

WASHINGTON WEEK

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—"They can do it in 15 days," President Truman told the Democrat National Convention in Philadelphia when he announced he would call the 80th Congress into special session.

He referred to the time it would take Congress to enact legislation he said he would place before the special session.

In 15 days he felt that Congress could give him the police state powers he wants, pledge the spending of hundreds of millions of dollars more of the tax-payers' money, set national policies which many a Democrat Congress did not see fit to establish in 14 years of solid control, and study the most

critical international situation the nation has faced since Pearl Harbor. The man who staged this one-man gang-up on the 80th Congress—which he called the "worst" in history because it did not go pell-mell into every crackpot scheme the administration offered—has changed his tune since moving from the Senate over to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

On March 21, 1939, then Senator Truman delivered an address before a joint session of the Missouri Legislature on the subject of "Present Issues Before Congress."

"I found out very soon after I had settled down to a study of my duties," he said on that occasion, "that the business of a good legislator is not to get things done quickly and efficiently, as a good administrator has to do, but to prevent, if possible, the enactment into the law of the land many crazy and crackpot measures."

"I have found that much deliberation and study on all proposed legislation is a great deal better for the public welfare than too much hurry and immediate action."

This same man who now wants a quick appropriation of hundreds of millions, pledges of hundreds of millions more, and the power of a police state dictator, all within 15 days, made another speech as a Senator. On June 29, 1943 (just a year before he became the Democrat vice-presidential nominee), Mr. Truman asserted:

"It seems that when public funds are to be expended no one has any interest in what happens to them, no matter what his responsibilities may be under his oath of office."

"Unless this body (the Senate) and the House of Representatives exercise their prerogatives in connection with the purse strings of the government, much of the money appropriated will be thrown away for no good purpose whatever."

It was only a few weeks ago that President Truman decreed these prerogatives of the Congress.

Chances Slim For Increased Nitrogen

There's now hope for an increase of about 10 percent in the stock of nitrogen in the United States next year, but the chance of any of the additional supply showing up in increased supplies of nitrogen fertilizer here in Oregon is considered slim.

Distribution of the ammonia for nitrogen fertilizer manufacture rests in the hand of the fertilizer industry and currently no domestic maker of nitrogen is operating in the northwest, state Arthur S. King, O.S.C. extension soils specialist. This means, explains King, that additional supplies of nitrogen fertilizer will be available here only if it

cannot be sold closer to manufacturing centers.

Chances for this are considered remote since the nitrogen shortage is nationwide.

Nitrogen fertilizer supply here is dependent upon whether or not the Columbia Metals plant in Salem can resume operations. It has now been closed since February. This plant has been the major source of nitrogen fertilizer in the northwest for the past three years.

The plant is now closed as a result of its inability to secure anhydrous ammonia a necessary raw material in the manufacture of ammonium sulfate. There is some possibility that the plant will be able to resume operations with ammonia released from army production King explains.

Recently, the production and Marketing administration announced that farms in the United States would have available 10 percent more nitrogen this coming year. The increase is expected to come from stepped up imports from Chile and Canada, slightly increased domestic production, and diversion of material produced in army operated plants for use in the occupied areas of Germany and Japan.

Use of nitrogen this past year in this country reached the total of 817,000 tons the equivalent of over four million tons of ammonium sulfate. This was the greatest quantity of fertilizer ever used in this country, King points out. Still, it did not meet the demands and the 10 percent increase for next year will again fall short of expected requirements, King predicts.

More Livestock To Be Bought By OSC

Approval by the state board of higher education of a program of purchase of livestock for use in teaching and research at Oregon State college, virtually completes the "six-year" program for animal husbandry recommended by a group of livestock men who studied the situation 10 years ago, reports P. M. Brandt, head of the animal industries division at the college.

Appropriation of \$12,644 for purchases of high quality beef cattle, sheep and swine provision for adequate housing for the college herds and earlier acquisition of additional land near Corvallis for research and maintenance purposes, he said.

With the completion of farm

buildings now under construction and the purchase of the new stock, Oregon State will be in position to give just as complete and high quality instruction as that afforded anywhere in the country in animal husbandry, Professor Brandt emphasized.

While the herds will not approximate in size those maintained by some of the wealthier states, they will meet all practical requirements of both teaching and research, he said.

Most of the money will be used to expand the beef cattle and sheep numbers under a plan whereby replacements may be bred at the college, thus maintaining adequate herds at minimum cost. Swine herds are already adequate for teaching but some additions will be made for research work.

A new beef barn of largely fireproof construction and separate from hay storage buildings has been started to replace the one destroyed by fire about a year ago. It and related buildings will be located on an extension of the street running past the former beef barn and horse barn but farther west across 35th street which forms the western city limits of Corvallis.

News of State Fair is Given

Children's day at the Oregon State Fair in Salem, September 6 to 12, will be Saturday, Sept. 11. Manager Leo Spitzbart said that all amusement rides will be substantially reduced and that a special program, including free vaudeville acts, will be staged in the morning.

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stock for the combined championship show-ropedeo to be staged each night of the Oregon State Fair in Salem, September 6 to 12.

Roy Simmons of Salem, manager of the horse show classes, said this week that premium lists of the State Fair horse show will be in the mails soon after August 6.

The musical portion of the Oregon State Fair's varied entertainment list was completed this week with the announcement by Manager Leo Spitzbart that the Eugene Municipal band would play as the exposition's official band. George Bruns of Portland and his orchestra will play nightly for the Oregon State Fair dances.

The busiest man in Marion county at the present time is genial Leo Spitzbart, who is in charge of all preparations for Oregon's great State Fair in Salem, September 6 to 12. Spitzbart will watch his

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