

Benson Urges World Trade Expansion To Reduce Surpluses

Rome—(U.P.)—Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson called today for expanded world trade in agricultural commodities to end a situation in which "some nations struggle with problems of abundance while others suffer in abject poverty."

Opening session of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers, said the United States would "not engage in any cut-throat race for markets" for its agricultural surpluses.

Can't Carry Inventory
But he warned the United States cannot forever "carry the inventory for the world" while other nations are snatching markets from her.

"We are not afraid of talking facts, frankly and even bluntly," Benson told delegates from 37 nations attending the weeklong IFA general conference here.

"This much I am sure we would all agree upon: There is need for honest exchange of opinion, for discussing our problems, for mutual understanding of the conditions which prompt our national actions," he said.

Benson said that agricultural production today "is well above pre-war levels in virtually all the world."

"Sizeable surpluses of some important commodities overhang international markets . . . The capacity of farmers to produce has outstripped the purchasing power of world consumers," he said.

"It is an ironical fact that underconsumption is a acute among large segments of the world's agricultural population," he added. "Over-simplified, it is a problem of the cotton producer who wants for bread in one country while the wheat grower in another goes shirtless . . ."

Plane Schedules Return to Normal

Final resurfacing work on Medford's municipal airport was completed Wednesday afternoon, and plane schedules returned to their normal times, according to Vernon Thorpe, city public works director.

(The airport paving job consisted of two inches of "black-top" material placed on 1,764 feet of a taxiway and 580 feet of the main runway, Thorpe said. The construction of a boundary fence along Bullock rd. toward the terminal building will be completed by the contractor, J. C. Compton, company, when complete materials arrive, Thorpe said. Some of the fencing material began arriving yesterday.)

The work cost will be split between the city of Medford and the CAA. Medford will pay \$35,271 and the Administration will complete the cost with an allotted \$45,000.

Paving work on Jackson st. between Lindley ave. and Berkeley Way began yesterday morning, Thorpe said. J. C. Compton company will be in charge of the operations which are expected to be completed by tomorrow night, he added.

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Shocking Indictment

"Over the face of this Earth, roughly two-thirds of the people have their living from the lands and the forests. And each night two out of three members of the human race go to bed hungry."

"It is a shocking indictment of man's intelligence that this should be so—that some nations should struggle with problems of abundance while others suffer in abject poverty," Benson said.

The solution to this paradox is increased world trade, he said.

SP Officials Visit Area; Say Freight Delivery Speeded

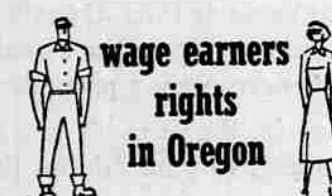
Three Southern Pacific railroad officials were Medford visitors this week, calling on business accounts and others in the area. In the group were L. R. Smith, newly-appointed superintendent of this division of the railroad; Bernal S. Quayle, passenger traffic and public relations manager; and Leith Abbott, assistant to Quayle.

Both Smith and Quayle declared that the SP's action in discontinuing passenger service on the Siskiyou route between Eugene and Ashland has had the result of speeding delivery and handling of freight cars to this area by as much as a full day. They said that the elimination of the nightly passenger schedules, one northbound and one southbound, has permitted the speed-up of freight traffic.

Interested In Area
Both officials said the SP is keenly interested in the continued growth and prosperity of Southern Oregon, and Quayle pointed out that since World War II, the railroad has played a major part in locating new industries here, and aiding in the expansion of existing plants. He said that spur tracks had been built for 73 such industries in the past 10 years, and that more are in prospect.

Smith said that the recently-announced plan to spend some \$5,750,000 on an enlarged and modernized switching yard at Eugene will expedite movement of freight from and to southern Oregon, and will speed up delivery of Oregon products to their markets.

