

Benson Says Demos Were 'Masters' of Farmers of Nation

Claremont, Calif. — (U.P.) — Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson said Saturday the government should be a farmer's "hired hand" and claimed that under the Democrats it was his "master."

Benson said that when the GOP took office, leaders of the Democratic Party were "still blindly pushing" a farm program that had produced "excessive government controls," rising surpluses, falling prices and loss of foreign agricultural markets.

Government Was Growing

"Big government was getting bigger . . .," he said. "More bureaucrats to live off the taxpayer . . . more government workers to tell you how to run your farm . . . more government controls."

In a speech prepared for delivery before farm and cooperative organizations at Pomona College here, Benson asked, "do you believe that men in Washington can do a better job of running your farm than you can?"

Benson said the new flexible farm price support programs, passed by the Republicans and opposed by most Democrats, will "help establish a sound farm income, resting on consumer demand and markets, rather than the political whimsy of now-you-have it and now-you-don't legislation."

Negro Praises Ike For Effort To End Race Segregation

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Dwight D. Eisenhower is doing more to solve racial problems "than any President since Lincoln," according to Assistant Secretary of Labor Ernest Wilkins.

Wilkins, speaking at a Citizens for Eisenhower rally Friday night, said the President was solving segregation problems "with deeds."

"Segregation in the armed forces is being stamped out rapidly," Wilkins said, "and at the President's insistence, Negroes are serving in all branches of services, and now have better chances for advancement."

Get Special Instructions

The Labor Department representative said United States attorney and FBI agents now receive special civil rights instructions.

"The President also believes in practicing what he preaches," Wilkins continued. "For the first time there is a Negro secretary on the White House staff, and Negroes are welcome to all of the White House social events."

"In this atmosphere," he added, "is it any wonder that the momentous decision of the Supreme Court banning segregation in schools took place?"

Wilkins, the first Negro to sit at a President's cabinet meeting, urged that Americans prepare their children "to take their place in a world in which they are not bound by the old horizons."

Union Head Predicts Victory by Democrats

Easton, Pa. — (U.P.) — Jacob S. Potofsky, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America (CIO), predicted Saturday a Democratic sweep in next Tuesday's elections because of "failure of the Eisenhower administration and the Republican-controlled Congress."

400,000-member union, said industrial workers, small farmers and businessmen, government workers and professionals, have revolted against a "program to make the rich richer while neglecting the needs of the plain people of America."

The union leader charged the Republicans with "heartless indifference" toward unemployment among miners, steel workers, auto workers, clothing and textile workers and others.

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Gov. Knight Refuses To Extradite Martini

Sacramento — (U.P.) — Gov. Goodwin J. Knight of California refused Saturday to extradite Antonio Martini, 64, to New York to face a 35-year-old first degree murder charge.

"In view of Martini's 33 years of law abiding residence in California I feel that the ends of justice would be better served by allowing him to remain here," Knight said.

'Sick' Juror Said Trial's Only Hope

Cleveland, O. — (U.P.) — The seemingly stalled first degree wife-killing trial of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, brought almost to a halt with revelations that one juror has a conviction on a morals charge, might be put into high gear again if the panel members should report too sick to serve next week.

Assistant County Prosecutor John J. Mahon said Saturday "it would be very convenient" if the man was not able to serve because of illness, otherwise, his presence might jeopardize the conduct of proceedings and offer grounds for a mistrial later.

Mahon also said he and his staff considered the identification of the juror to be "pretty definite."

Should it be possible to remove him, he might then be replaced by a still-unchosen alternate.

Uncertain Taxes On Timber Lands Bring Requests

Salem — (U.P.) — Uncertain taxes on cutover and reforesting timber lands have resulted in a flood of applications for classification under the Oregon forest fee and yield tax law, according to Homer G. Lyon, reforestation director for the State Forestry Department.

Many of the applications come from small owners who feel the tax problems are too much for them to cope with in trying to hold limited acreages until the new timber crop is merchantable, Lyon said. Large owners, who may or may not be in a better position to carry lands until the new crop, also are interested in the tax act.

Under the Oregon deferred timber tax law, the owner pays five cents an acre annually in western Oregon and 2½ cents east of the Cascades. Revenues to the counties are heavy when the timber is harvested from such classified lands through a 12½ per cent tax. The yield tax is based on the current market value and to date some \$1,400,000 in yield tax has been paid to the counties.

The law has been in the state statute books since 1929, when the deferred tax method was adopted by the Legislature to aid owners in retaining owner-

Jobless Payments Show Increase of 18,800 in Week

Washington — (U.P.) — The number of jobless filing initial claims for unemployment insurance totaled 272,600 last week — an increase of 18,800 over the previous week.

In reporting this, the Labor Department Friday night attributed the increase partly to "seasonal" or "temporary" lay-offs in the textile, food processing, trade, fabricated metals and machinery industries.

Delay Seen

It said the filing of claims postponed from the previous week due to the closing of offices for the Columbus Day holiday also was a factor.

Insured unemployment rose by 21,900 to 1,480,000 during the week ending Oct. 16, after declining the previous week.

The department said re-scheduling of reports because of the Columbus Day holiday "obscured" a general downward trend. It pointed out that insured unemployment for the two weeks averaged 45,000 below the week ending Oct. 2.

ship of cutover and deforested timber lands. Public hearings for considering classification of lands will be held this winter in Linn, Polk, Lane, Coos, Benton, Deschutes and Lincoln counties, Lyon said.

Sparkman Declares GOP Has Sent U.S. Into Economic Spin

Pomona, Calif. — (U.P.) — Sen. John J. Sparkman (D-Ala.) says the Republican Party in two years has sent the nation into an economic tailspin.

Sparkman, the 1952 Democratic vice-presidential candidate, blamed the administration's policy of "hard money and high interest rates" for "an economic tailspin from which we have not recovered."

Speaking Friday night at a Pomona College Institute of Practical Politics, the Senator said unemployment has doubled since last year and payrolls are running at about \$7,000,000,000 less than in 1953. The number of substantial or very substantial labor surplus areas has increased from 42 in September, 1953, to 145 in September, 1954," he charged.

Erroneous Belief

The only "real effort" by the Republicans to solve unemployment was to give large tax reductions and tax writeoffs to big corporations under what he termed the erroneous belief that by doing so it would encourage the expansion of industry," he said.

"This proposed solution is putting the cart before the horse. The purchasing power of the consumer must be restored and maintained if additional pro-

ductive power is to be realistic," he said.

The Senator mentioned the Eisenhower administration's farm program and said it has shown "a lack of understanding and a callous disregard for the welfare of the small man, the farmer."

He claimed the farmer today is receiving the lowest percentage of the food dollar than at any time since 1941.

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