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### New Agricultural Plan Is Urged to End Price Support

"A sensible, honest, radically new agricultural act... that will gradually ease the price-control falsework from under the farm economy" is urged in an article in the April Reader's Digest, condensed from Fortune.

Declaring that the government's price-support program has erected a set of bogus values and that the price structure would collapse if supports were suddenly removed, the article holds that this program is forcing farmers to produce "wildly in excess" of any reasonable American capacity to consume.

It is responsible for most of the \$1.8 billion deficit in the last fiscal year.

After 17 years, the price-support program "is coming full circle to its preposterous conclusion" as one of our most potent inflationary influences, the article states.

The government's recent wholesale destruction and distress sale of surplus potatoes, a price-supporting move, cost taxpayers \$204 million. "That is a fair illustration of what happens when the government helps a special group maintain or increase its share of the national income regardless of the group's contribution to that income."

Commodity Credit Corporation has a current investment of nearly \$3 billion in farm commodity loans, purchases and agreements to purchase.

Last year CCC took over 21 percent of the wheat harvest, 26 per cent of the cotton crop and enormous stocks of other commodities.

Having disposed of minor quantities, it is left with a \$2½ billion inventory, including:

Nearly five million bushels of cotton, 600 million bushels of corn and 400 million bushels of wheat—enough wheat for a loaf of bread a week for everyone in the U. S. throughout a full year. Millions of pounds of dried eggs, butter, tobacco, wool, soybeans and other commodities are held by CCC.

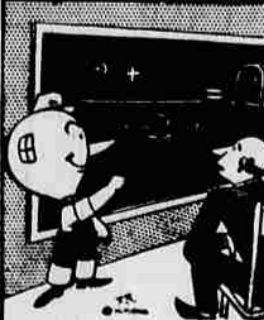
This immense inventory, the article states, would feed and clothe millions of poor people, were it not that CCC is forced by statute to price the products so high that poor people cannot possibly buy them.

Present farm policies are certain to increase rather than liquidate this inventory. Following a bumper corn crop in 1949, hundreds of millions of bushels of new corn will probably be put under loan.

With prices of hogs at three-year lows, CCC may soon support hog prices by buying pork on a grand scale. Wheat promises another giant harvest with further government loans and purchases indicated.

Surplus farm commodities are being stored in oil tanks, han-

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### Unionvale District Club Program Offered

Unionvale—About 50 patrons of the Unionvale district attended the Community club March meeting held Friday evening.

The president, Adolph Hrabak, gave one reel of moving pictures of fire prevention and two reels of comic pictures for the children. Refreshments were served. A pie social and amateur program will be features of the next meeting.

more fertilizer. And acreage taken out of restricted crops will be shifted to other crops causing new gluts.

The average taxpayer mystified by the intricacies of the farm price-support program, has remained inarticulate. But the time has come, the article concludes, for the politicians to pay attention not only to the farm organizations but to the rest of the people as well.

### Indo-China Politics Flare As Visiting Navy Withdraws

(Editor's note: A U. S. navy show of strength in Saigon, key city in restive southeast Asia, set off communal-rioting which left some two score casualties and headaches afloat today. What was behind the rioting and how it affected the touchy political situation there is related in the following dispatch by Robert C. Miller of the United Press, recently sent to southeast Asia to cover just such trouble in danger spots.)

By **ROBERT C. MILLER**  
United Press Staff Correspondent

Saigon, Indo-China, March 21 (AP)—Communist-led rioting against a show of strength by the U. S. navy left three persons dead and a witches' brew of political frictions boiling briskly today.

The American destroyers Stickell and Anderson, whose visit touched off the bloody rioting, were outboard down the Mekong river. French troops patrolled the banks, alert for any further demonstrations against the U. S. warships.

Police said the rioting caused three deaths. Two students were killed by gunfire, and a child was run over by a truck during the tumult in which 10 civilians and 25 policemen were wounded.

Students in all Saigon schools went on strike Monday in protest against police action in the rioting. Police patrolled the streets as groups of students and workers held angry protest meetings.

