

Poland Requests U.S. Farm Goods

Washington — (U.P.) — Communist Poland has formally asked the United States to supply it with surplus American farm products, it has been disclosed.

The United States made no immediate response. But U.S. officials are known to be sympathetic to the idea of helping Poland get limited amounts of surplus agricultural products.

The United States and Poland have been negotiating for a week on American aid for the new government of Poland, which has been in a measure of independence from Moscow control. American authorities are anxious to help the Polish regime because they feel U.S. aid may help loosen further the Soviet grip on Poland.

The formal request for farm products came during a 75-minute conference Wednesday between a Polish economic mission and an American team headed by Assistant Secretary of State Thorsten V. Kaljarvi.

Poland is known to want wheat, cotton, fat and oils.

Cross Burned on Lawn Of Home at Portland

Portland — (U.P.) — A cross was burned on the front lawn of a Portland home last night.

Willie A. Jones told police he saw the flaming cross on his lawn about 7:20 p.m. The flames went out before Jones reached his front door.

Officers said the emblem was made of small boards and covered with paper. It had been driven into the ground about six inches.



BEN-GURION WINS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE—Premier David Ben-Gurion (white hair, on rostrum) addresses the Knesset (Parliament) in Jerusalem on his decision to withdraw Israeli forces from Egypt. Public opinion in the young state is massively against giving up the remainder of the territorial gains won in the brief war with Egypt. Although the aging Premier won a vote of confidence from the Parliament, a hostile crowd stood outside and jeered for Ben-Gurion to "go back to the farm."

Terrorism Reign in South Vietnam Seen

Saigon, Vietnam — (U.P.) — The Communist Vietminh may be attempting to launch a new era of terrorism in South Vietnam to discredit President Dinh Diem's pro-West government, authoritative sources said today.

There are reports in Saigon that Communist agents are infiltrating the Cao Dai religious sect to use it against the government.

Three recent disturbances are being linked unofficially with the government subdued Caoists—the murder last week of five sleeping government workers near the Cao Dai "holy see," the Feb. 22 assassination attempt against President Diem and last month's illegal demonstration urging return from Cambodia of exiled Cao Dai pope.

Children Cry; Get To Keep TV Set

Elizabeth, N. J. — (U.P.) — Paul S. Zegreckis can't stand the sight of children crying.

Police took Zegreckis to a home to identify his stolen television set. The alleged thief's eight children burst into tears when Zegreckis identified his set.

"Give it to them," he told the authorities.

Grants Pass Man Refused Guilty Plea

Portland — (U.P.) — A 56-year-old Grants Pass man was turned down in his attempt to plead guilty to a charge of mail theft in Federal Court here yesterday.

Russell B. Garris hesitated briefly before answering guilty to a charge of taking three letters from a residential mail box.

Judge Gus Solomon asked if he had been pressured to make the plea. Garris denied that he had.

The court appointed attorney stated that there had been a question of willfulness and he had left the plea up to Garris.

Judge Solomon declined to accept the plea and set trial for March 19.

Garris was arrested for the theft of letters from the mailbox of a minister.



TESTIFYING in Washington, Howard Morgan, Oregon Democrat and Public Utilities commissioner, said Teamster union officials plotted to take over state offices. (International)

Douglas Court Drops Manslaughter Charge

Roseburg — (U.P.) — A charge of manslaughter against 18-year-old Rex Blankenship of Myrtle Creek, Ore., was dismissed yesterday in Douglas county Circuit Court here on the motion of District Attorney Robert Stultz.

Blankenship had been charged with manslaughter following the death last Aug. 29 of 34-year-old Mrs. Josephine Clara Moore, mother of six children. She was struck by a bullet as she stood on the back porch of her Myrtle Creek home. Blankenship was hunting in the area.

Nearly 350 million menhaden worth more than \$7 million are caught annually in North Carolina waters. They are converted into oil used for paint, soap and other products.

Washington County Indictment Resubmitted

Hillsboro — (U.P.) — An indictment against former Washington County Judge Harry Seabold charging bribery was ordered resubmitted to the county grand jury yesterday after a defense demurrer was sustained.

The indictment against Seabold had charged him with "receiving and agreeing to receive a bribe, being a judicial officer." The charge stemmed from an alleged real estate transaction.

Dead line Sunday. Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 9:30 previous day.

Aqueduct To Help Southwest Suggested

Dallas — (U.P.) — A Dallas man has suggested a gigantic Roman-type aqueduct that would carry water 1,500 miles from the Great Lakes to the drought-stricken Southwest.

Al Boerner, a Navy veteran with a background in electronics, radar and engineering, said it would be like an ancient Roman aqueduct. It would also serve as a freeway.

Basically, the aqueduct would be equipped with four huge water tubes which could handle 36,000 acre-feet of water in 24 hours, and on the top would be an eight-lane highway.

The water-tubes, when not in use, would be used as freight carriers. This would mean using large capsules, controlled by electronic relays.

The drawback to such an operation is financial, Boerner explained. He figures it would cost \$500,000 a day to operate and about one-third of the national \$33 billion national road program.

However, he said it could gross \$2,000,000 a day.

Boerner has been planning the project for some three years and has been working on a model to present to President Eisen-

hower. He added that water taken from Lake Michigan or Lake Superior through the waterduct would not be missed since they are on the rise.

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