

Ike's Dilemma on Farm Bill Also Faced by Oregon's Sam Coon

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Washington — An illustration of the dilemma that faced President Eisenhower last week as he studied whether to sign or veto the farm bill, is the way in which Rep. Sam Coon (R-Ore.) switched his vote on the same issue.

The omnibus agricultural measure contained features that are both acceptable and objectionable to the Eisenhower administration—but the president finally decided his negative view outweighed the other.

Congressman Coon, who last year voted against the farm bill when it passed the House by a narrow margin, this session has come out in favor of it.

"I voted for the bill because it contained several things I favor," Coon explained. "It also had some things I do not approve of, but the benefits I believe are greater than the points I objected to."

Favors Soil Bank Plan
Coon pointed out that he favors the two-price plan for wheat, which is now embodied in the farm bill substantially as advocated by Oregon and Washington state wheat growers. That was not part of the bill when it passed the House last year. He also favors the soil bank plan, which is in the bill and was not in it last year.

Coon, like the President and Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson, is opposed to high rigid price supports on all the basic

crops. This was the main feature of the House-passed farm bill last session. The Senate accepted the high rigid support feature and added the soil bank, two-price plan for wheat and numerous other features to the bill.

Eisenhower's dilemma was worse than Coon's, for his agriculture secretary was opposed to the two-price wheat plan as well as higher price supports which would have resulted from enactment of this farm measure. Yet he favors the soil bank plan, which he advocated to Congress earlier this year, and which the Congress included in the omnibus bill.

Fair Income for Farmer
Coon said he favored the soil bank because "this will give the farmer his fair income while reducing surpluses which are now a bad depressant on the market." He pointed out that it would not permit soil bank lands to be grazed at least until Jan. 1, 1959.

Other members of the Oregon congressional delegation stood firm on their previous positions taken on the farm bill. Reps. Harris Ellsworth and Walter Norblad (R) both backed up the administration by voting this past week to try to send the bill back to committee with instructions to restore flexible price

props. Sens. Wayne Morse and Richard L. Neuberger (D) both supported the bill, for they had previously joined in advocating the two-price wheat plan and helping get it into the bill in the Senate after the House had failed to include it. Rep. Edith Green (D-Ore.) also supported the bill this time as she did a year ago.

Stand Unanimous
Washington state Sens. Warren G. Magnuson and Henry M. Jackson were both in favor of the high price support measure as well as the dual-price wheat plan. So was Rep. Don Magnuson, making the stand of the state's Democrats unanimous.

Rep. Hal Holmes (R-Wash.) voted for the Republican effort to send the bill back to committee with instructions to kill the two-price wheat plan and reduce price supports. So did Reps. Tom Pelly, Russell Mack and Jack Westland (R-Wash.).

Rep. Walt Horan, like Congressman Coon, switched his vote. Last year he voted to kill the bill but this time helped put it across by voting for it. Rep. Thor Tollefson almost did the same thing. Last year he voted against the farm bill, but this time he announced he favored it but did not vote.

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, a newspaper editor, a women's page editor and two newspaper writers. These consult with clergymen of all faiths and denominations. All letters are held in complete confidence.

GEORGE—Her sister should be allowed to marry.
EVELYN—She's unnecessarily desperate.

GEORGE—My wife, Evelyn, has a younger sister who is engaged to a young man to whom my wife strongly objects. Evelyn insists her sister would be ruining her life if she married this man.

I object to my wife taking this wrong attitude. When Evelyn and I first became acquainted, her parents were very much against her seeing me. Had she listened to them, we would have had to separate, yet we have now been married five years and are

very happy. I feel, therefore, her younger sister should be allowed to decide for herself how she should spend the rest of her life.

The young man she wants to marry may not be a good breadwinner or may have other faults, but how can another person judge what attraction he may have for Evelyn's sister.

EVELYN—I'm afraid my little sister is panicky about not being able to marry and is grasping at a straw. This man is not much more than a straw. He lives off his parents, refuses to work because no job is good enough for him and treats my sister as if he were the fountainhead of all wisdom and she little more than a moron.

