

Soil Bank Plan To Be Heart of New Farm Program, Ike Declares

Congress Will Be Asked To Bolster Disposal Program

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower said today that a soil bank plan will be the heart of his "imaginative" new program to save farmers from declining prices and rising costs.

Mr. Eisenhower said in his State of the Union Message that he also will ask Congress in a special farm message Monday to approve measures to bolster the surplus disposal program, step up research, and promote new farm markets.

Although he did not say so specifically, he indicated the administration will stand solidly behind the flexible price support program which has come under heavy fire from many farm congressmen of both parties.

Mr. Eisenhower did not spell out the details of the new soil bank proposal. But he said it will call for "an acreage reserve" to reduce surpluses and a "conservation reserve."

Democrats Blamed

Congressional leaders who were briefed yesterday said the program will involve cash payments to farmers, who reduce their already allotted acreage on the four big surplus crops, corn, wheat, cotton and rice.

"Our farm people are not sharing as they should in the general prosperity," Mr. Eisenhower said. "They alone of all major groups have seen their incomes decline rather than rise. They are caught between two millstones — rising production costs and declining prices."

Mr. Eisenhower blamed the situation mainly on policies of previous Democratic administrations. But steps to solve the problem, he said, should be "above and beyond politics."

What is needed, he declared, "is a bi-partisan, many-sided assault on the stubborn problems of surpluses, prices, costs and markets, and a steady, persistent imaginative advance in the relationship between farmers and their government."

Disposal of Surpluses

Basic to his new program, the President said, will be a new attack on the surplus problem through the soil bank plan and measures to strengthen the government's surplus disposal program.

Several House Republican leaders at yesterday's farm briefing by Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson said the two-phase soil bank would work this way:

1. The "acreage reserve" would be an emergency program in which growers of corn, wheat, cotton and rice would be paid to cut their already allotted acreage voluntarily. They would be paid at current support prices, less estimated production costs, for the estimated crops they did not grow.

2. A long range "conservation reserve" in which about \$350,000,000 would be paid in the first year to farmers who take acres out of the four crops and use them for conservation crops such as grass.

All Support Plan

Although the form and size of the soil bank program will be argued, all sides apparently support it.

The Eisenhower administration, Democratic and Republican leaders in Congress, all advocate giving farmers millions of dollars for taking land out of production.

Democrats have been talking in the largest figures so far—a minimum of \$750,000,000 for such "soil bank" payments. Most reports have put the administration plan at about half this amount.

A Democratic proposal gaining support also would increase the income of some farmers by giving them federal price supports of from 90 to 100 per cent of the "fair income" parity level for high quality corn, cotton, peanuts, rice and wheat.

Benson Increases Efforts

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson stepped up his efforts to sell the administration program with two meetings today. He invited GOP members of the Senate Agriculture Committee and Agriculture Appropriations subcommittee to a hotel breakfast.

The secretary also asked Chairman Allen J. Ellender (D-La.) of the Senate Agriculture committee and Sen. George D. Aiken (R-Vt.), ranking GOP member of the committee, to a luncheon in his office.

Benson planned to fly to Key West, Fla., later today to confer with President Eisenhower on the final draft of the message the Chief Executive will send to Congress next Monday giving details of the administration program.

About 25 per cent of all U. S. cancer victims die before they are 45 years old.



LEADING HOUSE in prayer, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, chaplain, is at microphone as 84th Congress convenes in Washington. On rostrum is Speaker Rayburn (D, Tex.) (International)

Ike Asks Speed on Water Conservation

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower asked today for "faster progress" on water conservation programs.

He said in his State of the Union message that a comprehensive legislative program for water development will be submitted to this session of Congress. Meanwhile, he renewed endorsements for two specific projects, the \$1,000,000,000 Upper Colorado Storage Project and the \$156,000,000 Fryingpan-Arkansas project.

John Day Dam Asked

He asked also for passage of a bill to authorize "partnership" construction of John Day dam on the Columbia river. And, he endorsed a bill calling for federal contributions to the cost of small projects sponsored primarily by state and local governments.

"The development of our water resources cannot be accomplished overnight," he said. "The need is such that we must make faster progress and without delay."

Congressional action is already underway or planned on most of his proposals.

The Senate has passed an Upper Colorado bill and a measure is ready for House action. Backers of the House bill, however, are considering taking it back to committee for revision.

Introduced by Coon

A bill to finance John Day dam through advance payments for electric power from private or public utility systems was introduced by Rep. Sam Coon (R-Ore.), last year. A deadlock

Heavy Fog Lifts Along East Coast

By UNITED PRESS

A pea-soup fog which blinded New York and New England for days lifted today, ending transportation snarl-ups on city streets, at airports and in the harbors.

The murky shroud disappeared about midnight in New York City, some 12 hours before the Weather Bureau forecast the sun would break through.

A car killed a Brooklyn pedestrian in the fog, and, in Huntington, L.I., Mrs. Marion C. Hill drove her auto onto the Long Island Railroad tracks in the mistaken belief that she was taking the Pulaski Road.

Mrs. Hill thought it was a bumpy ride as she rolled along. Then she heard a train whistle and scrambled out minutes before the engine plowed into her car.

A new cold wave moved across the Canadian border and forecasters predicted zero temperatures, high winds, and snow for a wide area.

