkure" on four hours notice at the Metropolitan Opera company Wednesday night when the noted Helen Traubel was stricken with laryngitis. She sang it to thunderous applause.

Today she had a contract with the Metropolitan through February. The handsome soprano said in German the experience was like "dancing the whole night long."

Haiti's President Stakes Future on Internation Show

By RUTH COWAN

Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Dec. 24 (AP)—President Dumais Estime is boldly staking his political future on the success of his picturesque little country's first international exposition.

Some observers here predict its failure would set off a revolution such as drove his predecessor, Elie Lescot, out of the president's palace in 1946.

This bicentennial exposition commemorates the 200th anniversary of the founding of the present capital of the West Indies island on which Columbus' flagship, the Santa Maria, was wrecked early Christmas day in 1492.

With this ambitious fair, the slim, intense, French-speaking negro head of the world's first negro republic is aiming at two objectives:

1. Tourist money, especially American dollars.
2. An effort at modernization of his very poor and indolent people and backward country.

Over-populated and under-nourished Haiti has put about \$4,000,000 into this fair. That means Estime is gambling about a fourth of the country's annual revenue to win his objectives.

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- ★ Christmas Carols with Robert Rheims on the Organ-Chimes Presented by The Valley Packing Company 6:00 P.M.
- ★ The Small One narrated and sung by Bing Crosby Presented by Orval's Used Cars 6:30 P.M.
- ★ The Story Of The Nativity with Walter Hampden narrating Presented by The R. L. Elstrom Company 7:00 P.M.
- ★ The Night Before Christmas featuring Fred Waring Presented by Curly's Dairy 7:30 P.M.
- ★ The Littlest Angel narrated by Loretta Young Presented by Cherry City Baking Company 8:00 P.M.
- ★ Christmas Chimes traditional London chimes and organ Presented by The Salem Automobile Company 8:30 P.M.
- ★ The Story Of Our Lady The Juggler, John Nesbitt narrating Presented by Laddie Gale Service Station 9:00 P.M.
- ★ The Song of Christmas with Fred Waring Presented by Salem Federal Savings & Loan 9:15 P.M.
- ★ Mr. Pickwick's Christmas with Charles Laughton narrating Presented by The Otto Wilson Company 9:30 P.M.
- ★ The Christmas Story A Biblical narration with music Presented by J. L. Busick and Sons 10:00 P.M.
- ★ Dicken's A Christmas Carol featuring Lionel Barrymore Presented by The Propane Gas Company 10:30 P.M.
- ★ Trimming The Tree An Associated Production Presented by The Marion Hotel 11:00 P.M.

And On Christmas Day

- ★ The Musical Christmas Tree with Clark Dennis Presented by D. E. Cooper and Son 10:30 A.M.
- ★ A Christmas Story starring Art Baker Presented by City Electric Inc. 10:45 A.M.
- ★ Christmas Concert Presented by Miller's 12:00 N.
- ★ Gift Of The Little Shepherds featuring Marvin Miller Presented by Marion Motors 12:30 P.M.
- ★ A Musical Sleigh Ride starring the Modernaires Presented by Tweedie Fuel Oils 12:45 P.M.
- ★ Salem Ministerial Association Presented by Sears Roebuck & Company 1:00 P.M.
- ★ Handel's Messiah re-broadcast of Salem Oratorio Society Concert Presented by Valley Motor Company 2:00 P.M.
- ★ Cavalcade Of 1949 United Press Review Presented by Dwyer's Lodge 6:30 P.M.

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