

Ike's Agriculture Program Declared Mainly Long-Range

Farm Belt Solons Promise To Seek Immediate Help

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Farm belt congressmen charged today that President Eisenhower's new agriculture program is mainly long-range. They promised to try to get more immediate help for farmers.

Regardless of party, congressmen generally supported in principle most of the nine farm proposals Mr. Eisenhower sent to Congress Monday. The program called for a two-phase "soil bank," speeded up disposal of the present huge farm surpluses and other steps to ease the cost-price squeeze on farmers.

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) said Congress will have to go beyond the President's recommendations if it wants to avoid a farm depression. Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (Tex.) said it "falls to meet the emergency situation confronting America's farmers."

Some congressmen urged an immediate return to rigid price supports of 90 percent of "fair income" parity on all basic crops as a means of quickly bolstering sagging farm prices.

Other congressional news: Congressional staff experts today handed Congress 20 "alternative plans" for cutting personal income taxes. They would cost the Treasury from \$18,000,000 to \$8,303,000,000.

Sen. Paul H. Douglas (D-Ill.), who has been conducting lengthy hearings on problems of depressed areas, said the administration's new proposal to help financially-distressed communities is grossly inadequate. He urged Congress to pass a Democratic bill he introduced last July.

Congressional sources hinted that President Eisenhower's Democratic appointees from now on can expect a tough going-over from the Democratic Senate. What the Senators will want to know is whether the GOP administration, in selecting men for jobs which by law are supposed to go to Democrats, is picking "regular" or "Eisenhower" Democrats.

Defends Negotiated Deals
Assistant Army Secretary F. H. Higgins said in testimony before the House Armed Services Committee that taxpayers get their money's worth when the Pentagon buys military goods under negotiated contracts. Committee Chairman Carl Vinson (D-Ga.), has accused the administration of "shocking" abuse of military buying practices by virtually scrapping the use of open, competitive bids.

The Commerce Department, in a special report to a House Newsprint subcommittee, reported that newspaper supplies for American newspapers have reached a "dangerously low point." It urged increased experimentation and perhaps government help in finding new ways to boost new spring production.

Half of Stanford Students Have Jobs
A Senate Civil Service subcommittee today called on Civil Service Chairman Philip Young to explain statements that the Eisenhower administration routed out thousands of security risks inherited from the Democrats.

Stanford, Calif.—(U.P.)—A campus fact-finding board, bent upon disproving the popular thought that Stanford is a "rich man's school," polled the student body to see how many labored at a job as well as over the books. It found that half the institution's 6,800 attendants earn all or part of their expenses with part-time jobs.

An employment questionnaire, sent out by the board and answered by 4,874 students, also revealed that:

1—Another 12 per cent expect to need part-time jobs before they graduate.

2—Over 13 per cent receive scholarships and loans from the school.

3—Nearly nine per cent get financial aid from the government.

4—Over nine per cent receive non-family aid from other sources.

Many among Stanford's working, student population toil on campus in such jobs as "hashing," library assisting and working in various school offices. Close to 25 per cent of all those paying their own way were women, and many of the part-time workers also meet their \$1,800 a year monetary output by holding summer jobs.

Michigan ranks first in the growing of tart cherries. One-half of the entire U. S. crop is grown in this state.

Farm Organizations Comment on Program For Aid To Farmers

Washington — (U.P.) — Comment on President Eisenhower's new farm program by national farm organizations ranged from "disappointingly weak" to "fine — as far as it goes."

James G. Patton, president of the National Farmers Union, called the President's message to congress yesterday "disappointingly weak." He said it "does not propose a single thing to raise farmers' income above the present depression level." He added that the new program "is designed to save the political hide of the sliding scale" of flexible price supports.

Economists See Little Impact on Prices at Grocery

Washington — (U.P.) — Agriculture Department economists said today the administration's new farm program would have little or no impact on prices at the grocery.

