

Washington Digest

Reciprocal Trade Is Vital To Well-Being of the World

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WASHINGTON.—Despite the spirited battle over extension of the reciprocal trade agreement authority, nothing which even its best friends could hope to do about it would be definitive, for everyone knew from the start that final action must be postponed until next year.

Reciprocal trade agreements have been a definite part of our foreign trade policy for 14 years. If they were of any value in the past, they are of even more value now. But with an election a little more than four months off and congress trying to break a log jam of legislation, lengthy debate on the subject was impossible.

Putting it backwards, the reciprocal trade agreement policy is this: If a country is prevented by a high tariff wall from selling to us, it can't get the dollars to buy from us. Or, if the country has borrowed money from us, it can't get the dollars to pay us back. That's what happened after World War I, and the breakdown in foreign trade was one of the great factors in bringing on depression.

But that isn't the only thing that tariff walls do. They tend to force isolationism, extreme nationalism on a country and behind the tariff walls, as ex-Secretary of State Cordell Hull used to say so often, grow the roots of war.

Secretary of State Marshall stated that the Gearhart bill would destroy the substance of the reciprocal trade theory, a theory which is not only the cornerstone of our general foreign trade policy, but the principle which we have insisted must be followed by nations participating in the European recovery program.

The secretary said that "only the shadow of the original act would be preserved in the substitute bill proposed by Representative Gearhart, while its substance would be destroyed." And he added: "I think our national interests would be better preserved to permit the trade agreements act to expire than to permit H.R. 6556 to be enacted."

He pointed out that any serious weakening of the trade agreements act at this critical period in world affairs would "almost certainly be regarded by other countries not only as a surrender of our leadership in the international economic field, but as a repudiation of much that has been accomplished under our leadership in that field."

Presumably he meant this: When we agreed to the European recovery plan (E.C.A.), one of the things we emphasized, demanded in fact, was that the countries receiving our aid would have to break down tariff barriers against each other and the rest of the world. We knew there couldn't be economic recovery if there was not a free flow of world trade.

Even before the E.C.A. was ever thought of—since 1934, as a matter of fact—by vigorously pursuing the reciprocal idea, by concluding reciprocal trade treaties with so many countries (we have them with all but six or seven of the Marshall plan participants) we have encouraged the world to reduce tariff walls. Thus it would hardly seem consistent suddenly to reverse ourselves and go back to the old days of high tariff economic isolationism.

The measure as the house presented it had another drawback in the eyes of Secretary Marshall and supporters of his point of view. The bill would force the President either to accept the recommendations of the federal tariff commission on adjustments above or below a certain bracket or submit them to a congressional veto. That sounds reasonable in theory, but what it does is to smash absolutely the whole basis for reciprocal trade negotiation.

A nasty little joker in the measure stating that tariff commission recommendations must be made on the principle of protecting the special interests concerned revealed the intent of its framers. That provision would destroy the purpose of negotiation by removing trade agreements from the field of the "general good" and narrowing them down to a question of whether the particular industry is to be protected from competition. Thus, not only would international relations and conditions have to be ignored entirely, but broad national interests as well.

Secretary Marshall used strong words in criticizing this clause when he said: "The bill, in effect, makes pure protection the sole criterion for tariff action."

Very few groups outside of the big industries which want to keep down foreign competition oppose the reciprocal trade program. The great majority of the chambers of commerce are for it. Earl Shreve, national president of the chamber of commerce, has said that any

"restrictions on or crippling of the trade agreements program would have very undesirable repercussions. Discontinuance or impairment would destroy consistency in United States policy and would undermine world confidence."

Former Republican presidential candidate Alfred E. Landon came out in favor of the three-year extension of the trade agreements act as urged by the administration. He said that failure to extend the act would be contrary to the Republican policy plank of 1944.

Frequent public opinion polls have shown that the majority of the people favor trade treaties. In fact, persons who know what trade treaties are vote better than eight to one to retain them.

I'm no economic expert, but all I have ever read or heard about the old high protective tariff debates, the experience under the Smoot-Hawley bill, the post-World War I debt repudiation and depression would seem to indicate that the high tariff idea should and would be dead as a dodo.

If not, it means we spin the wheel backward to the grand old days of high tariffs which killed foreign trade, made it impossible for foreign countries to sell us goods and spend their money here, or to pay back the money they owed us—simply to protect certain private interests.

