

Sen. Ellender 'Amazed' at What He Saw on Recent Tour of Russia

New Delhi, India — (U.P.) — Sen. Allen Ellender (D-La.) said today he was "amazed" at what he saw during his recent three-week tour of the Soviet Union.

The Louisiana senator arrived in India last week to begin his one-man investigation of the U. S. Information Service and International cooperation Administration programs here, in Ceylon and other countries of Southeast Asia.

Ellender, who also visited Russia last year, said the Russian people were working hard and reminded him of America's "pioneer workers."

The senator spent most of his time touring and seeing things he missed last year.

The Soviet Union's agricultural workers and equipment impressed him, but he said the Russians are "20 years behind us" in agricultural gear.

Farmers Inefficient

He said that although Russia this year has a magnificent crop, it will lose 25 to 30 per cent of it in inefficient handling.

Describing his trip, Ellender said he travelled by road from Moscow to Taltia and visited the manufacturing center of Khar'kov.

"I visited manufacturing plants, automobile plants and tractor factories," he said. "I also visited the new city of Stalingrad, which is being built a few miles from the old city. They are going ahead with building a really fine city."

The senator said he saw water turbines for dams being built, some as large as 56 feet in diameter. He said the largest in the United States ran only 38 to 42 feet.

"At Khar'kov I saw some of the largest lathes I have ever seen," he said.

Everyone Working

Ellender added that his overall impression was one of people "working, working, working."

"I saw women carpenters and women bricklayers," he said. "It appeared that the Russians are working and getting harder. We seem to be getting softer in the United States."

After visiting Western Russia, Ellender flew over the Ural Mountains to Alma Ata in Central Asia, where the Soviets are building a new manufacturing center.

Alma Ata also is in the region where the Soviets do much testing of nuclear weapons. However, Ellender said he did not ask to see any atomic plants, although he was allowed to see anything he asked about.

He said that near Alma Ata there are huge new farms which are irrigated, as well as new industries.

Postmaster Talks To Office Managers

Postmaster Moore Hamilton spoke on classifications of mail and service offered under each classification at the regular monthly meeting of the National Office Managers association in the Medford hotel Monday.

John Patton, manager of the local state employment service, introduced Gordon DeCoss who is to make a survey in Jackson county of all male and female employees as to their work classifications. The survey is being made under the supervision of the state agency.

The business machine show will be held Sept. 25, 27, and 28 at the Walker building, hours 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. It was announced by Monte Stram of Davis Transfer and Storage company.

Vern Bacon, a new member, was introduced to the group by Frank Martin of Ross Lumber company. Bacon is an employee of the Medford Credit Bureau. The meeting was presided over by President Alvin M. Miller.

Rubber boots will last longer and keep their original shape better if the insides are propped up with cardboard when the boots aren't being used.

Social Security Coverage Explained

(Editor's Note: The following is one of a series of articles prepared by the Social Security Administration describing the important changes in the Social Security law enacted by Congress this year. According to the local Social Security office, they will affect more than 600 women in Jackson and Josephine counties, some 200 or 300 disabled persons, and an unknown but considerable number of lawyers, dentists and other professional people as well as farmers.)

To become insured under social security a person must have been in work covered by the law for a specified length of time. The amount of work required is measured in "quarters of coverage" which, in a general way, corresponds with a calendar quarter of work.

Coverage Varies

A self-employed person gets four quarters of coverage for a year in which he has \$400 or more in net earnings from self-employment. The usual requirements for becoming insured are

one quarter of coverage out of every two calendar quarters elapsing after 1950, provided there are at least six quarters of coverage. Under the amended law, a person who works continuously after 1955 can become insured with fewer quarters of coverage.

This change in the law permits self-employed professionals and others brought under social security, as of the beginning of this year, to disregard their years of non-coverage in acquiring an insured status under social security.

