

Politicians Exaggerating Plight of Nation's Farmers, Benson Declares

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Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson said today politicians are exaggerating the plight of the nation's farmers.

Benson, central figure in the controversy about farm policies, declining farm income, prices of farm produce, and the new pork purchase program, asserted that politicians are deliberately kicking up a storm without cause.

"The farm program now in operation is the result of a year's study and was adopted on a bipartisan basis," Benson said in an interview with United Press. "A farm program should not serve partisan political purposes."

"Yet a determined effort is underway to paint the picture blacker than it really is."

Not Helping Farmers

"Some politicians are not helping farmers much by their comments."

He answered with a grin only when asked if he thought those persons who advocate a return to 90 per cent of parity price supports should shut up. Advocates of 90 per cent of parity say it would jack up farm income.

Criticism of the administration's farm program has been severe. Benson has been pressured by high ranking politicians of both parties, farmers and farm groups in the Midwest, and others to do something about the economic situation of farmers.

An indication of the severity of the pressure was the announcement late Wednesday that Benson had cancelled a trip to Europe. He had planned to leave next month to make a personal on-the-spot study of markets for U.S. surplus commodities in Europe and also was to deliver a speech before the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations in Rome.

Convinced Program Sound

Benson is convinced the farm program is sound.

He is convinced the present flexible support policy is correct and that farmers realize its correctness. He thinks the voters next year will agree to its soundness.

"A price support policy of 90 per cent of parity is a bankrupt program," Benson said. "It never did a good job."

He said high, rigid supports stimulate excessive production, build up huge surpluses, and cause farm commodities to be priced out of the market. Flexible supports, he said, will stop this by bringing production into line with demand.

"We are right about the pork purchase program announced Monday," Benson said. "It will offer help to the farmers. The timing was good. It will give good returns for the money spent."

Young Pianist Gets Praise for Concert At MHS Auditorium

Medford Active club offered Medford music lovers a treat last night in the form of a concert by a fine young pianist, but only a few availed themselves of the opportunity. The artist, a young woman of West Indian descent, played to an almost empty house at Medford Senior High school.

Miss Mary Hill, who drew comments of "utterly charming" and "exceptionally pleasing" from those who did attend, displayed much poise, as well as fine musicianship, for one so young. She opened her program with a Bach fugue, bringing out the rich full tones of this composer's music. Her talent was equally displayed in Handel's "Variations in E Major," which she gave its full melodious value.

Substitute Number The artist substituted a Strauss number for one by Beethoven, saying she felt she could not do justice to the latter when playing in an almost empty auditorium. Her middle group of numbers were less frequently heard compositions of Gershwin and Debussy, and she closed her program with three Chopin numbers, the "Scherzo" being particularly outstanding. Liszt and Chopin numbers were played for encores.

Miss Hill's program, completely unhackneyed, was played with vitality and authority and deserved to be heard by a much larger audience. Those who did hear Miss Hill went back stage, en masse, to meet and compliment her on the excellence of the evening's music.

One of every four school pupils in the United States rides to school in a school bus.

Princess Margaret Calls on Archbishop of Canterbury Amidst Speculation That Guidance Sought in Romance

London — (U.P.) — Princess Margaret called today on the Archbishop of Canterbury, Episcopal head of the Established Church of England. The visit aroused immediate speculation that she had gone to ask for guidance about her romance with Peter Townsend.

The primate of the Church of England received Margaret shortly after 3 p.m. in what could be one of the most dramatic developments in the romance of the Princess and the pilot.

Margaret drove in a royal limousine from Clarence House to Lambeth Palace, the official London residence of the archbishop.

Eden Ducks Answer Margaret's visit lasted not quite an hour. She went directly home to Clarence House.

While she was in session with the archbishop, the government again ducked giving an answer in Parliament to a question

about her plans. Prime Minister Anthony Eden maneuvered the question period in Commons so that he did not have to reply to the same questions posed in vain Tuesday by Socialist M. P. Marcus Lipton.

Lipton wanted to know if the government would amend or repeal the royal marriage act of 1772, the law which would govern any match between Marga-

Gang Saw Installed At Mistletoe Mill

Ashland — Installation of a Marathon gang saw, recently completed at the Mistletoe Wholesale company's sawmill, will provide a manufacturing outlet for small logs formerly sent to mills in White City.

