

'Cross - Compliance' Provision Dropped From Farm Control Plan

Washington — (U.P.) — The last remnant of a super-tough farm control program went out the window today as Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson decided that drought and the flexible price support law made the program unnecessary.

Benson told a news conference yesterday that the "cross compliance" provision of the program, scheduled to go into effect next year, was being jettisoned along with its partner, "total allotment," which was dropped last fall.

He said proposed limits on commercial plantings scheduled for next year also are being removed.

Would Protect Growers

The "cross-compliance" provision would have required farmers to comply with all of the individual crop allotments set for their farm to get price supports on any one crop. The vegetable limitations would have barred plantings on acres idled by controls on basic crops as a protection to traditional commercial vegetable producers.

When Benson proposed the

toughest-ever control measures last summer, he described them as a "necessary evil."

Fishing Equipment Looted From Cabin

A Laurelhurst rd. cabin, owned by Frank O. Stinson, 311 Vancouver ave., has been looted of a large amount of fishing equipment, according to a report filed with the county sheriff's office.

Evidence found at the cabin indicates the burglary took place some time ago, according to the report.

Taken in the burglary were a .22 caliber rifle, three bamboo fly rods, two steel fishing rods, four fishing creels, four fishing vests, and other items, the report said.

Entry to the cabin was gained by breaking a lock on a gate and removing or breaking a window.

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law, the drought has reduced production in some places, and "it was our best judgment" that the controls should be dropped.

More Allotments Due

The action means farmers will just have to comply, as usual, with any one individual crop allotment — and there will be more than ever next year — to get price support on that one crop. Allotments are in prospect for all six basic crops — corn, cotton, wheat, rice, tobacco and peanuts — as well as sugar beets and sugar cane. Rice controls have not yet been announced but they are likely.

As anticipated earlier, Benson also cut 1955 price support levels of oats, barley, grain sorghums and rye about 18 per cent from this year, moving them all from 85 per cent of parity props to 70 per cent of the so-called "fair price" level.

He said the lower level will help assure the grains are marketed rather than stored in federal warehouses and provide some relief for poultry and dairy farmers whose dairy, egg and poultry prices have dropped recently more than feed prices.

Exchange Student Gets Settlement

Portland — (U.P.) — A \$200 settlement has been received by a Nigerian exchange student, ending the first legal action under Oregon's civil rights law against racial discrimination.

Godfrey Ibom, a student at Portland State college, got the out-of-court settlement from Frank Leach, operator of the Athens hotel restaurant after Ibom had accused Leach of refusing him service in the cafe last June 21.

Otto Rutherford, president of the Portland chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said the settlement resulted when the association told Leach that suit would be filed under the law unless an "amicable settlement" could be reached.

Ibom, who was working for a cannery in Athena last summer, said he was refused service because he was a Negro. The hotel operator denied this.

James Monroe is the only president in the nation's history, besides George Washington to be unopposed for a second term of office.

Truman Receives Fund for Library

Philadelphia — (U.P.) — Former President Harry S. Truman heads home today with a \$58,000 check from the Pennsylvania Committee for the Truman Library Fund.

The check was presented to Mr. Truman at a banquet here Monday night and raised the total of contributions to the fund to \$70,500. The library is to be built at his home in Independence, Mo.

Although the former President discussed politics at a press conference earlier in the day, he declined to take any pot-shots at Republicans during the \$70-a-plate dinner.

The more than 800 guests, including Gov. Robert B. Meyner of New Jersey and Gov.-elect George M. Leader of Pennsylvania, shouted "Give 'em hell, Harry." But the former chief executive confined his remarks to the importance of collecting and cataloging presidential papers. He stated that scholars and historians then would be able to understand why presidents took certain steps.

New trackless trolleys and buses are being designed so they can easily be converted into emergency ambulances, according to the nation's civilian defense authorities.

Colorado's highway department is expert in locating avalanche danger areas near mountain passes where wind builds up masses of snow on steep slopes. By analyzing snow depth and density and keeping an eye on local weather conditions, it

predicts potential slides, usually within eight hours, says the National Geographic Society. Then traffic is blocked off, the slides are blasted loose, and waiting snow plows clear the roads.

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