

# Soil Bank, Return To Rigid Price Props Voted by Agriculture Group

Washington—(U.P.)—The Senate Agriculture Committee today approved 12-3 an omnibus farm aid bill including a "soil bank" and return to rigid price props.

But the rigid price proposal faced a hard fight in the Senate and if passed by Congress a possible presidential veto.

Both friends and foes of the proposal predicted victory in the Senate by a narrow margin.

In 1954, the Senate threw out rigid supports and approved 49-44 administration-sponsored flexible supports of 75 to 90 percent of parity. The omnibus bill would restore rigid supports at 90 percent.

President Eisenhower said at his news conference this week he would be "gravely concerned" if Congress voted a return

to rigid supports. Republican senators predicted he would veto the bill if it contained them.

**Marathon Session**  
nature to me.

The Agriculture Committee worked for 11½ hours at a marathon session before voting out the farm bill early this morning.

High price-supports squeaked through with an 8-7 vote. And despite the 12-3 vote on the entire bill, some committee members in voting reserved the right to fight some of the bill's provisions on the Senate floor.

They particularly referred to the high rigid supports.

One of the three committee members who voted against the measure—Sen. Clinton P. Anderson (D-N.M.), a former secretary of agriculture—replied an em-

phatic "No" when asked by reporters if he thought it was a good bill.

**Battle Predicted**  
Committee Chairman Allen J. Ellender (D-La.), said he expects the Senate to start debating the legislation about Feb. 20.

"This will produce the same hot fight as before in 1954," Anderson said.

Sen. George D. Aiken (R-Vt.), ranking GOP member of the committee, said he voted for the measure with reservations. He was pessimistic about its accomplishing the objective of easing the plight of the nation's price squeezed farmers.

"The President gave the Congress and the people a sound farm bill, but now the chances of getting good legislation are dim," he told reporters.

# Union Leaders Launch Drive To Bring Southern Labor Into Fold

Miami Beach, Fla. — (U.P.) — AFL-CIO President George Meany and Vice President Walter Reuther launched a drive to unionize the South Thursday night with fiery speeches to more than 10,000 cheering workers at a mass labor rally.

The two union chiefs, representing some 16,000,000 members, pledged full support by the AFL-CIO in the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union drive to organize workers in the Miami area.

asking Congress to investigate and determine if wages were the cause of high prices, he would not agree.

"He didn't want to expose the people who are making the big contributions to his political party," Reuther charged.

Meany and Reuther are here for the mid-winter conference of the AFL-CIO Executive Council.

Reuther, red-haired president of the United Auto Workers, called the rally "the beginning of building a crusade in the

South . . . a march toward organizing the working people."

He said wages will remain low in the South "until the workers build themselves a strong union to get what they deserve."

He singled out Florida as an example of the labor situation in the South and charged that workers here "are second class economic citizens, but they pay first class prices for the things they buy. They are paid second class wages."

They sharply criticized the controversial "right-to-work" laws and pounced on Florida courts for granting injunctions to halt picketing at 23 hotels involved in the strike here by the Hotel and Restaurant Workers.

**Reuther Cheered**  
Reuther drew long cheers from the excited crowd at Miami's Bayfront Park bandshell when he attacked Agriculture Secretary Benson. He said Benson blamed the economic plight of the farmers on high wages in a "vicious anti-labor speech" in New Orleans recently.

"Benson said that prices went up because of higher wages," Reuther said. "But when I asked him later to join with me in

# Awards Are Presented District Boy Scouts At Court of Honor

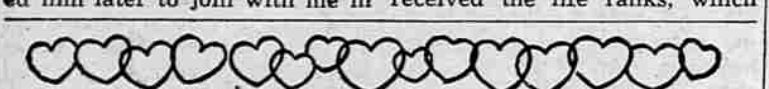
Five life ranks were presented at a Court of Honor of the Big Pines district of the Crater Lake area council of the Boy Scouts of America this week.

Richard Kengla, Troop 8, Jerry Mathern and Henry Scott, Squadron 14, and Stuart Schroeder and Curtis Cook, Troop 16, received the life ranks, which

were presented by Carroll Smith of Ashland, vice chairman of the Big Pine district.