"I can't see that the new program would have any immediate effect on consumer prices," said Dr. Frederick V. Waugh, director of the Agricultural Economics Division. "There is plenty of food in the country. If the soil bank plan works out so there is a substantial reduction in commodities, we will still have plenty of food."

Taxes Biggest Effect
"The biggest effect on the consumer as I see it would be the taxes he might have to pay to support the program."

Dr. Don Paarlberg, economic assistant to Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson, said "the decline in farm prices has not made a lot of difference" in the price housewives pay for food, "and I can't see that the new program will make a lot of difference."

Paarlberg said the new program would cause some "buoyancy" on the market, but "no upsurge in farm prices."

Religious Course At Central Point

Central Point—a course of religious instruction for Catholic high school and grade school children who attend public schools in Central Point will start a 8 p.m. Wednesday at the American Legion hall here.

The Rev. Robert Tomisser of St. Mary's school, Medford, urged parents and children interested to attend the meeting to organize and arrange a program for various age groups.

Mr. Tomisser said anyone interested was welcome to attend the school.

Boy Scouts

Eight awards were presented by Cubmaster Kent Blackhurst at a meeting of Cub Pack 14 held at Roosevelt school last night. Those receiving awards were Joe Reeder, lion badge; Steve Blackhurst and Wayne Evans, assistant denner badges; Tom Ness, denner badge and silver arrow; Mike Hoover, one-year pin, and Gary Niedermeyer, Tom Ness and David Doty, denner badges.

Eleanor Farmer's Den 4 won the attendance award for the second consecutive month.

Lt. C. W. Lacey of the Medford police department introduced several boxers from the Pal club and officiated at several boxing demonstrations and answered questions regarding boxing and the Pal club. Jackie Pucas, national AAU lightweight champion, also was introduced.

Committee chairman Shirrell Doty announced that the annual Blue and Gold dinner will be held on Feb. 13.

Charles B. Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, found many good points in the message and commended Mr. Eisenhower on his "thoughtful understanding of the overall farm problem." But Shuman added the message "falls short of the policies advocated by the membership of the Farm Bureau on a number of points."

A spokesman for the National Grange called the soil bank plan a "production control gimmick — and a possible failure of the sliding scale."

Only Temporary Thing
"It will be a failure unless the payments to farmers are pretty high," the spokesman said. "Even then, it's only a temporary thing. The administration is asking for a 20 per cent cut-back in acreage, leaving the farmer 80 per cent of his land on which to produce crops. I'm betting on the 80 per cent that's left being able to produce a whopping crop."

The spokesman said that the Grange won't fight the soil bank plan, but won't endorse it.

Benson Sees Cut In Farm Surplus

New Orleans — (U.P.) — Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson predicted today the new farm program will reduce "mountainous surpluses," and solve the nation's No. 1 farm problem.

Benson told the American National Cattlemen's association that Agriculture Department economists estimate farm prices would be 10 per cent higher now and net farm income might have been 20 per cent higher in 1955 if the government-owned surplus of farm commodities did not exist.

Bold Plan Strikes Directly
Benson said the administration's soil bank program will be the main device used in cutting into the \$7,700,000,000 in surplus farm commodities.

The soil bank program, Benson said, is a "bold plan that strikes directly at the problem."

"It will remove the crushing burden of surpluses that is our most serious farm problem," he said.

"It will prevent a further diversion of acres out of surplus crops and onto other producers."

Benson said there has been "no hard and fast estimate of how much the soil bank will improve prices and incomes."

Prospect Club To Elect Directors

Prospect—New directors will be elected at a meeting of the Prospect Community club at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12. Reports of activities of the past year also will be given.

Candidates for directors are Hestin Grieve, Ward Blaine, John Gartman, Ray Maurer, Wayne Griffith and Bob Green. Nominations also will be accepted from the floor. Five members will be elected to serve two years terms.

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