

Secretary of Agriculture Benson Asked by Eisenhower to Remain

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Washington—President Eisenhower has asked his controversial Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Taft Benson, to remain in his cabinet during his second term.

The president's request, according to informed sources, was contained in a blistering letter to Benson after the election. It represented his rejection of the customary letter of resignation which all cabinet members traditionally submit at the end of a president's term.

In the president's letter, he reportedly reiterated his vigorous backing for the farm policies pursued by Benson during the past four years, especially the flexible price supports program.

Storm Center
It is this particular program which made Benson a storm center in the past several years, for Democrats in Congress, together with some Midwestern Republicans, called for return to 90 percent price supports on basic commodities.

Since the departure of Douglas McKay as Secretary of Interior, Benson has ranked as the most controversial figure in the president's cabinet. He has outlasted not only McKay, who quit to run for the Senate in Oregon, but Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, who was Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, and the late Martin P. Durkin, who quit as Labor Secretary over a dispute with the president involving changes in the Taft-Hartley act.

The retention of Benson is taken to mean there will be no major changes in agricultural policy.

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by the Eisenhower administration. This may signal further tough sledding for the two-price wheat plan, which Pacific Northwest wheat growers have been trying to gain approval for by Benson.

Looking with Favor
The closest Benson has come to looking with favor of the idea was a year ago when he promised to study it. But when Congress considered adopting it as part of the farm bill this past year, the administration recommended it be dropped. So it was.

Reports of other changes are flying thick and fast in the nation's capital now. Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson is reported on the way out, but rumors that he would be succeeded by Secretary of Interior Fred A. Seaton are denied by Seaton. He was an assistant secretary of Defense before moving into McKay's old seat.

Secretary Seaton flew down

to the Virgin Islands last week-end for the one-day dedication of a new national park. Later this month he had planned a trip to Alaska, his first to the northern territory.

Additional Week
But instead of returning promptly after the Virgin Islands ceremony, the secretary decided to stay an additional week—and doubts were expressed by his staff he could then make it to Alaska.

Washington smiled wryly at all this, having seen many an Interior secretary who found it best to visit his southern territories in the winter and his northern domain in the summer.

One other important result of this change is a further delay in any announcement by Seaton of his intentions regarding a high dam at Pecosant Valley where private power companies want to build a smaller project.

Management Program Discussed by State Forestry Official

Right of way for access roads and personnel are among the major problems facing the timber management program of the state department of forestry, Ed Schroeder, head of the program, said Friday night.

Schroeder discussed the timber management program at a meeting of the Siskiyou chapter, Society of American Foresters, at the Jackson hotel.

The problem of access roads into state owned or managed timber areas, Schroeder said, proved to be so great, the department set up a right of way section which works full time on the problem. He explained that the state administrators about 850,000 acres of land, about 650,000 acres of which is state-owned.

Personal Problem
Another major problem facing the management program is personnel, he said, noting that salaries have been adjusted for foresters to compete with federal positions. He noted that there are not enough foresters to do the job required in the management program.

Schroeder said the state forestry department organized the timber management program after World War II when the value of timber areas increased and the state found itself in business with holdings it had acquired either from outright purchases, gifts or granted it from counties during the depression years.

The majority of the state administered timber is in the northwest section of the state, with about 250,000 acres in the Tillamook burn area.

Since the program was organized, the state has worked on an inventory program for three years, and an inventory of the West Tillamook area is expected to be complete by next July 1. Inventories have been completed in Clackamas and Lane county areas, he said.

Schroeder said the department retained John Bell in the management section to provide the

department with the newest and best procedures available on inventories, which, with IBM calculations, provides an up-to-date inventory report.

Salvage Timber
When the program started, he said, sales were chiefly of salvage or overage timber, and salvage timber still is being harvested from the Tillamook area.

Much of the land under the department's administration when the management program started, Schroeder said, needed reforestation to get the land back in production. He noted that the state does not have areas reforested unless the area is protected.

Reforestation in the Tillamook burn area is falling behind, he said, but that the protection development is on schedule as proposed in a 15-year program for the area. Schroeder said the department has a program started which will put all state administered land into production in the near future.

Guille Says France To Take Uranium Lead
Paris — (UPI)—Georges Guille, secretary of state in charge of French atomic affairs, said Saturday France will be the world's fourth largest uranium producer by 1960.

He said prospecting programs will put France's uranium and thorium production at 500 tons in 1958 and 1,000 tons in 1961. He said this increase will place France behind only Canada, the United States and South Africa.