Sunday some 3000 students and 1000 workers sympathetic to Moscow-trained Ho Chi-Minh set fire to the central market place and rioted there and elsewhere in Saigon before police bullets and tear gas scattered them.

Fifteen persons were under arrest. Among them was Nguyen Huu Tho, a lawyer and alleged funder of the manifestation against the first visit of the U. S. navy to Saigon in 15 years.

Although no Americans were injured in the rioting, it was an ugly mess. Perhaps 4000 workers and students ran wild. They threw stones, set fire to buildings, wrecked automobiles, and fought with anybody in their paths. The best estimate of damage was \$250,000.

French officials said communist agitators took over a peaceful demonstration by hundreds of students, and worked them into a fury of rioting against the show of strength by the American destroyers. The burning of an American flag at one stage of the rioting symbolized the direction of the violence.

The students were on their way to nearby Cholon to rebuild native houses destroyed in a recent fire. The communists detoured them toward the waterfront to protest against the presence of the U. S. warships.

About the same time trouble started at scattered spots all over the city. One riot raged near the docks where the destroyers were tied up.

Police charged the rioters, and were caught in return. Finally the rioters fell back, looting and burning as they retreated. They scattered leaflets saying "Down with American imperialism and French colonialism. What is the American fleet doing here?"

Today the riot torn streets were quiet. But the political feud back of the trouble fed on the new fuel.

Authoritative quarters viewed the rioting as evidence that the Viet Nam government might not be able, after all, to maintain the security of the capital city.

And many thought that the events showed the communists to be even stronger here than had been thought.

In any event, the trouble embarrassed the Viet Namese, who only recently took over the police system, retaining French executives merely as advisers.

Hubbard Aid Called

Hubbard—The Ladies Aid of the Hubbard Community church (Congregational) will meet on Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. A. L. Murphy.



**Priest Honored**—Rev. Alcuin Heibel, pastor of Sacred Heart church of Tillamook and former pastor at Mt. Angel, has been honored by Pope Pius XII with the order of Pro Ecclesie et Pontifice for his work as president of the central European relief committee. Presentation was made to Rev. Romuald Edenhofer, OSC, in Rome in connection with the pontifical secretariate.

### Plant Dispersion Favored by Spaatz

Portland, Ore., March 21 (AP)—Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, retired chief of the U. S. air force, said Sunday that plants manufacturing vital military equipment should be dispersed because "a large section of the United States is open to attack."

Gen. Spaatz arrived in Portland for a meeting of the executive board of the civil air patrol, of which he is chairman.

"Whatever defenses we have now are not adequate," Gen. Spaatz said in a radio interview for the Press Club of Oregon.

"The only way we could avoid putting our military forces on a constant alert would be to have an intelligence service able to give us advance warning of air attack."

Gen. Spaatz said the United States was not strong enough to meet the threat of war.

Hainan Island has been Chinese for 2,000 years.

### Two Killed in Plane Crash

Reading, Pa., March 21 (AP)—A student priest watched horrified as his father and another man were killed in the crash of a small plane at nearby Wernersville.

The father, Charles W. Judge, 44, of Long Island City, N. Y., was just leaving to return home after visiting his son, Kenneth, a student at the Jesuit Novitiate of St. Isaac Jogues.

The elder Judge was dead when taken from the wreckage of the small, two-passenger plane.

Judge's companion, Richard G. Gray, 44, of Williston Park, N. Y., suffered burns of the entire body and died later in Reading General hospital.

Stanley Kramer, state police aeronautics inspector, said the left wing of the small plane struck a tree during the take-off, crashed into a larger tree and nosed into a tennis court.

Both men were strapped in their seats for the take-off, Kramer said, but Gray somehow worked himself loose and was struggling to get clear of the flaming wreckage when rescuers reached him.

Quake Shakes Sacramento

Sacramento March 21 (AP)—An earthquake shook the Sacramento valley Monday but there were no reports of damage.

Residents of valley towns called police and newspapers to report rattling windows but there were no reports of so much as a cracked dish, although it was recorded in Berkeley as a fairly strong quake.

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