This Convention Is Different

As the Republicans swing into action with the greatest hope they have had for electing a president since the fifth birthday of this year's first voters, there are a number of striking contrasts to be noted between this convention in Philadelphia and former GOP conclaves.

One big contrast is in the size of the audience which actually will behold the speakers as they step forward onto the rostrum. In 1940, some 10,000 people not actually in the hall witnessed the convention.

Two television cameras mirrored the scenes to a fairly select audience, some of it composed of persons fortunate enough to share the hospitality of the Railroad club in the same building as the hall. There one could escape the sound and fury, the glare of the lights, the heat and aridity, and could snack and sip in a comfortable chair.

This year in Philadelphia, the estimated television audience will be counted in the millions, for networks will carry the scene to viewers from Massachusetts to California. Instead of two lonely cameras, there will be the pooled equipment and programming of the various nets.

But there is a greater contrast in the Republican political situation than in the delegates' physical surroundings between today and 1940.

No one who witnessed the Wilkie stampede can forget. It was just about as unorthodox a procedure as history records, for the candidate was chosen, not in the hall, nor in a smoke-filled room either, but out in the sticks. If this is to be a "wireless" convention, the 1940 affair was a convention "by wire."

A group of high-pressure amateurs, who were no amateurs when it came to organized action, was putting pressure on the "big men" in every community, and the "big men" were getting to bosses or to the delegates direct by telegram and telephone. The Wilkie amateurs "stole" the show from the professionals, and the professionals swore it never would happen again. It isn't happening this year.

Another highly interesting contrast between conventions — this time between 1948 and 1944—is the hectic atmosphere of today as opposed to the comparative calm then. There was a "Dewey-has-it-in-the-bag" feeling back in Chicago four years ago which took the zip out of the Chicago air. Also the war overshadowed the conclave then. The National Republican (the party newspaper) started off its lead article on June 26, 1944: "With the invasion news commanding the attention of the entire convention..."

Another contrast between '44 and '48 is in the attitude toward foreign policy. Then it was the most delicate question which faced the platform committee. Today Senator Vandenberg has foreign policy wrapped up in a neat package signed with his name and sealed with his signet ring. That issue is no worry at all.



Farm Topics

Furacin Is Effective In Coccidiosis Control

New Chemical Proves Valuable to Poultrymen

Animal health, already in debt to human medicine for some effective help, now must acknowledge further aid from the same source. The thing for which acknowledgement is due is a drug called furacin.

Natural source of this drug is oat hulls, corncobs, bran and similar farm wastes. It is one of the furfural series of chemicals, some of which are used in trades and industry.

In the very first trial with coccidiosis of chickens, furacin demonstrated that it was equal to the well-



known sulfa drugs in stopping losses. Further research proved that the drug is generally less toxic to chickens than the sulfa drugs, and that the growth of treated chickens is not retarded as much as in the case of those which have been treated with sulfa.

This chemical is as yet available only in small quantities, and still is high in price. Even so, the amount required to be effective against coccidiosis is so small that the cost of treatment is less than with the sulfa drugs. Before long, products containing this new chemical will be available to poultry raisers on a less limited scale.

DDT Emulsion Controls Flies in Poultry House

Spraying a 1 per cent DDT emulsion on poultry manure two days before the manure was removed from the dropping boards, which were cleaned once a week, gave 100 per cent fly control at the Hawaii agricultural experiment station.

The emulsion was applied at the rate of one pint per 30 square feet of area.

The addition of lime twice a week to the manure before use of the DDT treatment reduced odor and moisture, but apparently decreased DDT efficiency in the opinion of poultry specialists.

All-Time Champion



Above is Bess Skylark Ormsby of Dora, 2388170, new all-time champion junior four-year-old Holstein for the United States, being milked three times daily. With her, on the last day of her record-smashing 363-day period, are left to right, three generations of her owners, G. F. Walters, Waterloo, Iowa; his son, Harold Walters, and his grandson, Robert Walters.

2,4-D Formulas Classed In Three Major Forms

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The 2,4-D chemical is used extensively as a weed killer.

