

Benson Might Ask Leeway in Setting Props

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Agriculture Benson may ask Congress this year to give the government greater leeway in setting future farm price supports.

He told newsmen yesterday that such authority will be necessary if agriculture is to avoid a new buildup of costly farm surpluses once the present oversupply is disposed of through give-away, export subsidy and temporary land-retirement programs.

Benson said the administration would have the support of its 18-member national agricultural advisory commission in making a request for such legislation. The commission, which is composed of 12 farm leaders and educators, discussed the long-range farm outlook at a closed two-day conference which ended Tuesday.

The present administration-sponsored flexible price support law carries a formula for determining price support levels for such major crops as cotton, corn, wheat, rice and peanuts. Supports must be increased as surpluses decline. Likewise, they may be lowered as surpluses increase. But they may not go lower than 75 per cent of parity, nor higher than 90 per cent.

Welfare Chief Would Ferret Out Alcoholics

CHICAGO (AP) — A welfare official proposed Thursday that a system be worked out for finding and treating huddling alcoholics before they lose their jobs and break up their homes.

Henry L. McCarthy, New York City's commissioner of welfare, said there is a "whole unexplored area of possible service and treatment for the alcoholic who is headed for but hasn't yet reached bottom."

He told the National Council on Alcoholism that a program for finding these "hidden alcoholics" is a "proper area of exploration by public authorities as well as by private agencies."

McCarthy suggested that one method of automatic case-finding would be to create organized facilities to which the alcoholic's friends, relatives, physician or clergy could refer them if their efforts failed.

McCarthy said in a speech prepared for the council that sufficient success can be assured with present knowledge to justify the cost of special facilities. He added:

"If only one family is saved from long term dependency—say a family of a young man with several small children—the saving in relief dollars will reach many

Bermuda Conference Fails by Long Way to Heal Anglo-U.S. Rift

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The Bermuda conference undoubtedly has strengthened the alliance between the United States and Great Britain.

President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Harold Macmillan met as old friends. Reports of the conference reflected an atmosphere of cordiality. The two leaders announced agreement on a number of big issues.

But it is likely that Britain under Macmillan's leadership will show a considerable degree of independence in its relations with the United States.

The breach in the alliance which resulted from the British-French invasion of the Suez Canal Zone was a serious one.

Breach Influenced Eden

It certainly had a great deal to do with the resignation of Sir Anthony Eden. Eden pleaded ill health when he stepped down. He really is in bad health. But his condition was aggravated by strain.

Eden's resignation, and Macmillan's succession to the prime ministry, constituted an important turning point in British politics.

Eden had succeeded Sir Winston Churchill after having been his political heir for many years. He carried on where Churchill left off.

But Macmillan's succession to the prime ministry last Jan. 10 marked a distinct break in the continuity of British policy toward the United States.

Resentment is still strong in Britain over the attitude President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles took toward the Suez invasion.

Aimed At Ike, Dulles

There seems to be feeling among many Britons that the President and Dulles went out of their way to humiliate Eden, aside from the fact that they made no attempt to conceal their anger over the British-French action.

Britons seem to feel also that for a long time their country had

acted as a sort of junior partner in the Anglo-American alliance.

The immediate effect of the Suez dispute was to take Britain closer to France. Another was to weaken the reluctance of Britain to tie its economy more closely to continental Europe.

It will be necessary for Macmillan to make sure that nothing he does can be criticized, either inside his own Conservative Party or outside of it, as permitting Britain to be a tail dragged along by an American political kite.

The Bermuda communique issued after the Eisenhower-Macmillan talks spoke of agreements on Middle Eastern policy. But there remains wide divergence on some aspects of it.

Britain still feels that the right course in the Suez dispute is to get tough with President Gamal

Abdel Nasser of Egypt. It would be surprising if Macmillan did not feel that the United States let Britain down on that issue.

It is unlikely that President Eisenhower approves of Macmillan's determination to reduce the strength of British forces assigned

to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization as an economy measure.

Events in the next few months probably will show that though the Anglo-American alliance has been strengthened it has not been restored fully.

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