

Democratic Leaders Press New Plan for Farm Price Supports

Washington — (U.P.) — Democratic farm leaders pressed today for a new price support plan that could give farmers an extra \$500,000,000 this year.

The direct subsidies would go to producers of five basic crops. They would make up the difference between support prices fixed by the administration and the 90 per cent of parity supports which it opposes.

The catch-all farm bill already voted by President Eisenhower would have raised basic crop supports to the 90 per cent level this year.

The President is almost certain to oppose the new plan of direct subsidies. Also there is no assurance such a plan can win congressional approval.

But Chairman Harold D. Cooley (D-N.C.) said he will ask the House Agriculture Committee next week to approve the plan as part of a new catch-all farm bill.

He said the bill would include all features of the administration's \$1,200,000,000 soil bank proposal except for a new provision calling for advance payments.

Will Test GOP Sincerity
Cooley disclosed the new Democratic strategy after a conference Wednesday with Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.). Rep. W. R. Poage (D-Tex.), second-ranking Democrat on the agriculture

committee, began pushing for the direct subsidy plan immediately after the farm bill veto message reached Congress. Cooley told newsmen the stand taken by Republicans on the plan will demonstrate "whether they are sincere when they say they want to put money in farmers hands this year."

Graham's Confession Slated as Evidence In Plane Bomb Trial

Denver — (U.P.) — The prosecution may reach the climax today of its effort to send John Gilbert Graham to the gas chamber for allegedly committing history's biggest aerial mass murder.

Graham's confession made to FBI agents admitting he concocted a dynamite bomb plot that caused the airliner to crash, killing 44 persons, is scheduled to be offered for evidence at the 24-year-old defendant's murder trial sometime late today.

Big Legal Battle
Introduction of the written, signed confession should touch off the biggest legal battle thus far in the 10-day-old trial.

District Attorney Bert Keating, directing the prosecution, predicted it would cause a "trial within a trial" in which the defense would challenge the admissibility of the confession and the jury hearing the murder trial would be excused until the court could determine that legal question.

During that hearing, if it should occur, Graham conceivably could testify in his own behalf concerning the voluntary nature of the confession.

Key Test of Case
The admission of the confession posed the key test of the prosecution's case.

Without it, Keating said, "We don't have enough left to keep us in court."

While Graham logically may appear as a witness in any hearing before the court on the ad-

missibility of the confession, it does not mean that he need be called to testify in his defense before the jury.

Tied in with state attempts to have the confession admitted as direct evidence will be what Keating termed "The criminal agency which caused the death of Mrs. Daisie King."

Mrs. King was Graham's mother, for whose murder he is specifically on trial. Mrs. King was among the 44 who died when a United Air Lines DC6B airliner exploded and crashed near Longmont, Colo., the night of last Nov. 1.

Fast Time Slated To Start Sunday; Confusion Waited
New York — (U.P.) — Almost half the American people will turn their clocks ahead one hour on Sunday morning. This lengthens the days of summer, confounds some cows and troubles travelers. It's known as daylight saving time.

The clocks in the less thickly settled 5-6th of the nation will go right on ticking on the time to which their cows have become accustomed.

Few Complications
From Main to Washington, D.C., and as far west as the western edge of Pennsylvania, everybody changes his clock. In California and Nevada, same thing. In the rest of the country it becomes more complicated. Like heavy wine, it's a local option matter in many states.

There are islands. Atomic energy men in Richland, Wash., and Los Alamos, N. M., move the clock hands to keep within daytime talking distance of Washington. Nobody else does for miles around. In similar isolation are the residents of Mandan, N. D., and Dickinson county on Michigan's upper peninsula.

Rising Time Nearer Same
In effect, farmers in Ohio and city folk in New York will get up at more nearly the same hour than they do in winter. When the city alarm clock rings at 7 p.m. it's really 6 a.m. on the non-daylight saving farm, and the farmer has been up for only one hour, perhaps, instead of two.

This does not apply, of course, in areas where farmers and city folk keep time together by state law. And the exceptions caused by cows with regular habits in all areas are too numerous to mention.

Fall Into Creek Kills Little Walla Walla Girl
Walla Walla — (U.P.) — Linda Kay Walters, 8, Walla Walla, drowned here yesterday afternoon when she fell into Mill creek.

