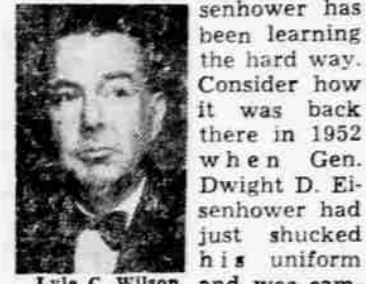


'Easier Said Than Done' is Word for Hitting Inflation

By LYLE C. WILSON
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Washington — Easier said than done is the trite phrase for what President Eisenhower has been learning the hard way.



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Consider how it was back there in 1952 when Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower had just shucked his uniform and was campaigning for the presidency.

Came Oct. 22, 1952, and candidate Eisenhower was in Troy, N. Y., seeking the votes of shirt and collar makers.

Harry S. Truman was president of the United States and candidate Eisenhower charged on that day that the Truman administration deliberately had caused monetary inflation as a political ploy in order to create an illusion of prosperity.

"This always is done," Eisenhower said, "by administrations that care more for the next election than for the next generation."

He tartly added that domestic policies "make for a false prosperity when they are predicated on arms production—with no end in sight."

He accused Truman of combating inflation merely with weak stop-gap price controls while ignoring "the real effective controls—those over money and credit—which would have paralyzed their scheme to use cheap money for their own ends."

Candidate Eisenhower proposed to combat inflation by "knocking down the administration idol of cheap money, getting unified action from our economic agencies and slicing the fat out of our federal budget."

And, how is it now more

than five years after with President Eisenhower's latest budget? It is like this: Where as the Truman budget (for fiscal 1953), which Eisenhower was attacking that October day in Troy, proposed to spend a whopping \$73.9 billion the new Eisenhower budget proposes also to spend \$73.9 billion.

Budgeted For Surplus
Truman, however, had an all-out inflationary budget for fiscal 1953 compared to Eisenhower's for fiscal 1959. Democrat Truman budgeted for a deficit of nearly 10 billion dollars. Republican Eisenhower budgeted for a surplus of \$466,000,000. There is more doubt than confidence, however, that the '59 budget will show a surplus at the end of the fiscal year.

More likely, the Treasury will be in the red in the new fiscal year. And, somehow, the little burp of further inflation which a Treasury deficit must represent does not greatly disturb Eisenhower if it disturbs him at all. He told his news conference this week that he preferred a deficit to a tax increase.

A needle in the economy, he said, would be vastly better than a check rein. Back there in Troy the balancing of a budget and the checking of inflation seemed to be a reasonable and realizable objective.

On the record, Truman was a better economist than Eisenhower. Truman had government spending down to about 34 billion dollars in 1948. The 1950 Korean war caught Truman in so bad a defense posture that he had to fire his cost-cutting defense secretary and almost double the cost of government.

Eisenhower still was spending high, wide and handsome when Sputnik I erupted and forbade economies demanded by angry voters.

Reter Says Pear Industry Can Look to Good Future

"Count your blessings!" Ray Reter, local owner-manager of a fruit packing house and president of the International Apple Growers association told pear growers at the annual Jackson county Growers League meeting Friday.

Reter said the pear industry is enjoying a relative period of price stabilization compared to other perishable products.

"The pear industry has a good future to look forward to," Reter predicted. "It would appear we are soon to be in a favorable position as to water for irrigation." Reter commented after hearing reports by Jack and Walter Hoffpurr of the Medford and Talent Irrigation districts.

"Skill in the use of it will be required. Both irrigation and thinning should be related to our marketing problems. Excessive large sized fruits, even though we secure more pounds to the tree, can well result in less return in dollars per tree," Reter said.

Reter noted the last season in which the Medford pear district produced excessive quantity of extremely large sizes in D'Anjous and Bosc. Friday's New York auction sold size 135 and 150 U.S. No. 1 pears at \$6 and better delivered. This amounts to approximately 4 cents per fruit, considering about 46 pounds of fruit to the box. Size 90 pears brought about \$3.60 delivered which means about 4 cents per pear at 46 pounds to a box.

This is a merchandising problem that has not been answered in any kind of fruit, he noted. Oranges and apples and other products have the same problem, Reter pointed out.