About 275 attended the Court of Honor at McLoughlin Junior High school boys' gymnasium. Dr. Abner Clark of Medford, Big Pines district advancement chairman, presided.

**Champlin Speaks**  
Medford Police Chief Charles Champlin, special guest, spoke on the importance of youth groups such as scouts, and the role played by parents in cooperation with such organizations.



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First class ranks were presented Eugene McFadden and William Richardson of Troop 2, and Mike Consbruck, Everett Overholt and Michael Cox of Troop 15. John Patton, council training chairman, made the presentations.

Church presented second class rankings to Gary Fields, Dennis Quackenbush, Richard Byrd, Johnnie Sturgis, Kennie Baumer and Jimmie Sanger of Troop 7, and to Mike Lowery of Troop 15.

**Bronze Palm Award**  
Dic Corum of Squadron 14 was presented a bronze palm to attach to an Eagle badge. The bronze palm is a special award ranked higher than the Eagle award. J. A. McDougall, council commissioner, made the presentation.

Star ranks went to Doug Kliever and John Lacy of Troop 3, Robert Hawkins of Troop 7, Rodney Fowler of Troop 15, and Gary Nelson and Richard Schroeder of Troop 16. Harry Barneburg, neighborhood commissioner, made the presentations.

Explorer awards were presented Jerry Mathern for emergency service explorer, John Laden, aviation rating, and Dic Corum for aviation rating and physical fitness rating in addition to the bronze award. All three are in Squadron 14. Sherril Doty, district training chairman, made the presentations.

**Advancement Award**  
Dr. Clark presented the advancement ax to Troop 11 of the Baptist church. The award is based on the largest number of advancements in the troop percentage-wise. The award previously was held by Troop 2 of the Kiwanis club. Troop 9 of the Christian church had the greatest number of advancements, but not the greatest percentage of advancements.

Others who participated in the program included Cliff Hanson, scout executive of the Crater Lake Area council, and Dick Lamb, assistant scout executive.

Lou Cranston, district activities chairman, presented awards for window display contest winners, which were announced previously. The contest was held in connection with Boy Scout Week this week.

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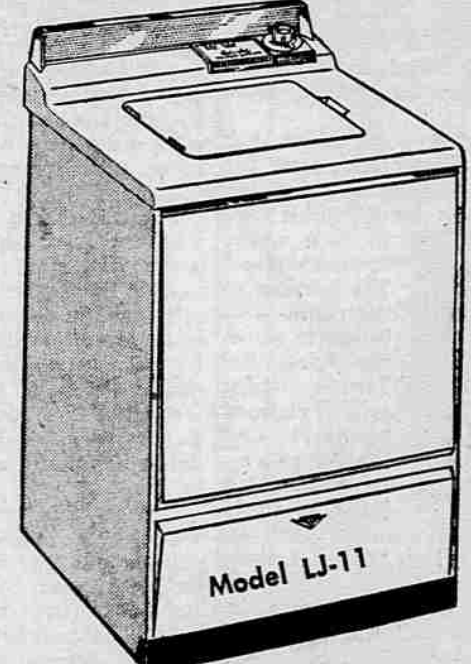
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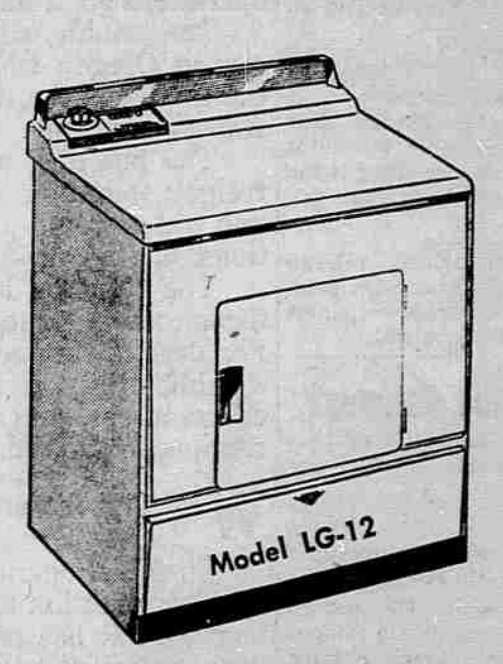
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