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Economists see spotted picture for nation's farmers next year

By Gaylord P. Godwin UPI Staff Writer

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Agriculture Department predicted today the farm economy for 1964 and the remainder of 1963 will form a spotted picture.

Here is how the department economists see the farm economic picture: —Net farm income will drop this year from last and will go even lower in 1964.

—Farm production expenses will jump this year and next to new record highs.

—Farm exports for fiscal 1964 will be record high.

This was the situation that greeted delegates to the department's 41st annual National Agricultural Outlook Conference, a meeting to examine economic facts and interpret them from a standpoint of agriculture for the coming year.

The conference is a fact-finding and fact-interpreting workshop which is based on a continuous year-round activity.

Farm income for 1963 is expected to be about \$12.25 billion down about 3 per cent from the estimated \$12.6 billion of 1962. The drop for 1963 is due to production expenses rising faster than realized gross farm income, the department said.

For 1964, net farm income is expected to sink 5 per cent to about \$11.6 billion. Department economists said the drop for

1964 will be largely the result of sharply reduced income from wheat and a continued rise in farm production expenses.

Under current legislation, a substantial drop in cash receipts from wheat, including government payments, is anticipated in 1964, the department said. Wheat producers in May turned down the Administration's wheat program for 1964 that would have kept price support at \$2 per bushel and would have imposed strict production and marketing controls.

As a result, the wheat program for 1964 now calls for price support of \$1.25 per bushel for those who plant within their acreage allotments. The market price of wheat is expected to be near or below the support price.

The department said the current outlook for farm income assumes no change in legislation for 1964 crops of wheat and cotton, a continuation of the present dairy program, and average growing conditions next year.

Farm production expenses this year are expected to rise about \$600 million from the \$28.2 billion estimated for 1962. The department said the farm cost outlook for 1964 indicates another \$600 million will be piled atop the \$28.3 billion that finally will pay the production costs of 1963.

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ALLEY OOP



Television in review

He was relieved when she finally lost out in contest

By Rick Du Brow UPI Staff Writer

HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—I don't know what's happening to girls. The other night at the supermarket, I saw a gorgeous thing buy the Saturday Review, Scientific American and Consumer Reports. Some girl. Some supermarket.

Well, obviously we have to do something to keep our old-fashioned girls. And one of the things we could do is take a hard look at the commercialism of beauty contests, as illustrated by Sunday night's NBC-TV study of a lovely Texas coed who somehow managed to come through her basic training for the Miss America Pageant.

Anyone who has ever seen the close-up workings of beauty contests knows they are generally as heartwarming as firms that start pushing Christmas sales even before Thanksgiving is here. Some of the judges wouldn't know a Ball dancer from a ballet dancer or belly dancer.

Despite the accepted silliness she had to go through, I got to like Sunday night's contestant, Jeanne Richey Amacker, Beaumont, Tex., because when she wasn't caught up in the madness of staged naturalness, she revealed a down-to-earth warmth and eyes that showed humor. In fact, I was relieved when she finally lost the Miss America competition after becoming Miss Texas, because I didn't want her to have to go through any more commercial pressures. She got \$10,000 in rewards for being chosen Miss Texas, and earned every penny of it.

After Miss Amacker was selected as Miss Texas, we saw a business meeting at which it was stipulated that she had to agree not to get married for a year, and that every news release had to be cleared. There were big stakes: \$100,000 for the Miss America prize, and also her personal appearances as Miss Texas.

At times Sunday night, the straight-faced approach of the cameras — minus narration — amounted to high satire by merely displaying some of the goings-on. At times, this objective approach brought home the point that truth is stranger than fiction by making one wonder at the enormous amount of work poured into such an event.

But best of all, the program, though pointing up the events that could make one shudder, never forgot that some very nice young ladies were doing the best they could as contestants. Thus, it was not snobbish in its consideration of them personally. And thus it was not only a chivalrous program, but a tasteful, human one. It was the system that was put on trial by the cameras.

The Channel Swim: Barbra Streisand guests with NBC-TV's Jack Paar Nov. 29 . . . Bert Lahr visits CBS-TV's Ed Sullivan this Sunday . . . Same network's new Phil Silvers Show is being altered, to take a large part of the action out of the factory setting.

A comedy-drama by the late Clifford Odets, about a proud old man who is forced out of his make-believe world by his daughter's impending marriage airs Dec. 10 on NBC-TV's Richard Boone series . . . Odets was story editor of the Boone anthology when he died.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Rep. Carl Vinson, D-Ga., one of the most powerful and colorful figures in Congress, announced today he would not run for reelection. He said 25 terms in the House are enough.

In retiring at the end of next year "Uncle Carl" Vinson will have served a month more than 50 years, setting an all-time record for House tenure.

The veteran of the Armed Services Committee told a reporter he would leave Congress secure in the knowledge that the country was in fine shape and good Democratic hands. He said he would do what he could to see that this condition continued. He foresaw no war with Russia—atomic or otherwise—provided this country maintains its might.