I'm very much afraid she will have a hard life with him and she will feel some day we let her down when we did not point out the dangers to her. My sister is a wonderful girl, but she is naive and insecure. When I married, she felt very lonesome and deserted and hoped to marry right away, but she is only 23 and has no reason to feel as desperate as she does.

THE COUNCIL: George is right in holding that the girl should decide the question of her marriage without interference from her sister.

He is wrong, however, in confusing honest advice, however strongly stated, with "interference." It is Evelyn's duty to be honest with herself and her sister. She should speak her mind about this suitor and she should do it now before her sister is committed any further.

The younger sister is entitled to the benefit of seeing her suitor as her sister sees him. If, after weighing what she hears, she still feels she wants to marry him, she will do so with her eyes open. If Evelyn remains silent and the marriage does not work out, she will always feel guilty, not only for her sister's sake, but because the whole family is influenced and affected by any member of the family.

Evelyn should, of course, make every effort to be fair, calm and patient in discussing this delicate problem, but she should make clear to her sister her reasons for advising against this marriage. If she fails to speak up now, she will be depriving her sister of an important right—the right of honest and confidential discussion of major problems within the intimate family circle.

Evelyn should not listen to the counsels of evasion and default. Her husband, instead of attempting to silence her, should help her to state her case to the younger sister with the utmost in tact and wisdom.

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Government Sued In Klamath Drowning

Portland —(U.P.)— The government has been sued for \$20,000 by the father of a three-year-old boy who drowned in an irrigation canal at Klamath Falls last September.

Arthur Callahan, the father, charged the government with negligence in failing to fence the "main" or "A" canal which runs through the city. His son, Patrick, drowned when he fell from a path along which he was walking beside the canal, the Federal Court complaint said.