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Gloria Swanson's Gambling Discussion Taken Up By Players at Monte Carlo

By GLORIA SWANSON
Written for UNITED PRESS

Monte Carlo — (U.P.) — Across from the Monte Carlo casino while lunching in the famous Hotel de Paris, I innocently started a discussion on the virtues and sins of gambling. To make conversation, I mentioned Mrs. Earle, the sweet little Englishwoman who boasts of her 82 years, gambling daily with a system her late husband lent her.

"Any fool can win. It takes a genius not to lose. But I saw Mrs. Robin Hood walk away from the chemin de fer table yesterday with a million francs (\$2800)."

Suddenly a faint American female voice spoke up from across the table.

"I think the world would be better off without gambling," she said. "All casinos, including our American ones such as Las Vegas, should be closed."

"Excuse me madam," said another gentleman. "You mention closing houses of gambling. Surely if you intend to be fair, you'll include the stock exchange."

Everyone drew in their breath and turned to look at her unhappy husband on my left, all knowing except the poor devil who made the remark that he was a stockbroker.

To change the focal point, I asked if anyone had ever witnessed a gambler breaking the bank.

Plenty of Hats
"Oh yes," said Madame Sandra who had decorated part of Prince Rainiers' palace and who is known as well for buying a new hat every time she wins at gambling. (She now has 400).

"Mr. X years ago just couldn't lose. But now his only possession is the phrase, 'There goes the man who broke the bank at Monte Carlo.'"

"It must be thrilling to break it," I exclaimed.

"What doesn't mean I'm not a heavy gambler," I retorted. "I have, like most businessmen and women, gambled at times, staking my whole career and money, too, on my judgment."

And then I added, as we all walked toward the casino, "What in life isn't a gamble?"

Church Officials Visit in Medford

Visiting in Medford today are Dr. and Ira D. Black of the board of home missions of the Congregational and Christian churches, and Dr. Paul A. Davies, superintendent of the Congregational conferences of Oregon.

Dr. Black is chairman of the department of the board of home missions, which has to do with the establishment of new churches and has come to the state to consider with local leaders possible sites for new churches, and to visit new churches that are already established.

He and Dr. Davies will meet with the officers and leaders of the Medford Congregational church this evening and discuss with them its progress and plans for further growth.

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Columbia River Continues Rising At Slower Pace

Portland — (U.P.) — The Columbia river continued to rise today but at a slower pace and the weather bureau predicted it would start dropping slightly this weekend.

The Columbia was nearly five feet over flood stage at Vancouver, Wash., and the Willamette at Portland was about two feet over the flood mark. Lowlands and dock areas in some locations were flooded but the situation was not called serious.

The Columbia at Vancouver is expected to crest at 20.3 feet tomorrow, 5.3 feet over the flood mark.

Cooler weather slowed the snow melt in upper river areas, but flood troubles still were reported in Idaho. Army engineers yesterday sent another 50,000 sandbags to bolster dikes which protect farmlands around St. Maries. Some 700 acres of farmland was flooded in the area Monday and since then about 100 workers have kept a vigil on other dikes along the St. Joe river.

At Idaho Falls, workers diverted much of Willow creek's flow into a canal and the flood which had poured through streets and basements of a residential area was receding.

Rain Brings Relief To Midwest Region

By UNITED PRESS
Rains brought drought relief to wide Midwest areas and moved into the East today.

They ushered in springlike temperatures which have been long overdue in much of the nation. Temperatures rose 23 degrees to 68 at Paducah, Ky., and 15 degrees to 45 at Pittsburgh, Pa.

Most Midwest rains did not get over the half-inch point, but they brought long-awaited relief to dusty farmlands.

In Metamora, Ill., a church procession to pray for rain was called off because it was raining too hard. The dust caked onto utility pole insulators at Peoria, Ill., caused short circuits when a soaking downpour came and knocked out power to about 50,000 residents for several hours.

GOP Victory Said 'Not in the Bag'

Dover, Del. — (U.P.) — The 1956 election is "not in the bag" for the Republican party, according to Sen. Barry Goldwater, (R-Ariz.).

Goldwater, told the Republican state convention here yesterday that the GOP was 11,000,000 votes short of being the majority party. "We cannot afford to let petty differences destroy our efforts in 1954," he added.

"I have found a disturbing feeling of apathy in a tour of 39 states, but if we work hard, we have a 50-50 chance of regaining control of the Senate and a majority of the House," he said.

SIX SOLDIERS KILLED
Stuttgart, Germany — (U.P.) — Six American soldiers were killed and eight others seriously injured today when their heavy Army truck left the road and plunged down a 90-foot embankment near Stuttgart.