Rivers is Mentioned Vinson's departure will put Rep. L. Mendel Rivers, D-S.C., in line to become chairman of the Armed Services Committee provided the Democrats maintain control of the House.

Today was Vinson's 80th birthday. To the extent that his fellow lawmakers would let him he planned to observe it routinely. That meant arising before daylight, reaching his Capitol office at 7:30 a.m., working till 4 p.m. and going to bed about 9 p.m.

Vinson came to the House a country boy from Milledgeville, Ga., in 1914. He stayed to become not only a dominant figure in Congress but a trusted adviser to presidents and, during an incredible 29 years as chairman of the Armed Services Committee and its predecessor Committee on Naval Affairs, a principal architect of the nation's defenses.

Death takes Fritz Reiner

By Rick Du Brow UPI Staff Writer

NEW YORK (UPI) — Fritz Reiner, 74, who fulfilled a boyhood dream by becoming one of the world's leading symphonic orchestra conductors, died in a hospital last week of pneumonia.

Among Reiner's great accomplishments was his success in raising the once-mediocre Chicago Symphony to a position of eminence in the classical music world.

Reiner joined the orchestra as director in 1953. Within a few years it was regarded as the second best in the nation, just behind the Philadelphia Symphony.

A heart attack in 1960 curtailed his work with the orchestra, and he resigned his post two years later. He had planned to celebrate his 75th birthday next month with a four-week engagement with the Chicago Symphony.

Reiner, born in Budapest, Hungary, studied law at the urging of his father. But his mother, an amateur musician, apparently had a stronger influence on him. He began studying the piano at the age of 6, and by the time he was 13 he had decided to become a conductor.

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D'Autremont count dropped

By Rick Du Brow UPI Staff Writer

PORTLAND (UPI) — A 40-year-old federal indictment growing out of one of the nation's last great train robberies was dismissed last week by U.S. District Judge John F. Kennedy.

The indictment charged Roy D'Autremont, now 63, with assault of a mail clerk.

D'Autremont is now serving a life sentence in the Oregon State Hospital. He and his twin brother, Ray, and a younger brother, Hugh, were sentenced to life in prison in 1927, four years after the Oct. 11, 1923 train robbery in the Siskiyou near Ashland.

Four members of the train crew, including a mail clerk were killed. The clerk was killed by a charge of dynamite used to blow up a strong box. The train's engineer, fireman and brakeman were shot.

Hugh was paroled in 1958 and died a year later in San Francisco. Ray is now on probation on the federal charge and Roy is in the mental institution.

100th test set off underground

By Rick Du Brow UPI Staff Writer

NEVADA TEST SITE (UPI) — The Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) last week brought its total of underground nuclear tests to 100 since Sept. 15, 1961, when it detonated its second blast in two days.

The explosion—equal to less than 200,000 tons of TNT—was similar to the low yield shot detonated on Thursday. Neither blast was noticeable in Las Vegas, 65 miles to the southeast.

The United States resumed testing at this remote desert proving ground on the 1961 date after a series of nuclear explosions by the Soviet Union violated a three-year moratorium on such experiments.

It was the 19th announced U.S. test this year and the ninth since Aug. 5, 1963, when an international agreement banning atmospheric, space and underwater testing was signed.

Red dilemma at U.N. noted

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UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (UPI) — Communist countries were reported in a dilemma today about how to vote on a 10-power resolution aimed at making Latin America a nuclear free zone.

The General Assembly's main political committee had hoped to vote on the measure last Friday, but the Communists inscribed themselves on the speakers' list in a strung-out manner that guaranteed postponement of the vote until at least next Thursday.

Ten Latin American powers proposed a resolution which would set up a conference to prepare for hemispheric denuclearization. The United States supported the move, provided all countries of the area — including Cuba — participated in it.

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Pre-seasonal weather seen

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Old man winter promised to make a pre-seasonal impression along the Northern Plains and the Northwest but wasn't expected to show up anywhere else in the nation.

A snow and cold wave warning was out for eastern Montana, the Plains and the Northwest with showers expected along the Pacific Coast.

Precipitation was generally light Sunday with the bulk of it in the country's midsection. Tyler, Texas, had 1.22 inches and Grand Rapids, Mich., 1.02 inches within a six-hour period.

The East had clear skies and temperature readings running into the 60's early today. The Western two-thirds of the nation showed temperatures in the 20's and 30's.

The Atlantic seaboard was warm and was expected to stay that way. A rise in the mercury was likely for the upper Mississippi Valley, Central Plains and southern half of the Rockies.

N. C. girl new Grange princess

By Rick Du Brow UPI Staff Writer

PORTLAND (UPI) — Miss Marie Newton, 22, of Winston-Salem, N.C., is the new National Grange princess.

She was chosen Saturday night as the Grange near the end of its national convention here. She is a school teacher.

Another member of the Old Richmond Grange at Winston-Salem, Richard L. Angell, 18, finished second in the race for national prince title. This was won by James H. Simpson, 21, Kuna, Idaho.

The awards were based on outstanding Grange and community work.

Miss Marion Pyle, 23, Bethany, W. Va., was runner-up in the princess contest.