Washington Apple Crop
"This season the Washington apple crop is heavy to extreme large sizes resulting in a demoralized red ink crop," Reter said. "So, consideration must be given to the size range we grow."

Reter questioned whether Medford district pear growers realize they are considered "a very cooperative group. He pointed to the fruit growers league which handles such common problems as hail suppression, Mexican labor camp, industry experimentation on growing problems, tree tax problems and others.

He mentioned also the Medford pear shippers association composed of all shippers and handlers and the overall northwest perishable industry organization known as the Northwest Agricultural Council. The latter organization handles all freight rate problems, national legislative problems, and those of wage and hour, Mexican labor and of the export market, Reter said.

Fruit Export Council
The council is also a member of and is represented by two members on the board of the U.S. Fruit Export Council. The organization consists of several fruit organizations, Reter explained. It is accepted as the advisory council to the secretaries of agriculture and state in connection with export problems.

"Largely through the efforts of this organization many European trade barriers have been reduced or eliminated," the International Apple association president said. Because of short crop con-

ditions in Europe this year and the council's efforts, winter pear producers will export approximately 1,200,000 boxes of fresh pears, mostly fancy grade and heavy to small sizes which also are not particularly desirable for the domestic fresh market."

Prevent Demoralizing
This prevented demoralizing these grades and sizes in the domestic market which would have adversely affected the value of the higher grades and desirable sizes, Reter pointed out.

Reter also mentioned the Oregon-Washington-California Pear bureau, a voluntary shipper-contractor organization. The organization is the oldest of its kind and is now in its 27th season, he said. Assessments of eight cents a box are being paid by more than 90 per cent of the winter pear producers.

"Other areas and producers look on the pear bureau as the most successful and best organization of its kind," Reter added.

Advertising Promotion
Joint canning pear advertising and promotion spending this year totalled about \$200,000, to which Medford contributed \$7,500. The organization participated in the equivalent of \$1,400,000 in advertising space last year through tie-in advertising with other commodities such

as dairy distributors, Kraft cheese, Pillsbury flour, and others, Reter said. He summarized estimates of the nation's economists and predicted the effect of trends on the pear industry. Pear production will not materially increase for the next 10 to 15 years, he said.

Of the 250 million population predicted for the United States in 1980, 80 per cent will be in the 20 to 30-year-old bracket. Four million babies are now born each year, five million are predicted for the 60's, Reter said.

New Consumer Markets
New consumer markets will become available to the pear industry with population increases in California, Oregon and Washington. Estimates for 1970 shows California heading the list of the three states with an increase of 7,355,000 people or 57 per cent, Oregon 631,000 or 38 per cent, Washington 852,000 or 33 per cent, Reter said.

"Our pear industry located almost entirely here on the coast should be in a better position to take advantage of these many favorable factors than other commodities widely grown such as citrus and apples," the pear shipper remarked.

"We must guard against getting caught in the cost-price squeeze. We should develop our nearby expanding markets such as Los Angeles, the Bay area and the expanding southwest," Reter concluded.

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Robinson Promoted In Forest Service

Wallace R. Robinson has been promoted to line staff officer in the Rogue River National Forest, Supervisor Carroll E. Brown has announced. The position was established recently because of the increased work load in timber management, recreation and land use activities.

Before the office was created, all three activities were handled by a staff officer. The new position will enable staff assistants of the supervisor to give more attention to timber management, including timber sales and in recreation and land use activities. Robinson started as a technician and assistant ranger in the Wenatchee forest in 1934, and has been project staff officer in Rogue River National forest since June 3, 1946. He is a member of the Society of American Foresters and the local chapter of the Izaak Walton League.

Grange Notes

The Desert Pegasus
The Eagle Point Desert Pegasus meeting was called to order by Vice President Marcia Ackerman. Three new members, Don Arnold, Carolyn Hackney and Jerry Rogers were introduced.

The retiring treasurer, Jim Ackerman, gave his final report. Plans were made for a Valentine party to be held at the Teen Age club in Eagle Point Friday evening Feb. 14. Mr. Dunn, our leader, introduced Betty Ann Higday as our new Junior Leader. This is Betty Ann's eighth year in 4-H. She will help

HUNG UP

West Jordan, Utah — Burglars successfully robbed Jordan Builders Supply here of a truck loaded with \$800 worth of merchandise but abandoned everything after carelessly hanging the vehicle's wheels over an embankment during the get-away ride.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

President Eisenhower recommends to the congress a farm program designed to take the government increasingly out of agriculture and put the farmer more on his own.