Zinc Coating Provides Protection From Rust

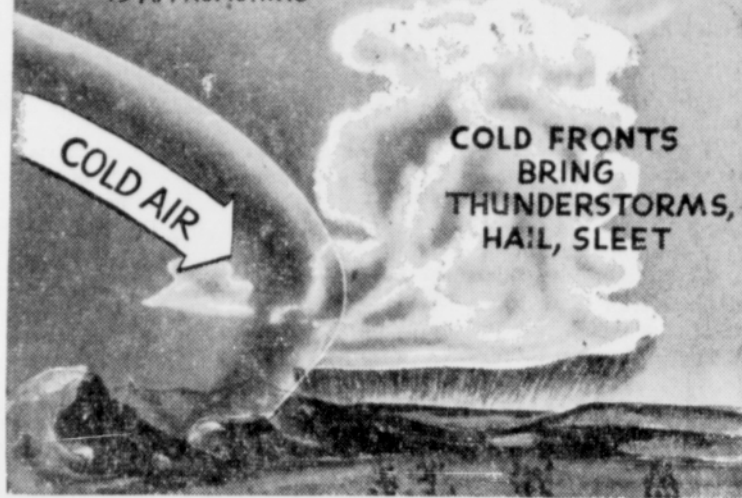
Ten year tests at Indiana indicate that wire having less than a half ounce of zinc coating for each square foot of wire surface had 100 per cent of the surface rusted during the period. Samples having more than one ounce of zinc coating showed no rusting. Stainless steel and copper clad samples showed no rusting. Lead clad samples showed a third of the area discolored.

Weather Vane

by Frank Gaines

COLD "FRONT"

IF A MASS OF COLD AIR IS BIGGER THAN A MASS OF WARM AIR IT WILL PUSH THE WARM AIR AHEAD OF IT. WHEN THIS HAPPENS THE WEATHER REPORT WILL SAY THAT A "COLD FRONT" IS APPROACHING



WHY WE SAY

by STAN J. COLLINS & L. J. SLAWSON

"FROM PILLAR TO POST" PILLORY



This very ancient expression used today to infer frequent moving or travel alludes to the custom of taking a prisoner from the pillory or jail to the whipping post.

TEEN-AGE TRIUMPHS

By Stookie Allen



VERSATILE

KATE KELLEY, 16, AND HER GANG IN DETROIT LOVED MUSIC BUT HAD NO RECORD-PLAYER. THEN KATE SPIED A CONTEST PUT ON BY A CHAIN OF MUSIC STORES.

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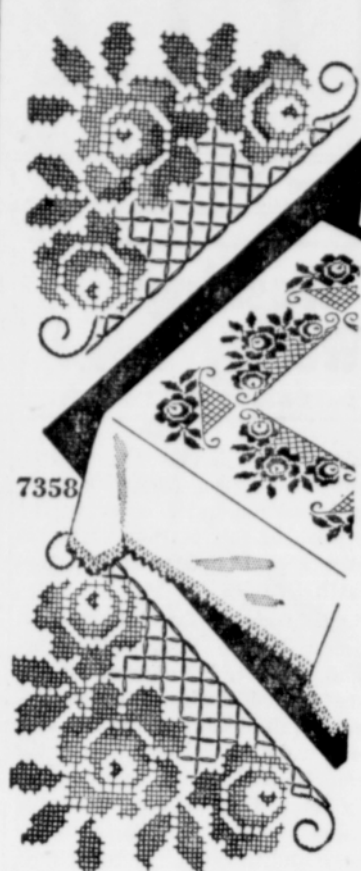
Did'ja Hear?



ON MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, CHICKEN THIEVES AVOID HEN-HOUSE UPROAR BY SPRAYING ETHER INTO THE COOPS AND THEN QUIETLY WALKING OFF WITH THE KNOCKED-OUT FOWL!

AT BALTIMORE'S MARYLAND GENERAL HOSPITAL, DOCTORS WATCHING A TELECAST OF A ROдео WERE STARTLED TO SEE A PERFORMER VIOLENTLY TOSSED FROM A BUCKING BRONCO. THEY WERE ALL SET FOR HIM WHEN HE ARRIVED IN THE EMERGENCY WARD 5 MINUTES LATER.

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Kidneys Must Work Well-

For You To Feel Well 24 hours every day, 7 days every week, never stopping, the kidneys filter waste matter from the blood. If more people were aware of how the kidneys must constantly remove surplus fluid, excess acids and other waste matter that cannot stay in the blood without injury to health, there would be better understanding of why the whole system is upset when kidneys fail to function properly.

Burning, scanty or too frequent urination sometimes warns that something is wrong. You may suffer nagging backache, headaches, dizziness, rheumatic pains, getting up at night, swelling. Why not try Doan's Pills? You will be using a medicine recommended the country over. Doan's stimulates the function of the kidneys and help them to flush out poisonous waste from the blood. They cause nothing harmful. Get Doan's today. Use with confidence. At all drug stores.

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