



MISS UNIVERSE, 1959—Luz Marina Zuloaga, from Colombia, South America, was named "Miss Universe of 1959" in the finals at Long Beach, Calif. She was crowned by Miss Gladys Zender, of Peru, South America, who has been the reigning "Miss Universe" for the past year.

House Expected To Approve Tax Relief For Self-Employed

Washington — (UPI) — The House was expected today to override administration protests and pass a bill to provide major tax relief for self-employed persons.

The Senate, meanwhile, met on routine measures.

Before the House was the bill to allow self-employed persons to defer payment of income tax until age 70 on amounts ranging up to \$2,500 a year placed in retirement funds. The Treasury says such a law would mean a loss of \$360 million in annual revenue.

Although House passage appeared assured, many lawmakers figured the measure would be bottled up in the Senate or die there when Congress adjourns next month. Some lawmakers were protesting the bill would discriminate against employees who have no pension funds.

Secret Session Due

A flurry of congressional committee activity was to be highlighted late today by appearance of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) director Allen Dulles before a secret session of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The committee voted last week to call him to explain why the United States was caught flat-footed on the Iraq rebellion, and also what CIA

Crew Boss Key Man To Migrant Worker; Transportation Poor

Editor's note: Following is the third of four articles dealing with America's migrant farm workers. In preceding articles, Louis Casseles wrote that, with a good year, the migrant families might earn about \$1,000. Given a chance to live like human beings, they begin to act like human beings, Casseles said.

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The key man in the migrant farm worker's life is the crew boss.

The crew boss owns a truck or an old school bus, or both. He transports migrants—usually in crews of 40 or 50—from a place where the crops are "picked out" to some other place where there are fruits or vegetables ready for harvesting.

The crew boss also lines up jobs. A few "free-wheelers" make direct contacts with individual farmers. But most crew bosses work through the farm placement officials of northern states who swarm into Florida and Texas each spring to recruit migrant labor. By working out schedules which assure migrant crews of fairly steady employment throughout the summer and fall, these officials have helped to raise migrant incomes.

Bosses Paternalistic

Some crew bosses are paternalistic toward their workers. They lend them money when they are broke, help them get a doctor when they are sick. Others exploit migrants by charging them outrageous fees for transportation and other "services."

A crew boss is not supposed to charge anything for taking his workers from place to place. He gets his cut from the grower, who pays the crew boss a commission on each basket of vegetables picked by the crew. The going

rate for beans is 50 cents a hamper to the migrant pickers and 15 cents a hamper to the crew boss who "supervises" and hauls the beans to the cannery or freezing plant.

In a good year, the boss of a large crew may earn as much as \$8,000 or \$10,000—about 10 times as much as the average migrant family. When you hear stories about "migrant workers" driving around in brand new cars, you are probably hearing about a crew boss.

Travel Conditions Bad

If any one aspect of the migrants' life can be singled out as the worst, it is the conditions under which they travel. These conditions were dramatized last year when 21

migrants were killed in one truck accident in North Carolina. Investigation showed that 41 men, women and children had been herded like cattle into the back of the battered old truck.

Last November, the Interstate Commerce Commission issued regulations covering migrant labor transportation. These regulations require safety inspection of trucks and busses. They stipulate that "a seat must be provided for everyone, securely attached," and that "meal stops" must be made at least every six hours on long trips.

In a three-state tour of migrant labor camps, I was unable to find a single crew leader who had ever heard of these ICC regulations. Government officials in Washington assured me later, however, that enforcement is now getting underway in many states.

A Home Missions minister of the National Council of Churches accompanied a migrant crew from Florida to Virginia this spring to see how migrants fare on long treks.

"The trip took four days and four nights," said the Rev. Isaac Henderson. "There were no seats in the back of the truck. We sat on concrete blocks and potato hampers. The truck kept breaking down and we would sit for hours waiting for repairs."

Food Worst Problem

"Food was the worst problem. At first, the migrants who had money bought food while the truck was being repaired. But all of them were soon broke. The crew boss let them go hungry for nearly 24 hours before he took pity and bought each person one can of beans, two slices of bread and one slice of bologna."

"One woman had a six-month-old baby. She had brought along one bottle of milk. When that was gone, she gave the baby warm soda pop to keep him quiet."

Henderson believes that the government, or somebody, should build rest stops at intervals along the main routes that migrants travel.

"It would be wonderful," he said, "if there were some place along the way where migrants could buy food cheaply, and wash up a little, and go to the toilet, and even lie down on a cot for a nap."

(Next: What's being done.)

Baghdad Nations To Combat Aggression

London — (UPI) — The Baghdad Pact nations pledged themselves anew Tuesday "to combat by all legitimate means" the spread of "indirect aggression" in the Middle East.

In a closing communique winding up a two-day session of the Baghdad Pact Council, the member nations announced their approval of the U.S. and British actions in intervening in Lebanon and Jordan.

At the same time, they agreed to maintain close contact "in order to achieve the aims and purposes of their association for mutual cooperation and to strengthen their ability to resist direct or indirect aggression."

Minnesota has 19,343,700 acres of forest land, equal to 38 per cent of the state's total area.

Boost Effective Jan. 1

The increased benefits would be financed by increased social security taxes on job-holders and their employers effective next Jan. 1. The administration was reported to have concluded financing of the plan is sound.

The House Agriculture Committee showed signs of capitulating to Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson's demand for lower price guarantees and more planting freedom for farmers. The committee went behind closed doors to reach agreement on a new catch-all farm bill.

Southern Democratic farm leaders were under strong pressure from cotton growers and textile interests in the South to produce quickly a new law to stave off scheduled sharp cutbacks in cotton plantings next year.

A bill containing many of the price support concessions demanded by Benson passed the Senate last week.

Retail Prices of Food Expected To Be Down Slightly

Washington — (UPI) — The Agriculture Department Tuesday forecast lower food prices during the coming months.

Retail food prices for the remainder of the year are likely to average below the record high prices of the January-June period, the department said in its publication "The National Food Situation." However, prices for the last half of 1958 still will be "slightly above" those in the last half of 1957.

Larger Supplies

"Supplies of some foods—particularly meats and fresh fruit and vegetables—will be somewhat larger than in the first half of 1958," the department said. It added consumer demand for food is high this summer and fall.

Meat supplies now are on the seasonal upswing, the department said. Compared with a year earlier consumers are expected to have more pork and top grades of beef per person but less veal and lower grades of beef.

More chicken and about as many eggs are in prospect, but less turkey. Per capita supplies of dairy products this summer and fall are expected to be about at the year-earlier level.

Explorer IV Seen Over South Africa

Cambridge, Mass. — (UPI) — The first sighting of America's latest satellite, Explorer IV, was reported Tuesday by a moonwatch team in Pretoria, South Africa.

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