To accomplish this, he asks the congress for authority to do these two major things:

- 1. Set lower price supports (subsidies) on the so-called basic crops, including dairy products.
- 2. Increase acreage allotments for cotton, wheat, rice, peanuts and tobacco.

IN ADDITION, Ike recommends:

- 1. Repeat of the escalator clause in price support operations for basic crops.
- 2. A one-year extension of the surplus disposal act and an additional 1 1/2 billion dollars to cover sales of surplus agricultural products for foreign currencies instead of dollars.

LET'S take a look first at this "escalator" clause the President wants repealed. It works like this:

As soon as a surplus is REDUCED — that is to say, whenever by fire-sales, giveaways or any other device, the stored-up surplus of ANY CROP is reduced — the PRICE SUPPORT MUST BE RAISED AGAIN.

What that means is that as soon as one surplus is moved out of storage incentives are automatically provided to BUILD UP ANOTHER SURPLUS.

That, that, nothing could be more absurd.

THE foreign currency device isn't much less absurd. What that means is that U.S. agricultural surpluses can be sold for foreign money — pounds, francs, lira, zlotys,

yen or what have you. The trouble with that is that all over the world (except in hard-headed, financially competent West Germany) the American dollar commands a high premium due to the fact that we are selling more abroad than we are buying abroad. About all we can do with this foreign currency we get for our agricultural surpluses is to stash it away in a vault and hope that someday it will be worth something to us.

THERE will be plenty of blood on the moon as a result of Ike's farm program proposals. The political farmers—who farm the farmers for votes instead of farming the land for crops—will howl like wounded wolves. They will be joined in their howling by the big scale farmers who have benefited from mass production of the subsidized crops.

The proof of the pudding is the eating thereof. Here in southern Oregon and far northern California the pudding hasn't left a very good taste in our mouths. As land has been taken out of these so-called "basic" crops, it has been put into crops that over the years have been our specialties.

The result has been a GLUT in the markets for our specialty crops.

NO WHEELS

Manchester, Conn. — State police found a loose trailer-truck wheel beside the Wilbur Cross Highway; then set out to find the vehicle. They located the big rig 10 miles away. The driver — Ernest E. Washington of Dorchester, Mass., was standing beside it—he couldn't go any farther after losing a second wheel.

STAR GAZER

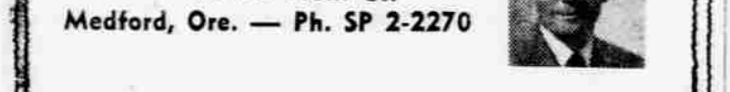
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According to the Stars
To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

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Vehicle Funds Due For Distribution

Salem — More than \$2 million will be distributed to both counties and cities soon as allotments from Motor Vehicle Department contributions to the state highway fund, the department announced Friday.

Counties will share \$2,185,032 as their 19 per cent portion of the \$11,500,172 in receipts from gasoline taxes and registration and licensing fees during the last quarter of 1957.

Apportionment is made on the basis of the number of motor vehicles registered in each county.

Cities will divide \$2,352,017 as their 10 per cent portion of \$23,520,172 in gasoline taxes and registration and license fees. Apportionment is made on the basis of city population.

TUNNEL
Bingham, Utah — Crews from the Utah Construction company—building a tunnel to speed up ore haulage at the Bingham Open Pit Copper mine—set a new drilling record when they bored 1,080 feet in 24 working days.

The crew hewed out a 21x25-foot opening in the hard abrasive quartzite and hauled out 27,000 cubic yards of rock. At the same time other workmen brought in 3,300 cubic yards of concrete to support the roof and sides. At the end of the month 960 feet of the tunnel had been covered with a 16-inch concrete coating.

SLOW DOWN

Rose City, Mich. — Police here have a system that they say works better than fines in reducing speeding. An apprehended speeder is forced to drive through town again with a patrol car following right behind his auto.

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