



Washington, D. C., Aug. 5—With the reassembling of congress on Sept. 14 there will be a renewal of the battle between representatives of organized farmers and union labor to re-shape the policies of OPA with respect to the fixing of prices on farm products and the freezing of wages. This has been made clear by the action of the national grange in protesting the demands of labor for a rollback in food prices. The grange is particularly strong in Oregon and Washington and is politically influential in 37 states. What it has to say will, therefore, be given serious consideration by members of congress from agricultural districts who compose the so-called farm bloc and they will not rest content until some changes have been made in OPA policies.

The grange protest asserts that labor's demand for increased wages is inflationary and therefore to be resisted; that the difference between living costs and worker's income is increasing at the rate of about \$2,000,000,000 a month, and that a continuance of this disparity will bring about a further shortage in farm production. The grange agrees with labor on only one point, and that is the necessity of paying subsidies to producers sufficient to cover the difference between cost of production and the prices fixed by OPA. Leaders of organized labor favored this plan when President Roosevelt's subsidy program was being discussed in congress and to it the grange has given unqualified endorsement. It remains to be seen whether this combined pressure will be strong enough to induce a reversal of congressional attitude.

Recent polls show Wendell Willkie matched against President Roosevelt not so strong as a G. O. P. presidential candidate as he was four years ago. This recent survey will be used by the Governor Dewey forces and flocks of the old guard as another argument to draft Dewey "who does not choose to run." Potter

liticos who think they know all the answers say this behind-the-scenes battle against Willkie being engineered by potent members of the old guard will add water to the wheel of Ohio's Governor Bricker, who so far is the real G. O. P. dark horse. All the big shots in these parts privately say Dewey can't make it for the No. 1 spot. But they all agree he would be an ideal candidate for the No. 2 position. The boys who know their electoral college stuff are not overlooking the fact that New York state with its 45 electoral votes "ain't hay," and Governor Dewey, they believe, is the one and only man to capture it against Mr. Roosevelt, also from New York.

The recent report of the department of agriculture, which has it that a bumper crop even 4 percent higher than last year, is assured barring unforeseen weather conditions, will not make any difference in food rationing. Agriculture department was mighty gloomy a few months ago over the prospects for this year's crops. Unseasonable weather plus devastating floods cast a dark shadow over the entire crop situation, which caused the department to predict a far below average yield this year. The thousands of Victory gardens planted by amateur farmers have proved more than successful and materially aided in bringing up the food score. However, much of the bumper crop will have to go over seas for both army and civilian needs, which will make it necessary for the home folks to take another hitch in the belt.

A house bill passed shortly before the recess and now in the senate would give the navy department permission to send Waves and Spars overseas for non-combat duty which is now forbidden. Army Wacs have always been eligible for overseas duty, and the navy would like the same eligibility for their Waves. However, some navy brass hats say no to the idea, plus a whole flock of senators. High ranking naval officers say sending the Waves and Spars overseas would be sure to develop into one grand headache for all concerned. They point out that there is plenty of work to do at home for the Waves to do, thereby relieving thousands of men for overseas duty. Secretary of the Navy Knox is all for the idea of sending the navy gals overseas, but observers doubt that the measure will get by the senate.

President Roosevelt's statement of a few days ago for "bigger and better" income taxes didn't cause any

hit with the togamen and tax experts around here. The statement caused those advocating a sales tax to perk up again, which they believe is the only remedy for more money. Many lawmakers are firmly of the opinion that federal income taxes are now as high as the traffic will stand. The tax question is bound to be a hot subject when the boys gather about again.

In validating the next set of blue ration stamps for processed foods, the OPA pointed out today that consumers are now enjoying the most plentiful supply of fresh fruits and vegetables available at any time during the year.

Families who are using only fresh fruits and vegetables during the summer months, and not using their processed foods stamps for buying canned foods, are urged to destroy their individual stamps promptly.

SON BORN

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kirkham of Seattle are the parents of a son, Cleveland Charles, born July 30. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Walton of Long Creek and great grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Dillard French of Vinson.

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PENDLETONIANS VISIT

Mrs. Ruth McNeill, Norma Lee Adams and Ruth Van Fossen of Pendleton visited Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cowins Friday evening.

LOST—Bay gelding horse, Roman nose, white stockings. Last seen Phil Griffin ranch, Dwight Gabbert. Phone 36F3, Ione, Oregon. 19-21p

BACK FROM BOMBING GERMANY



Flying Officer Donald Chadwick of Portland, Ore., is welcomed back to Canada by Air Commodore E. E. Middleton. Flying Officer Chadwick has been overseas for 18 months with the Royal Canadian Air Force, flying giant bombers out of England, deep into enemy territory on devastating raids.

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