



THE WORRY WART



HE TOOK THE BAIT

DENNIS, THE MENACE



IT'S CALLED 'BROTHER, JOE, IT'S LIKE EMPTY SOUP!'

STEVE CANYON



DICK TRACY



L'L ABNER



REX MORGAN, M.D.



CAPTAIN EASY



MARY WORTH



ALLEY OOP



Johnson's farm budget is down from current one by \$1.1 billion

By Gaylord P. Godwin UPI Staff Writer

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson today asked Congress to approve a fiscal 1965 spending budget for the Agriculture Department \$1.1 billion below this year's figure.

The agriculture budget cut was the largest for any government agency except the Defense Department.

Johnson put a price tag of \$5.8 billion on farm programs in the new fiscal year starting next July 1. This compares with estimated spending of \$6.9 billion for the current 1964 fiscal year.

The hefty saving is based largely on the current wheat program and anticipated cotton and dairy legislation, and could evaporate easily.

About \$532 million of the budget reduction reflects the lower price the Agriculture Department expects to pay to subsidize wheat shipments abroad under the Food for Peace program and the international wheat agreement.

Farmers Spurn Control

Last year, wheat farmers turned down the administration's proposed 1964 wheat control program. As a result, wheat price support in 1964 will drop to about \$1.25 per bushel which is expected to approximate the world price.

Under such a price, the government will be able to ship abroad as much wheat as before, but it will cost fewer dollars to do so.

There would be little or no export subsidy to pay. But pending legislation to keep wheat farmers' income from dropping could nullify the proposed budget saving.

Likewise, there is no certainty that administration plans for dairy and cotton legislation designed to save \$230 million in farm program costs will be approved by Congress.

Johnson told Congress that the cost of agricultural programs in fiscal 1965 were estimated at \$5.1 billion, down \$1.3 billion from 1964. The estimated expenditures for the department itself, however, are higher because the agency administers some spending that is not strictly agricultural such as the Forest Service, school lunch and food stamp programs.

Loan Change Planned

One proposed reduction in agricultural spending would stem from changes in the rural housing loan program of the Farmers Home Administration. The FHA changes would require congressional approval of legislation to insure private credit for rural housing.

Young man fails in holdup try

PORTLAND (UPI)—A young man attempted to hold up the money order window in the Pioneer Post Office Monday.

The would-be bandit gave a holdup note to the money order clerk, Ruby Mulvihill, and fled when she said "I can't give you any money."

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Television in review

Reviewer comments on some of networks' press releases

By Rick Du Brow UPI Staff Writer

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — We read the network press releases:

—From ABC-TV's "Discovery," a children's show: "The next time you see a child playing jump-rope and singing some disjointed song lyrics, don't take the music lightly."

—From CBS-TV: "Among the many Jack Benny jokes is a description of him as so tight-fisted that he has varicose veins in his knuckles."

What are some of the other Jack Benny jokes? —From ABC, quoting Dick Clark about appearing on a "Burke's Law" episode: "It may come as quite a shock to my ABC-TV daytime audience when I loom up on their TV screens... as a father-hater in this 'Burke' episode whimsically titled 'Who Killed What's-His-Name?'"

No more than the shock of that sentence. —From CBS-TV: "Madelyn Martin, writer on 'The Lucy Show,' goes through all the show's stunts herself to see if they are practical for star Lucille Ball."

And? For heaven's sake finish. —From ABC-TV: "Tom Egan, associate producer on ABC-TV's 'The Jimmy Dean Show,' began his TV career from the very bottom. While a senior at Fordham prep school in New York he took an usher's job at CBS."

The assumption in the above is that if he had taken an usher's job at ABC, he would not have begun his career quite so low.

—From ABC-TV, quoting Gene Barry as saying: "As a performer who has been trying to stage a one-man revival of vaudeville before I went into the ABC-TV 'Burke's Law' series, I'd like to express my feeling of elation over the basic idea of ABC's 'Hollywood Palace' show. This is a great place to expose new talents and re-expose great vaudeville acts."

Strangely, I believe that Gene Barry may well have said just that.

The Channel Swim: The British prime minister, Sir Alec Douglas-Home, appears on CBS-TV's "Face the Nation" Sunday... Oxford University's educational climate is the subject of the same network's "One of a Kind" Feb. 2.

Robert Morse, who made his name in "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," guests Friday on NBC-TV's "That Was the Week That Was."

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Compact group to set down list of objects

SEATTLE (UPI)—The Columbia Interstate Compact Commission decided Monday to assemble a list of objects to a proposed seven-state treaty, and to meet in six weeks to see if differences can be ironed out.

Members of the commission were told earlier Monday their states must prepare to stand up to thirsty California proposals to divert water from the Pacific Northwest.

Objections to the proposed compact were voiced by Ken Billington, executive secretary of the Washington Public Utility District Association. Washington and Oregon public power advocates' objections have been the prime stumbling block in ratification of the treaty in those two states.

The legislators of the other states involved have approved the proposal in one context or another.

Billington, of Seattle, said the prime objections of his organization were the failure of the compact to deal adequately with pollution and flood control, the possibility that Washington and Oregon together could be outvoted by upstream states, and the lack of budget limitations on compact commissions.

The PUD executive said the commission would be "a tax-supported bureaucracy big enough to choke an ox."

Members of the commission agreed that without ironing out PUD objections the proposed compact would have no chance of ratification.

The morning session of the 63rd meeting of the commission was devoted mainly to a Los Angeles proposal to take water from Idaho's Thousand Springs area and bring it to Southern California.

Chairman of the Idaho Compact Commission, R. P. Parry, told the members that although the Thousand Springs proposal had been made in the name of Los Angeles, it generally has the backing of the whole Southwest.

"My experience has taught me never to underestimate the engineering ability, financial ability or the political power of California," said Parry. "Their (Los Angeles) scheme is clever."

The proposal would take about 2.5 million acre feet of water, lift it from 3,200 feet to 6,200 feet on the Nevada Plateau, then flow by gravity to Lake Mead, manufacturing hydroelectric power on the way.

Parry said if California were able to carry out the plan, it would mean a corresponding foot-acre loss to the Columbia River power plants, and at the system's ultimate development, a loss of \$60 million to \$70 million of power annually.

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