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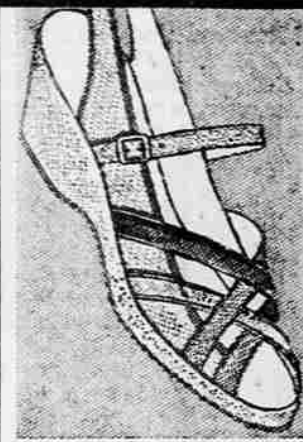
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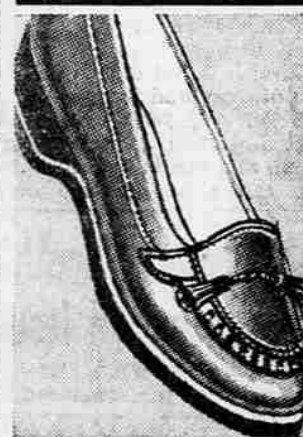
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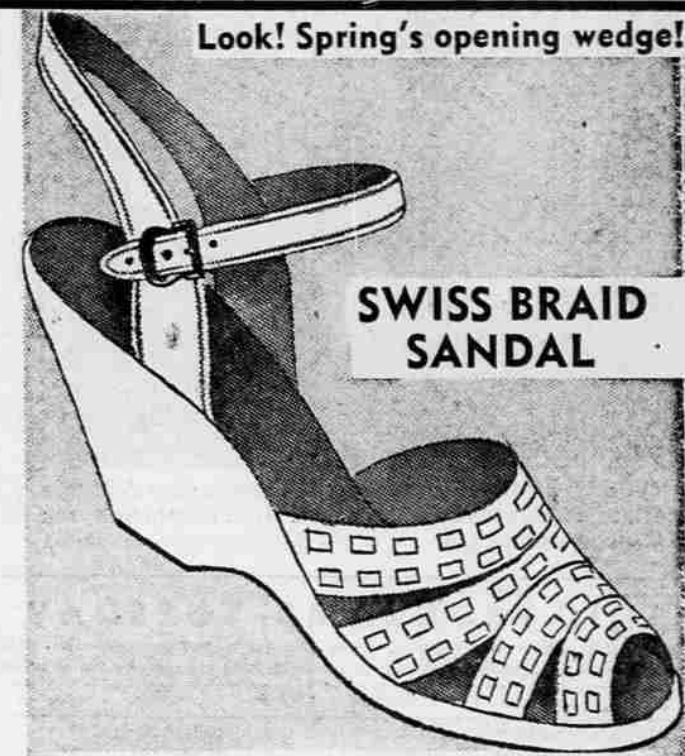
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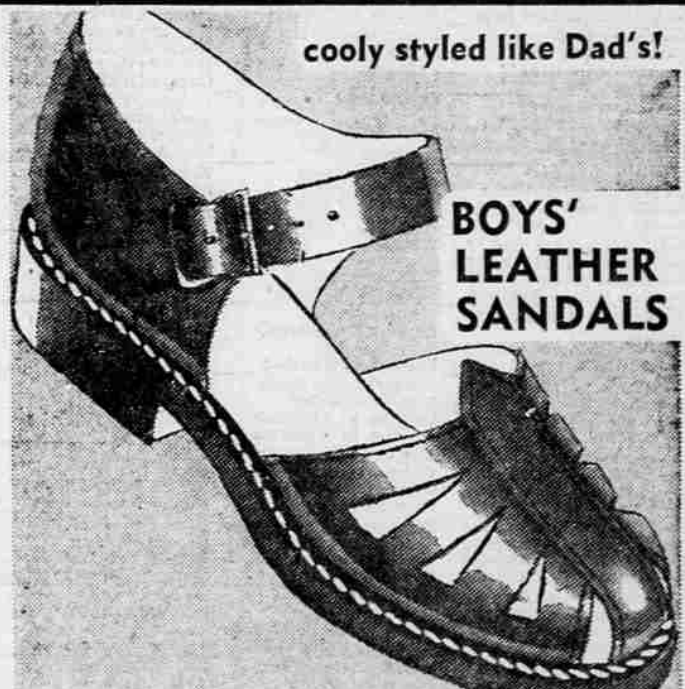
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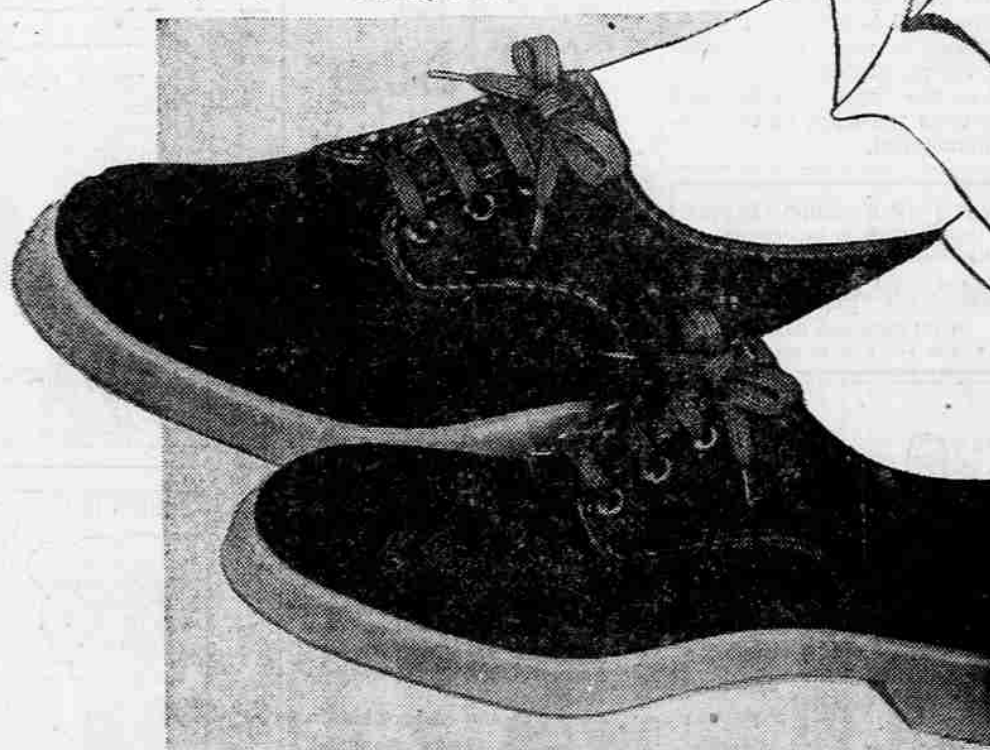


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