

U. S. Foreign Policy Tangles With Farm Support Programs

By VINCENT J. BURKE

Washington, Mar. 13 (AP)—The government's foreign policy and its farm support programs are starting to work at cross purposes. The conflict threatens to get worse. The Truman administration doesn't yet know what, if anything, can be done about it. It's part of Uncle Sam's multi-billion dollar foreign trade headache.

The state department has recommended that the White House create a special inter-agency committee to reconcile foreign and domestic economic policy, including farm supports. On the farm front the dilemma involves such matters as farm surpluses, the price of potatoes and butter, the taxes you pay for foreign aid programs, farm prosperity, and a lot of farm belt votes.

One agriculture official, who declined to be quoted by name, put it this way:

"How are we going to reconcile a farm support program which will hold U. S. farm prices above world market prices with a foreign policy aimed at permitting other countries to sell commodities in this country to earn dollars?"

Uncle Sam does not want to keep on indefinitely "giving away" each year billions of dollars worth of industrial equipment, manufactures, wheat, cotton and tobacco to foreign countries under foreign aid programs. Nor does he want this country's big foreign export market to collapse. That could touch off a depression.

But the only way foreign countries can earn more dollars with which to buy U. S. goods is to sell more of their own goods in the United States.

To some persons it doesn't make sense for Uncle Sam to allow foreign farm products to come into the United States when the agriculture department is buying up American-produced surpluses of these same products to support prices.

On the other hand, if the United States bars foreign farm products from its markets, it strikes a blow at those countries' chances of earning dollars of their own to buy this country's exportable surpluses of wheat, cotton, tobacco and non-farm products.

Oregon Mass Flight Cited for Safety Proof

Portland, March 13, (AP)—J. R. Roberts, Redmond, member of the Oregon Aeronautics board, declared here today that the mass flight of Oregon planes to Havana, Cuba, and back provided proof that sky lanes are even safer than highways.

A total of 175 planes took part in the trans-continent flight and the hop from Florida to Cuba. Passengers and pilots numbered 206. There was only one minor accident.

In Cuba, Robert Butler, United States ambassador to Cuba, was host to the Oregon air tourists. One of the stops on the over-water flight to Cuba was palm fringed Key West, where 80 of the Oregon planes landed.

Roberts said the air tourists took every opportunity on their long trip to "plug" Oregon and its attractions, including the Rose festival at the Pendleton Round-up and the Bend Mirror Pond Pageant.



Kills in Mercy—Held on a homicide charge, Harold Mohr (above), 36, sits in police station at Allentown, Pa., after he yielded to the persistent pleadings of his blind, cancer-ridden brother and killed him with a rifle bullet in their home at nearby Coplay. The victim, Walter Mohr, had been suffering from cancer of the face for the past six years. (Acme Telephoto)

Hopmen Report Sales Growing

Independence — Thirty-five hop growers from Independence district attended the annual meeting of the Independence Hop Growers in the V. F. W. hall. Chairman H. H. Withrow presided with hop men from the Albany and Dallas districts.

The guest speaker of the evening was R. E. Bruington, soils chemist, grower's advisory service of Swift and Company, plant food division. He spoke about commercial fertilizers and soil nutrients.

Manager Dean C. Omans, in

reporting the financial statement, pointed out that the gross sales of the organization of the year of 1949 had increased 40 per cent over and above the gross sales for the year of 1948. Mr. Omans extended his thanks to the president, officers and members for their assistance and cooperation during the past year.

An election of officers was held, resulting in the following: East District, R. M. Walker, Eugene MacCarthy, L. Dalenberg; North District, D. F. Kennedy, Z. Bartell, G. E. Newton; South District, H. H. Withrow, Gail Prather, Ray Haener, C. E. Long.

A brief report on past, present and future hop growers

problems relative to the hop-growing industry was presented by Dean Walker, national chairman of the Oregon-Idaho Growers Advisory committee of the hop control board. Refreshments were served at the close of the business session.

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Badly Burned Child—Smiling from her bed at Sonoma county hospital is Sandra Emmert, 9, of Forestville, Calif., with nurse Helen Zupancic. Sandra suffered burns four months ago that covered 75 per cent of her body when a gas heater exploded. Skin from her legs has been grafted to burned areas of her body, but this supply has been exhausted. Unless donors with type O RH positive blood appear little hope is held for her recovery. (AP Wirephoto)

Robert Young Finds Driver Of Cab in N. Y. Is Namesake

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS

Washington, Mar. 13 (AP)—The man and his pretty wife, Betty, were standing there in the rain waiting for a cab in front of the Cort theater in New York.