POPULAR PICKET PETITIONED
Cincinnati — (UPI)—Nick the friendly picket returned Saturday to his post outside the Crow's Nest Cafe. Officials of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Union, which had fired him as a picket, returned Nick to duty after they received a petition from the owner and 21 patrons of the tavern.

Gold Hill Man Wins In Insurance Contest

Patrick H. McCabe, route 1, Gold Hill, was named second grand prize winner this week in the Oregon State Farm Bureau Insurance Service "Win a Jeep" contest.

McCabe will receive a chain saw for his prize-winning essay on "How Insurance Can Help Me on the Farm."

Genevieve M. Ladwign, route 1, Gold Hill, was 19th state prize winner in the contest and will receive a package of Staley's "Miracle Rinse" Sta-Puf.

A Wellington, Colo., contestant, R. P. Sinnard, was grand prize winner in the six-state area and will receive a jeep. Included in the six-state area are New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho and Oregon.

Evidence of 'Bourgeois Nationalism' in Tallin
Moscow — (UPI)—Evidence of "bourgeois nationalism" was recently discovered in Tallin, the capital of Estonia, it was disclosed Saturday.

The newspaper Sestovonia said a local school tried to substitute the traditional international Boy Scouts tie for the Communist red tie of the children's "Pioneer" organization. A meeting of the Tallin Communists assailed this "attempt to liquidate the revolutionary Pioneer symbol."

Speakers at the meeting urged intensification of the struggle against drunkenness, immorality and hooliganism among youth, the newspaper said.

Failed to Stop
Ronald Richard Muir, 19, of 2440 South Stage rd., was cited for failure to stop at a stop sign when he reportedly went through a red light at the intersection of Thomas and South Stage rds. at 3:05 p.m. Friday.

His vehicle struck a car operated by Gladys Lucille Cornelius, 29, route 2, box 168-C, Central Point. Mrs. Cornelius' car was traveling north when the collision occurred. Her vehicle

One Hurt, Five Cited After Auto Accidents

One person was injured and five drivers were cited by state police Friday as the result of four accidents in Jackson county.

Kenneth Dean Smith, 7, of 2650 Table Rock rd., received minor chest injuries and a chin cut when the car in which he was riding was struck by another car at the intersection of Merriam and Table Rock rds. He was a passenger in a car operated by John William Smith, 36, same address.

According to state police, Smith's car was stopped on Merriam rd. in preparation for a turn to Table Rock rd. The other car, operated by Elmer Lee Gouker, 27, route 2, box 197-B, Central Point, was traveling north on Table Rock rd., with the left turn signal in operation.

He turned right and struck the Smith car on the right side. The Smith boy was sitting next to the door on the right side, officers said. His injuries did not require hospitalization. Gouker was cited for making an improper signal. The accident occurred at 5:32 p.m.

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was moved from the scene by wrecker, state police said.

James Richard Daniels, 16, route 1, box 160, Central Point, was cited for failure to operate in the right lane of traffic at 12:23 p.m., after his car collided with another vehicle on Highway 99 near Crater High school. Driver of the other car was Everett Melia DenHerder, 39, Lebanon, Ore.

According to state police, both were traveling north on the highway, when Daniels attempted to make a right turn from the inside lane and struck DenHerder's vehicle, which was traveling in the outside lane. There were no injuries. DenHerder's car was towed away by wrecker.

Harold Reith Bulman, 68, route 1, box 318-A, Medford, and William Carl Strawn, 47, of 212 Hoyt lane, Medford, were cited for following too close at 3:23 p.m., when they were involved in a three-car collision on Highway 99 near Kim's restaurant.

State police said a car operated by Raymond Joseph Gibson, 25, of 176 DeHague st., Medford, was stopped on the highway. Bulman's car struck Gibson's vehicle from behind and Strawn's car struck Bulman's from behind. Bulman's and Strawn's cars were towed away by wrecker. There were no injuries, state police reported.

FILLMORE DIES
Miami — (UPI)—Henry Fillmore, 75, famed marching band director and composer, died here Friday night of pneumonia.

Swiss Government to Strengthen Defenses
Bern, Switzerland — (UPI)—The Swiss government, alarmed by events in Hungary and other international tensions, has requested immediate appropriation of more than \$60 million to strengthen the nation's defenses, it was reported Saturday.

Government sources said the new funds would be used to buy arms and other military equipment.

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