For example, Dr. Jones, a self-employed dentist, is now age 63. He had never been in work covered by social security before January 1, 1956. Dr. Jones will reach 65 in 1958—two years after his self-employment first became covered under the amended law.

If his birthday is before April 1, he will need to have a quarter of coverage in each of the eight quarters elapsing after 1955 and up to the quarter in which he reaches 65. If all these quarters are quarters of coverage, he will be insured for old-age benefits if he elects to retire at that time.

Birthdays Factor

If Dr. Jones' birthday occurs in the second calendar quarter of the year, he will need nine quarters of coverage before then; if he reaches 65 in the third quarter of 1958, he will need 10 quarters of coverage before that time. If his birthday is after the end of September, 11 quarters of coverage up to that time will be required.

For death benefit purposes, Dr. Jones would be insured as early as April 1957 if all six of the quarters elapsing after 1955 and through the second quarter of 1957 are quarters of coverage. He would not then be insured for retirement benefits, as he would not yet be 65, but if he should die at that time, survivors payments could be made to certain of his dependents, as he would have met the minimum requirement of six quarters of coverage.

Average Earnings

Ordinarily, benefit amounts are based on a person's average earnings in employment or self-employment covered by the law after 1950. If all the time elapsing after 1950 were used in figuring this average, self-employed professionals newly brought under social security would have five years in which these earnings were not covered and would count against them. The amended law permits the dropping of these five years.

A self-employed dentist, lawyer, or any other person whose work was first covered by social security this year, will not have his average earnings reduced when he qualifies for benefits because his work was not covered in the year 1951 through 1955.

Adlai Urged To Take Campaign 'Down Every Farming Side Road'

Sioux City, Iowa—U.P.—Adlai Stevenson was urged yesterday to take his "grass roots" campaign "down every side road and get the truth direct to the farmers" in his attack on Republican farm policy.

The Democratic presidential nominee received the advice at a seven-state meeting during which farm and Democratic Party leaders gave him a handful of brickbats to hurl at the GOP farm program.

'Broken Promises'

A number of farm leaders accused the Eisenhower administration of a series of "broken promises" and praised the Democratic farm plank as "the best that any political party has ever had." The "goal of 100 per cent of parity income" for farmers was particularly noteworthy, Glenn Talbot, President of The North Dakota Farmer's Union, said.

Other leaders urged, however, that the Stevenson Midwest campaign must be more vigorous than in 1952.

"We have never had a better chance than this year," Paul Opsahl, President of the South Dakota Farmer's Union, said. "But we have got to travel down every side road and get the truth direct to the farmers."

It appeared Stevenson was aware of this need and was mapping plans to implement it.

Appearances Discussed

James Finnegan, Stevenson's campaign manager, confirmed that Stevenson would appear at the National Field Days near

Colfax, Iowa, Sept. 22. Iowa National Committeeman Don Mitchell said he discussed several other possible Iowa appearances, although plans were not yet completed.

Finnegan was "fully aware" of the need for Stevenson to campaign "often" in Iowa and other Midwest states, he said.

Several farm leaders aimed most of their barbs at Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson. Corbin Crawford, head of the Iowa chapter of the National Farmers' Organization, accused Benson of "malfeasance in office" and said the farmer "is not interested in more broken promises" from the GOP.

Kenneth Hones, President of the Wisconsin Farmer's Union, attacked Benson's handling of

the beef and pork purchase programs. He said packers' profits had gone up just about as much as farm income from beef and pork had fallen.

Benson, he said, "transferred farmers' income to packers' pockets."

Must Get Income To Farmers

He said the Democrats should stress parity of income, rather than parity of price alone.

This was echoed by Opsahl, who said, "We've got to get income to the family farm if farmers are to stay on the land."

The Democratic farm plank came in for repeated praise. Stevenson's running mate, Sen. Estes Kefauver, said the plank was the "best ever adopted" and he and Stevenson will "fight for it."

