

# North Korean Farm Operators Unhappy Over Cooperatives

Editor's note: In the five years since the end of the Korean war, the Northern Korean Communists have almost completed their farm collectivization program. But there are reports of increasing unrest among farmers in the northern portion of this rugged peninsula. In the following dispatch, based on information obtained from official Communist reports and South Korean intelligence sources, Charles Smith of United Press International—the only American news agency correspondent stationed permanently in Korea—writes of the Communist progress in the farm collectivization program and the causes of the farmer unrest.

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Seoul—UPI—The North Korean Communists' postwar farm collectivization program is nearing completion. But it is meeting more and more opposition from the farmers, according to information received here.

The program was begun on a large scale only about four years ago and now an estimated 90 to 95 per cent of all farms in North Korea are embraced in the agricultural co-operatives.

The Communists spent the first year or so, following the July, 1953, truce agreement, collectivizing the farms on an experimental basis.

Formation of the co-operatives began with the establishment of hard political cores, followed by the cooperativization of the farms in the most important agricultural areas.

**Rapid Growth**  
The number of agricultural co-operatives grew from 806 in 1953 to 15,825 at the end of 1956. These co-operatives in 1956 embraced about 81 per cent of the total number of farm households and about 79 per cent of the arable land.

Now that the bulk of the farm households has been incorporated into the co-operatives, the emphasis once again has shifted to the tightening of government economic and political controls.

This, according to South Korean sources, is one of the main reasons for the displeasure of the farmers. These sources said the main complaints of the Farmers include:

- They are treated "like animals and not allowed enough food for their families."
- The government's 25 per cent tax take.
- The low official prices for the government pays for products.
- A feeling by the individual farmer that he gets little in return for the money and goods that goes into the co-operatives.

—The restrictions on property, equipment and livestock that can be owned by each household.

But one of the most serious complaints of the farmers, according to a North Korean recently captured by South Korean authorities, is the increasing attempts by the co-operative officials to indoctrinate them politically.

The farmers feel they have no individual freedom even on their own lands, he said, and resentment is growing.

## Stuart Symington, G. Mennen Williams Election Winners

**By United Press International**  
U. S. Sen. Stuart Symington of Missouri and Michigan Gov. G. Mennen Williams swept to impressive victories in primary elections Tuesday to enhance their party prospects as 1960 Democratic presidential candidates.

Besides Michigan and Missouri, primaries also were held in Kansas and West Virginia.

In Kansas, Clyde Reed Jr., a Parsons, Kan., newspaper publisher and son of a former governor and U.S. senator, captured the Republican gubernatorial nomination an hour after the polls closed.

Former Gov. Fred Hall of Dodge City conceded the race to Reed when the latter jumped to an overwhelming

lead with only one sixth of the returns counted.

In West Virginia, where two U.S. Senate seats are up for grabs this year, former Rep. Jennings Randolph and Rep. Robert C. Byrd were the apparent winners for the Democratic senatorial nominations.

**Seeking Sixth Term**  
Incumbent Republican Sen. John D. Hobbitt Jr., seeking reelection to the two-year unexpired term of the late Sen. Matthew Neely, and Chapman Revercomb, seeking reelection to a full term, were unopposed for renomination.

Williams smashed his opponent, radio station owner William L. Johnson of Ironwood, by a better than five-to-one margin to win renomination to an unprecedented sixth term as Michigan governor.

Republicans named Paul D. Bagwell, a professor at Michigan State University, to oppose Williams. GOP Sen. Charles E. Potter was renominated without opposition. Democrats nominated Lt. Gov. Philip Hart to face Potter in the November race.

Symington whipped his opponents, Lawrence Hastings, a retired government worker, and Lamar W. Dye of Kansas City, even more decisively.

**Lady Wins Contest**  
Incomplete returns showed 199,187 votes for Symington to 6,655 for Dye and 11,510 for Hastings.

A lady lawyer from Sedalia, Mo., Hazel Palmer, was the apparent winner in a four-way Republican race for the senatorial nomination to oppose Symington.

In Kansas, Reed won the GOP gubernatorial nomination by a big margin over four other candidates.

Gov. George Docking, Kansas, first Democratic governor in 20 years, was unopposed for renomination.

Byrds in West Virginia gave Democrats an overwhelming victory over two opponents for the right to face Revercomb in the fall election for U. S. senator.

Randolph had a closer squeeze in beating former Gov. William C. Marland for the other Democratic senatorial nomination. Randolph will oppose Hobbitt in the general election.

## Goldfine Letters Urge Caution In Contempt Vote

Washington — (UPI) — Gifting millionaire Bernard Goldfine sent a letter to nearly 400 House members today, urging them not to cite him "unjustly" for contempt of Congress.

The Boston textile tycoon also sent his administrative assistants a letter urging them to put his letter to the Congressmen "near the top of the file on your boss' desk."

A spokesman for Goldfine said the letters were sent because Goldfine "feared the House would vote swiftly on the contempt citation without being fully informed on the case."

**Vote Due Any Time**  
The House is expected to vote at any time on a recommendation by its Influence Investigating Subcommittee that Goldfine be cited for contempt of Congress for refusing to answer 22 questions about his involved financial dealings.

Goldfine's letter insisted that the questions were not relevant to the investigation of his alleged influence-favors relationship with Sherman Adams, assistant to President Eisenhower.

## Centennial Group Asks Delegate Aid

Portland — (UPI) — The Oregon Centennial Commission asked delegates to out-of-town conventions Tuesday for help in publicizing the state's birthday year in 1959 and offered the use of publicity material.

Managing Director Floyd Maxwell said the commission office here will send each delegate on request centennial folders, pocket cards and "tent" cards which can be folded to look like pup tents. Also the commission has banners four by eight feet which can be loaned for use at conventions, he said.

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