The railroad officials also pointed out that the company has purchased recently some \$31,000,000 worth of new freight cars, and has announced orders for \$34,000,000 worth of new diesel locomotives.



wage earners rights in Oregon
(Editor's note: The Oregon bureau of labor has prepared a series of 12 articles on labor questions of public interest, based on questions most frequently asked by wage earners and employers. They are designed to provide correct information on matters which are frequently misunderstood. The first of the series of articles follows.)

LIMITS ON WOMEN'S HOURS

Q. How many hours per day and per week can women work?
A. An 8-hour day, 44-hour week in industrial employment with a few important exceptions. (40-hour week if Federal law applies.)

Q. What are these exceptions?

1. There are three:
A. There are three:
1. Hours of women employed in plants processing perishable foods are not restricted.
2. In all industrial work, additional hours of employment are possible in emergencies through special permit to the employer from the labor commissioner.
3. Managerial and professional positions are exempted from work regulations in some industries.

Q. Can a woman be required to work every day in the week?

A. The six-day week is maximum except in telephone, telegraph and food-processing work. If you have any questions, you may write Commissioner Norman O. Nilsen, State Bureau of Labor, Salem, Oregon.



Scouts Set Sunday Bottle Drive Here To Obtain Funds

Boy Scout Air Explorer Squadron 14, sponsored by the Medford Post 15 of the American Legion will hold a bottle drive on Sunday, Sept. 11, according to Bud Fisher, Legion commander.

The drive, to be conducted Sunday afternoon, is being undertaken by the Squadron to cover the cost of extension programs originated within the group. Among the larger projects of the Squadron are construction of a large model plane for training and study, and training for disaster and relief with a large amount of first aid equipment owned by the post. The Squadron's program for this year will require "several hundred dollars to complete," Fisher said.

Help Asked
Fisher urged persons interested in scouting to lend their aid to the drive. Anyone wishing to help, and anyone having a pickup truck which they can drive for about two hours Sunday is asked to come to the Legion Home at 531 South Riverside ave. at 1 p.m. Sunday.

The 40 and 8's locomotive will aid in the Squadron's drive by covering part of the city, including the immediate subdivisions. Everyone having bottles of re-

Air Force Opens School to Press

Washington—(U.P.)—The Air Force said today it will open to the press on Tuesday its classes in its desert school for survival near Reno.

The Air Force strongly defended the so-called "brainwashing" school yesterday, stating that it is designed to prepare airmen for the brutal treatment of a Communist prison camp.

Col. Burton E. McKenzie, head of the school at Stead Air Force Base, said there is nothing in the course which would "degrade or break down" the students.

McKenzie and Maj. John Oliphant, director of training at the school, flew here yesterday after the Pentagon's order after the weekly magazine Newsweek described cases of students collapsing and crying under the rigorous training.

Both McKenzie and Oliphant are former prisoners of war. McKenzie, prisoner of the Germans in World War II, said he would have been much better off had he had the same training.

deemable value may place them on their front porch for the Scouts, Fisher said. Anyone having any amount of bottles too large to be placed on the front porch may call Bert Staats Associated service station, 13th and South Riverside ave., telephone 3-9104, he added.

Zoo's Hippopotami Show Good Investment

Memphis, Tenn.—(U.P.)—Venus and Adonis, hippos at Overton Park Zoo here, literally are worth their weight in gold.

The hippos were brought to the zoo in 1914 at the age of three and since that time have had 17 offspring.

And a year-old hippopotamus has a market value of about \$3,500.

Raymond Gray, superintendent of the zoo, said Venus and Adonis have been responsible for local zoo improvements. Sales of their offspring have allowed the zoo to buy other animals.

Venus and Adonis weight about 5,000 pounds each. All of their children but one are scattered around in zoos and circuses over the nation.

June, a 13-year-old daughter, is still here and has had two offspring herself.

The hippos eat big amounts of hay, topped off with things like carrots, cabbage and other greens.

Gray said that if the animals stay out of water too long, they actually sweat blood.

Venus and Adonis are well known to zoo keepers all over the country. They've had such a family that the keepers say there are only two places to get hippos—capture them in Africa, or buy an offspring of Venus and Adonis.

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