Quotes From the News

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Columbia, S.C.—Farley Smith, temporary chairman of a group of insurgent South Carolina Democrats, on an attempt to keep the state's eight electoral votes from being cast for either presidential candidate:

"We believe this will be a grass roots uprising."

London—A British Foreign Office spokesman on what would happen if Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser refused to agree to a satisfactory Suez Canal solution:

"A rejection by Colonel Nasser would lead to a new situation."

Washington — President Eisenhower in an appeal for world wide support of the American plan for international operation of the Suez Canal:

"This program was conceived in an atmosphere of friendly conciliation and, in my opinion, ought to rally behind it the support of all the nations and peoples that believe in the processes of international justice and conciliation."

Sioux City, Iowa—Democratic presidential nominee Adlai E. Stevenson on the verdict of the working people regarding the Republican administration:

"The working people of this country have had four years to judge the promises and performance of Mr. Eisenhower, and they have now rendered their judgement. The verdict is—no confidence."

Washington — Press Secretary James C. Hagerly expressing White House reaction to the AFL-CIO Executive Council endorsement of Democrat Adlai E. Stevenson for president:

"I'd prefer to wait for the vote of working men and women on election day and not on the vote of an executive council."

Clinton, Tenn.—Kerry Shattuck, 17, president of the Clinton High School student body, who presided at a student meeting on maintaining integrated classes at the school:

"We didn't feel we should discuss the issue of Negroes staying in school since that is the law of the land."

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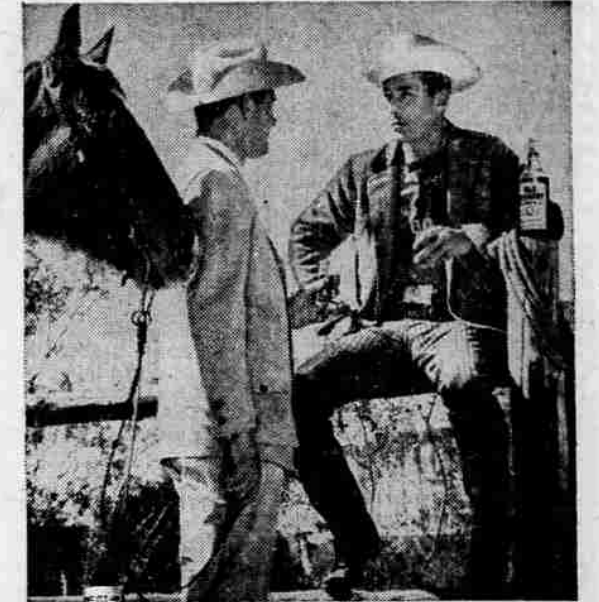
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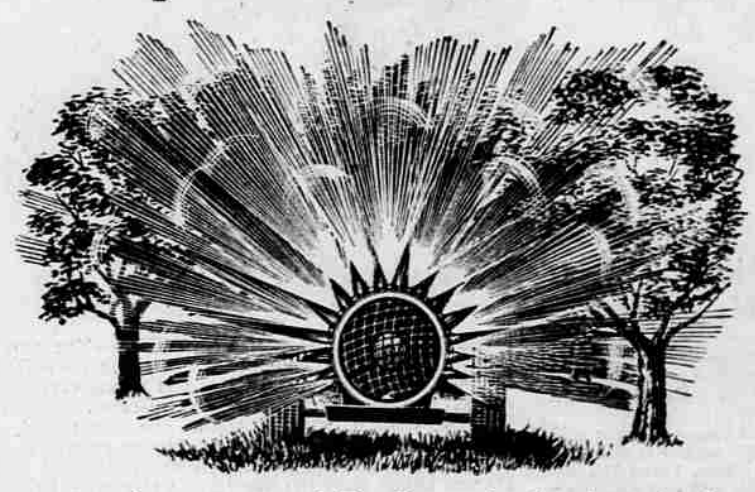
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