The new saw, first of its type in the Ashland area, will increase production of the Mistletoe mill by about one third, according to Arthur M. Peters, president of the wholesale company and owner of the Mistletoe planing mill.

Installation of the saw required remodeling of the mill building. Total cost was approximately \$25,000.

Gang saws can profitably handle logs down to a six-inch diameter at the top. "The new Marathon gang saw will result in far more efficient handling of the logs," Peters said. "There will be less waste and more boards cut out of every log."

The Mistletoe operation, which employs about 50 men, has logs enough on hand to enable them to operate during the winter without shutdown, Peters stated.

Marilyn Monroe's Divorce Official

New York — (U.P.) — The marriage of Marilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio ended officially today, and the blonde star said she had no plans for remarriage to anyone.

Miss Monroe filed for divorce a year ago today in California, only nine months after she and DiMaggio were married. She said her husband had treated her with "coldness and indifference."

She and DiMaggio are both in Manhattan now, but going separate ways. Marilyn is busy studying serious acting at the Actor's Studio and DiMaggio spends considerable time handling his personal investments. They haven't been seen out together since June 1, when DiMaggio gave a party for Marilyn's 29th birthday.

"I have no time for that now," Marilyn said, referring to any new romance. She lives now in an apartment on the swanky East Side of Manhattan and says she will only return to Hollywood "when and if" she makes any more pictures.

ret and Townsend. The official question period again expired without an answer.

So far the archbishop, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, has been a silent antagonist of the 23-year-old Margaret's possible marriage to the 41-year-old divorced Townsend.

Methodist Critical But he said only two days ago that the church cannot relent in its stand against remarriage of divorced persons because it "cannot change its teachings every few minutes."

The head of the British Methodist church likewise was critical of the Princess' reported romance.

Dr. Leslie Weatherhead, president of the British Methodist conference, said that even if the princess renounced her royal role, "her example does not make it easier to uphold the ideal of Christian marriage."

For the first time Britain was

Soviet MIG Designer Gets Order of Lenin

London — (U.P.) — Radio Moscow said today the Order of Lenin had been awarded to Artem Mikoyan, designer of the Soviet MIG jet fighter plane.

The broadcast said the order was presented to Mikoyan Wednesday by Soviet President Kliment Voroshilov "on his 50th birthday and for services in the sphere of new aviation technology."

showing open impatience with the couple's steady dating in the face of stony silence in official quarters on whether they wish to marry.

Referring to the throne, the Manchester Guardian declared in an editorial: "Olympus, we may as well admit, has been shaken."

Weatherhead heads the largest Protestant denomination in Britain outside the Church of England, which has strongly reaffirmed its opposition to the marriage of divorced persons

Stevenson Seen as Strongest Candidate

Harrisburg, Pa. — (U.P.) — Gov. George M. Leader said today that "currently" Adlai E. Stevenson appears to be the strongest candidate the Democrats could nominate for the presidency in 1956.

The governor told a press conference today that Stevenson "is a stronger candidate" than New York Gov. Averell Harriman.

But Leader added immediately that he is not committed to any candidate "And I don't intend to be at this point."

THEY'LL STICK

Pottsville, Pa. — (U.P.) — The Tower City High School Band Mothers' Club voted recently for a name that would stick. The organization is now the Band Aides.

UMC Aims, Purposes Outlined for NOMA

The aims and purposes of the United Methodist Crusade were explained by Dick House at a meeting of the Medford chapter, National Office Managers association held Monday evening.

Paul Anthony, program chairman, introduced Dr. William Sampson, instructor at Southern Oregon college, who gave a talk on the training of elementary teachers. Numerous teachers were there from valley schools and a number of business persons from Medford firms attended.

VIA PIGEON

Portsmouth, N.H. — (U.P.) — Homing pigeons are used to maintain communications between Star Island, 10 miles off the coast, and the mainland. The island has no wireless or telephone facilities.

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Inventory Time

Every few months, we have to count stock, and oh, what a job. Please help us out by coming in before Monday and buying lots of Groceries. We will have a big assortment of good package and canned foods at Reduced Prices, to clean up odds and ends—Real Bargains. For example: Minute Man Frosting Mix, Reg. 29c—Down to 19c—Hundreds of cans of Peaches, Reg. 25c—Down to 19c can. WHILE THEY LAST—Look Them Over, and GOLD ARROW STAMPS, TOO!

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