But farther south freak dry air sent the relative humidity readings diving. The 7 per cent reading at Trinidad, Colo., for instance was lower than that of most desert regions.

Judge Rules Jurisdiction On Man's Body; 30 Days

Detroit—(U.P.)—A confessed shoplifter who tried to fit the words of a popular song, "Sixteen Tons," to his personal troubles was in jail today.

Sherman Galvin admitted stealing from a downtown store but said he was "kind of like that guy in the song."

"I owe my soul to that store," he said. "If you send me to jail, I can't go."

Said Judge John A. Ricca: "Your body is my jurisdiction, not your soul. Thirty days."

Arizona gains about 38,000 persons in an average year by incoming residents.

French Music Hall Beauty Succumbs

Paris—(U.P.)—Mistinguett, the ageless beauty of the French Music Hall whose "million dollar legs" charmed three generations of theatergoers, died today in an oxygen tent.

She was actually 82 but for years she insisted she was only 67 and her friends who had watched her play the role of a beautiful young girl only a few years ago went along with that.

She suffered a stroke on Christmas Eve and a few days later developed double pneumonia. Yesterday she was placed in an oxygen tent by her 51-year-old doctor son who remained by her bedside.

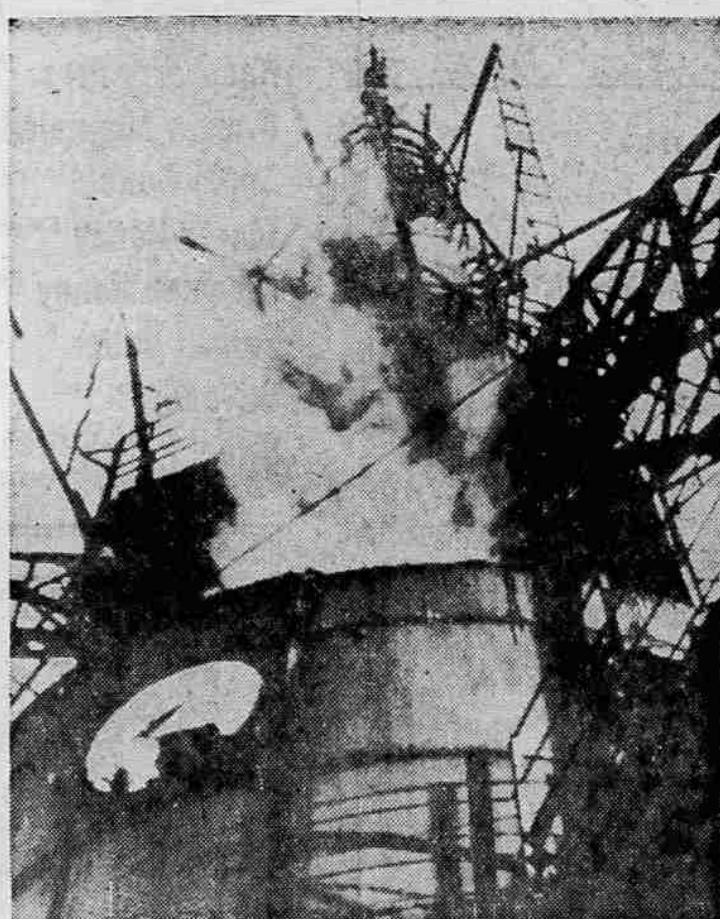
Mistinguett didn't marry until the middle 1940s, but before that she had many love affairs. One of them was with the French comedian Maurice Chevalier. It lasted ten years.

Myrtle Point Man Killed in Collision

Roseburg—(U.P.)—Woodrow Wilson Chase, 37, of Myrtle Point, Ore., was killed in a head-on collision north of here last night and four other persons were injured, one critically.

Chase's wife, Gladys, 37, was taken to Community hospital in Roseburg with critical injuries. Also injured were their son, Wayne Chase, 13; Jerry Schlegel, 25, Forest Grove, and Tony M. Rayburn, 21, of Drain, Ore.

State police said Rayburn was apparently trying to pass another car heading south when he collided head-on with the Chase car. Officers said both cars were to-



HOT OFF THE WIRE—Smoke pours from the top of the Eiffel Tower in Paris after fire broke out. Strain of broadcasting election returns was too much for electrical TV equipment installed in the 905-foot platform. Firemen had to run up 1710 steps to douse the blaze. Only rubber installation on TV cables was damaged.

About two acres of farm crops are required today to feed one adult, the department of agriculture estimates.

About 25 per cent of all chemicals made in the United States are derived from petroleum. Within a few years this figure is expected to be increased to approximately 50 per cent.

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Cowboy Singer Admits Shooting in House

Hollywood—(U.P.)—Cowboy singer-guitarist Merle Travis, 37, composer of the hit song "Sixteen Tons," maintained today he didn't slug his wife on the head with a frontier pistol but admitted he did do a little shooting in his house.

The entertainer gave up meekly to police yesterday after they barricaded his home on a report by his wife, Betty, 31, that he was armed and threatened to shoot anyone trying to enter the house. Officers, armed with riot guns and tear gas, had surrounded the North Hollywood dwelling for two hours before Travis gave up.

Mrs. Travis, although having called the police, refused to sign a wife-beating complaint against her spouse. He was booked on a drunk charge, but it was dropped for a lack of witnesses.

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