One finally came along and they hopped in and said: "Penn station."

On the way man and wife gave with small chat about "As You Like It."

"Plenty of time—no hurry," the man told the driver. In a New York cab, you not only get a ride but right there by the meter you have the picture, the number, and the name of the cab driver.

Robert Young and pretty Betty jerked forward a little. Both the actor-radio star and his wife noticed it at the same time. The name of the hackman was Robert Young.

Bob, the actor, told me when I talked with him here that nobody would believe it.

"It would sound too much like a publicity gag," he said.

So he brought along the evidence. An autograph from the other Robert Young, plus a note in which the cabbie promised to write and exchange photographs.

"We almost missed our train to Washington," the actor member of the team said. "This fellow wanted to drop by the Stork club for pictures. I had to turn it down because I wasn't shaved. I think I was more thrilled than he was."

Robert Young, the star, is that way.

In fact, he is right down to earth. A normal worry wart, to boot.

When I talked to him he was fussing about the problems of a man who sometimes has to transcribe a show ahead of time, like Bob does for NBC in the program called "Father Knows Best."

The show is plattered at least a month ahead of time while the star is on the road trying to tell young drivers to take it easy, and not act like their dads, in connection with the highway safety committee.

One of the shows has Young as the father with a cold. "Actually," he said, "I didn't have one. But they put my voice through a filter and made me sound like I had one. It goes on and on in the script. Me with a nasal. The copy was written against time so I could get away. We cut the record and said a prayer and away I went."

What is worrying Bob Young this minute is that the program will be on the air before he gets back to appear in person. That sounds rather trivial to us folks who know nothing about doing things in advance and a hurry.

"Look what has happened to other stars," he complained. "One of them transcribed a program a year or so back in which

he had a guest star. The day before the platter was to be played, the guest died. The star had to go on ahead of the transcription and apologize."

Well, that sort of thing could happen to Bob Young.

As I left him he was stuffing pills down his neck like crazy and—sneezing!

TOUPEE TROUBLE

Actor Solves Worry by Getting It Off of Mind

By BOB THOMAS

Hollywood, March 13 (AP)—For sale: Three or four toupees, used but in good condition.

The seller is Dean Jagger, who has carved a whole new career for himself by tossing away his hairpiece.

"It's wonderful not to wear the darned thing anymore," said the actor. "It was a lot of trouble to glue on and my head got hot underneath it."

"There was always the worry about whether it was on straight. I was always asking my wife does it look all right?"

Jagger's emancipation from the toupee (or rug, as it is called in Hollywood) came through his role in "12 o'clock High." He played the "retread" desk officer in the air force. One of the studio stipulations that he had to do the part without his scalp doily.

His performance brought a new kind of glamor to the bald head. He won himself an academy nomination and is the leading contender to snag the Oscar. He is currently combing film offers out of his hair. I guess I used the wrong expression there.

"I have never been vain about wearing the toupee," he told me. "But it has been necessary in my profession. Unfortunately, some people think you are an old fogey if you don't have a full head of hair."

The towering ex-basketballer now looks much younger than his 46 years. "But I was never the romantic type," he claimed. "Even when I was 20 and trying to play a 23-year-old in stock, I was laughed at. People thought I was much older."

Although he abandoned his toupee, Jagger said he might return to them if future screen roles required it. But would the public accept him with hair now that he has made such a hairless hit?

"I hope so. I hope the public will realize that the toupee is

just a part of an actor's costume."

Jagger said the most amusing comment he heard about the "12 O'clock High" role came second-hand from a lady who professes to know him very well.

"Didn't they do a great make-up job?" she said to a friend. "Of course Dean has a beautiful head of hair." "Obviously she couldn't have known me too well," commented the actor, smiling and rubbing his beautiful head of skin.

Knowland Blasts Russian 'Blackmail'

Washington, March 13, (AP)—Sen. William F. Knowland, (R., Cal.) says the United States must not be "blackmailed" by Russia into letting the Chinese communists be seated at the United Nations.

He called on the state department to show "vigorous leadership" to prevent the unseating of the Chinese Nationalist-UN delegates.

"If we yield to Soviet blackmail now," he said in a senate speech, "it will rise to plague us again."



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