

## Wives of Potato Farmers Camp In Washington To Protest Prices

Washington — (U.P.) — The Agriculture Department today had a hot potato protest on its doorstep left by more than 150 angry wives of potato farmers. The farm women equipped with pillows and blankets drove up in buses Tuesday, threatening to camp in front of the department until it meets their demands for moves to boost potato prices.

The women apparently were unimpressed by a plea from department officials to give a current federal potato program a chance to work. One of the women, Mrs. Helen Grzybowski of Bridgehampton, N.Y., said the present program is "for the birds."

But after the sun went down and the evening became chilly, the women drove away in their buses, at least until morning. The potato contingent included farm wives from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island. They arrived with signs declaring that "Picket lines are better than bread lines."

Mrs. Grzybowski said the women were prepared to sleep in their chartered buses in front of the Agriculture building "for as long as necessary until we get action."

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz sought to placate the group at a meeting in the Department auditorium by pointing to the new potato diversion program announced by the department last Friday.

This program is aimed at boosting potato prices by diverting low grade spuds off the market. Potato growers will be paid by the government to put inferior spuds into starch and feed.

Butz told the women that a similar program last year worked successfully. He said the government paid \$3.2 million to divert 17 million bushels of po-

tatoes in eight states. Mrs. Grzybowski said the women wanted the government to buy potatoes "at going prices" and ship them to foreign countries "to which we have given outright loans." She said this is the fourth straight year of low prices and "we are losing our farms."

Portland — (U.P.) — Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson was asked today to double the government subsidy payment for diverting potatoes from regular market channels to starch plants and livestock feed uses.

The request came from potato marketing agreement committees from Oregon, Idaho, Washington, California and Colorado who met here yesterday. They recommended that the diversion subsidy be increased to \$1 a hundredweight for the period ending Dec. 31, 75 cents to March 31 and 50 cents to June 30.

Payment rates announced last week by Benson are 50, 40, and 30 cents respectively for those periods.

The group said higher payments were needed to bring about prompt diversion of enough potatoes to result in orderly marketing and increase market prices.

## Offer Crest Highway Will Be Reopened

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Elmo Smith said today after a conference with State Sen. Warren McMinnee of Tillamook and state highway officials that the scenic section of Otter Crest road on the Oregon coast will soon be reopened to optional travel.

Several sections of the old highway that wound its way up to Otter Crest were closed by the highway department a year ago when the new high speed section of Highway 101 was completed.

The governor explained that suitable signs will be erected indicating that the old road is an optional route. The highway department said it will start work on the road immediately in hopes of having it ready to open early next week.

## Children, Young Mothers Aided by Oregon Society

(Editor's Note: This is another in a series of articles concerning agencies served by contributions to the United Medford Crusade.)

Twenty-two Jackson county children received 3,599 day's care through the Boys and Girls Aid Society of Oregon during 1955, according to figures released by Stuart R. Stimmel, state director, to Sam Hersh, general campaign chairman, United Medford Crusade. The Society served 981 children and unmarried mothers last year.

Stimmel pointed out that several children who had suffered permanent or temporary loss of their homes were cared for in good foster homes supervised by the Society until they returned to their parents or were placed for adoption.

**Largest Number**  
The 182 babies and older children placed for adoption by the Society in 1955 was the largest number ever placed by any agency in Oregon. It is a considerable increase over the previous year and 452 per cent over 1945.

Children were placed in 31 counties throughout the state.

## 'Overexuberance' Charged To Kefauver

Chicago — (U.P.) — Interior Secretary Fred Seaton accused Sen. Estes Kefauver Tuesday of being "overexuberant" in his criticism of administration power policies.

Seaton spoke briefly in Chicago on his way through to Washington from a speaking tour throughout the West.

He was asked to comment on a recent statement by Kefauver, the Democratic vice presidential nominee, that under the Eisenhower administration the public was unable to use its own power resources without passing through a "private power toll gate."

"The Senator is getting overexuberant," Seaton said.

He listed examples of power projects where the government is acting as a partner. The Coosa River Project in Alabama and Marham Ferry Project in Oklahoma were instances of the government acting in partnership with a company.

Sixty children were under one month of age, and 18 were from six to 14 years old. Thirty-one belonged to 14 groups of brothers and sisters placed together. Children of all races are placed by the Society and applications from couples interested in adopting are always welcome. Average wait by those receiving children in 1955 was less than eight months.

Unmarried mothers aided by the Society numbered 292, 143 of whom were under 21 years of age.

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The service included medical care, living arrangements and skilled counseling. An accredited high school program is also available to unmarried expectant mothers who have not completed their schooling at the Society's headquarters, 2301 NW Gisham st., Portland. Southern Oregon is served by a branch office of the Society at 308 Leverette building, Medford.

The Boys and Girls Aid Society of Oregon is a member of Community Chests and United Funds throughout the state.

## Lewiston Couple Go Swimming; Frightened

Lewiston, Idaho — (U.P.) — A Lewiston couple were frightened when the swift current of the Clearwater River swept them a half mile downstream, but when they reached shallow water their troubles had only begun.

They had entered the water behind their home without their bathing suits. A friendly witness to their plight waded out with blankets and called police to take them home.

About 7 million new cars were sold in 1955 as compared with only about 4,000 new cars in the year 1900.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—SEVEN

## Nixon Attacks Rough Schedule; Health Improves

En Route With Nixon — (U.P.) — Ailing Vice President Richard M. Nixon swung into one of the roughest days of his 16-day round the nation vote-seeking tour today confident he will soon be well.

Nixon's physician, Dr. Malcolm C. Todd of Long Beach, Calif., told newsmen there are "no expectations of not going on with the schedule." Todd said Nixon was recovering satisfactorily from a virus infection and laryngitis and should be able to continue at normal speed with continued treatment.

The 43-year-old vice president's illness, which had him frog-voiced and wavered Monday night in Salt Lake City, was hardly visible Tuesday night as he made an outright bid at Houston for Texas Democrats to bolt their party and vote for President Eisenhower again this year as thousands of them did in 1952.

But Nixon, in his formal Houston speech, made no mention of the thorny school segregation decision which is a paramount issue across the deep South.

The vice president's schedule today called for a brief early morning appearance at a GOP precinct workers' breakfast in Houston, a news conference there, and a flight to Springfield, Mo., for a mid-day speech.

Clifton, N.J. — (U.P.) — When the Clifton Moose Lodge heard that a four-legged moose had rammed the auto of hunter William Janner in Maine, it offered him a membership with a year's free dues. Janner accepted.



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