

Labor Credited With Defeat of Administration's Flexible Support Plan

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Washington—(U.P.)—American farmers who prefer high and rigidly fixed farm subsidies to the lesser and flexible kind backed by President Eisenhower can thank organized labor for their triumph in the House.

Last week's margin of victory for high and rigid supports was a scanty five votes. The step-by-step record of the legislative contest points to organized labor as the key factor in the administration's defeat. More specifically, President Walter Reuther and his CIO provided some of the muscle which barely hoisted the Democrats to victory.

Labor Tax-Cut Link

Organized labor was similarly linked earlier in this session with Speaker Sam Rayburn in pushing a \$20-per-head tax reduction through the House. Taxes and farm subsidies are the hottest political issues around, short of war and racial discrimination.

The successful and active partnership of the House Democratic leadership with these most powerful political forces in the U.S. is not new. But it is a continuing and effective trend. It is acutely interesting the numerous individuals in this country who hope to see a considerably left-of-center farmer-labor party develop here.

Reuther is among those who fairly may be counted as moving toward that end—the substitution of an avowed farmer-labor political coalition for one of the current major political parties. As the trend is now, that would be the Democratic party. Reuther's strategy is to align his organized labor consumers with farmer producers, each to sup-

port the legislative ends of the other. Reuther Agriculture Witness Reuther appeared before the House Agriculture Committee in February to support the high

Knowland To Continue To Oppose Far East Policy of Eisenhower

Washington—(U.P.)—Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland said today he will continue to oppose the administration's Far East policy because his point of view is "entitled to have expression."

The Californian charged "the other side is being pushed by the Indians, the British and certain voices in this country outside the government that are prepared to make another retreat."

Specific Issue

He took specific issue with the administration position on the Quemoy and Matsu islands, and on the American prisoners held captive in Red China.

TOO BIG FOR JOB

Richmond, Va.—(U.P.)—Police charged 190-pound Michael Gable, 52, of Pittsburgh, with attempted burglary and possession of burglars' tools. They found him stuck in a coal chute leading into the First Federal Savings and Loan Co.

rigid farm subsidies proposed by Rayburn and his party. Some persons called Reuther's statement the most effective delivered during committee hearings. The committee voted to junk the

"I don't know how you differentiate between an attack on Quemoy or the Matsus and an attack on Formosa," Knowland told reporters. "I am merely trying to point out what I think is a fact."

Knowland was unperturbed about widespread public interpretation that he is attacking the Eisenhower administration on foreign policy.

Danger to Asia

He said he felt it is important to point out "what I consider a danger to the whole of Asia" in event the Red Chinese take over the Nationalist-held Quemoy and Matsu islands off the China coast.

Knowland also expressed scorn for the Red Chinese offer to let the Red Cross distribute food parcels to imprisoned American flyers and civilians.

"It is no solution to the problem to let them keep prisoners in jail and merely send them food packages. It might be interpreted to mean that they plan to keep them in jail considerably longer," he said.

administration's lower, flexible subsidy program.

Thereafter organized labor turned the heat on Capitol Hill. Its representatives went to the big city representatives whose consumer voters, perhaps, might want lower subsidies on what they eat rather than higher. But the labor lobbyists could offer the powerful support of their unions for the higher subsidy program.

Can Argue for Support

So, too, can labor lobbyists now go to many farm district representatives and argue that labor's legislative projects merit support in return for big city votes given the farm bloc last week. That is a process known as log-rolling or you-vote-for-my-bill-and-I'll-vote-for-yours. It is practiced by all politicians, pressure groups and organizations. Some do it well and some do not. Labor is good at it.

Ed Sullivan Signed By Warner's Studio

Hollywood—(U.P.)—Warner Bros. Studio today announced the signing of Ed Sullivan, columnist and television star, as star and producer of an independent motion picture for the studio.

Jack L. Warner said casting for the picture would begin immediately with production schedule to start about Oct. 1.

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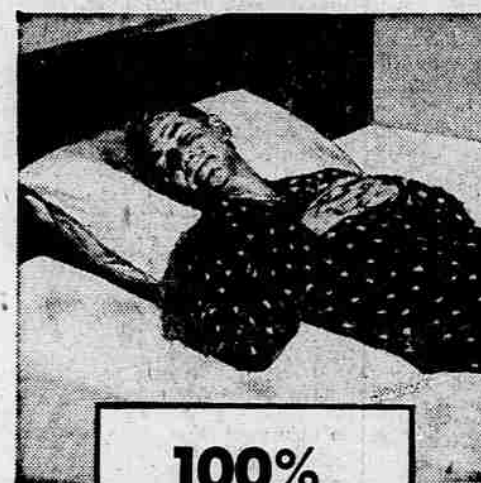
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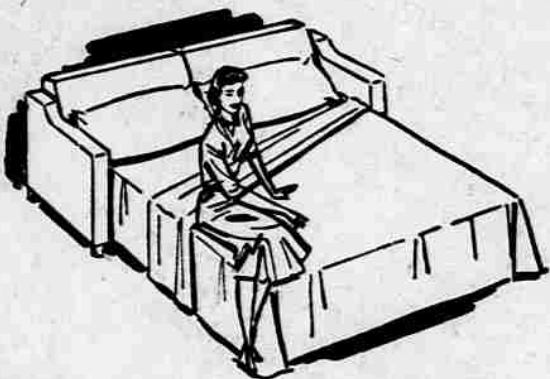
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