

Wheat Farmers Vote To Continue Federal Controls

Washington - (UPI) - The nation's wheat farmers voted by a better than four to one margin to continue rigid government control over their 1960 crop, returns showed today.

In return they will receive high price support assistance. The alternative rejected by the farmers was unrestricted plantings and sharply reduced price props.

Returns from all of the 39 states participating in Thursday's wheat referendum showed 80.7 per cent of the farmers in favor of the present wheat program. The most complete vote was 160,718 to 38,522.

Revision Not Expected
A two-thirds majority was needed to keep the controversial program in effect another year. Farmers gave a 84.1 per cent endorsement in the 1958 vote.

Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson, who has bitterly criticized the present program for producing surpluses, told a news conference in advance of the returns that he did not believe Congress would revise the program at its present session.

Benson said it would be "unfair" for Congress to pass new wheat legislation now in view of the referendum. He said it was "very regrettable" that Congress did not enact the administration's wheat plan calling for lower price supports.

75 Per Cent of Parity
The present rigid program calls for planting allotments totaling 55 million acres, marketing quotas based on the allotments, and price supports at the present minimum level of 75 per cent of parity or not less than \$1.77 a bushel.

If the farmers had rejected the controls, they would have received price supports of only 50 per cent of parity, or about \$1.18 a bushel. President Eisenhower said Wednesday it was a "sorry choice" the farmers had to make.

Drug Possession Hearing Scheduled

Portland - (UPI) - A hearing before U. S. Commissioner Claire Mundorf was scheduled for Monday for a Vancouver, Wash., couple charged with illegal possession of narcotics.

Fred D. Talbot, 56, and his wife Mildred, 53, were arrested when they got into their car at the Portland International airport Wednesday night.

The Talbots requested the hearing Thursday. Talbot was held on \$25,000 bond and Mrs. Talbot, under \$15,000 bond. They were lodged in the Multnomah county jail.



MINUTES AFTER HE WAS selected president of Cuba, Dr. Osvaldo Dorticos (above left) poses with his wife, Mrs. Maria C. Molina de Dorticos, outside chambers of Council of Ministers in Havana. Prime Minister Fidel Castro (right) rescinded his own resignation after his step-down had forced Manuel Urrutia Lleo to quit as president. Castro then resumed premiership during a telecast calling Lleo a "near traitor."

McKay Will Be Remembered in Washington for Good Humor

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Washington - Douglas McKay, who sat in one of the worst political storm centers of the first Eisenhower term, will probably be remembered most for his genuine good nature.

In an arena where bitterness, malice, back-biting and crafty undercutting easily become the tools of the little men embroiled in big controversies, McKay maintained his sense of humor and bore criticism with gallant silence.

McKay had one of the toughest assignments in the Eisenhower administration when it took office. He had to head a department most vulnerable to appeals from special interests who want more favorable policies and treatment from Uncle Sam. They range from the private utilities to oil companies to mining firms to big western stockmen to salmon canners.

The entry of the Republican party to the executive branch, after the long reign of the Democrats, was the signal for these interested groups to descend on Washington and put on their drives for policy changes they couldn't always get from the Democrats to "turn things back to private enterprise."

Tried Hard
It is no criticism of McKay that he was not personally equal to the task. He tried hard. He arrived here weeks before he was to take office and took a little room in the Interior Department to study upon the problems he would face. But he was never able to quite get on top of them.

He had to delegate much of the intricate decision-making to his brainy subordinates, chiefly his successive undersecretaries, Ralph Tudor and Clarence Davis.

On top of him was hard-riding Sherman Adams at the White House, whose brisk commands McKay was obliged to accept. He probably wouldn't have rebelled at any of President Eisenhower's policy ideas, for McKay fairly worshipped his chief.

Not favored with a big mind, by Washington standards, McKay had the compensating attribute of a big heart.

He lost his temper on occasions, sometimes getting himself into hot water in the process, like the time he told a group of Alaskans to grow up and learn to be ladies and gentlemen. But he was not a man to hold grudges.

No one ever had a harder row than McKay because during his cabinet tenure he was under constant attack from the senators from his home state, Wayne Morse and Richard L. Neuberger, back in the days when the senators were working in tandem with daily blasts at the administration for alleged resource "give-aways." And when he was at last dispatched to Oregon at the 11th hour to take on Morse for the Senate, responding to a party call to duty for an assignment he did not want, no one was happier than Morse.

No Anger or Malice
Yet McKay never, in the many times I talked with him at length during and after his cabinet term, spoke in anger or malice of either Morse or Neuberger. For a time, after Neuberger's election to the Senate, he felt that Neuberger was a young pup yapping at his heels.

He, speaking of himself, was working on resource development on the Willamette Basin Commission long before Neuberger ever took up the cause. Later, when Neuberger seemed to become more mature in his estimation, McKay said so. And, what probably signifies more about McKay, he was pleased with this change.

Of Morse, McKay had an attitude of regretful respect. He felt that Morse was brilliant but erratic. His regret was not that Morse, for whom he had campaigned in Morse's GOP days, had become his chief attacker so much as that the senator's intellectual power had not been better stabilized.

Never Cried Blues
McKay never cried the blues about political or personal trouble. The last time I saw him, a few weeks ago in the corridor of the Senate office building, he had as much bounce and cheerfulness as ever, despite a recent seizure at Walter Reed hospital for high blood pressure.

When introduced to a young lady who is on his successor's staff at Interior, McKay bubbled over with some folksy advice: "You will do alright," he predicted. "It's when you get up high enough that you have to buy a tuxedo—that's when you run into trouble."

Douglas McKay was at his best with a quip. His sense of humor was better than that of most of his adversaries. He will be remembered here because he came and he departed with a winning smile.

Truck Involved In Road Mishap

A logging truck accident occurred about 6 p.m. yesterday on the Little Butte highway, eight miles east of Eagle Point, according to state police. No serious injuries were reported.

A logging truck owned by Eugene F. Burrill, Medford, driven by William Glen McKinnis, 40, of 5065 Highway 66, Ashland, was going west toward Brownsboro when it slid into a roadside ditch as it rounded a curve. McKinnis pulled the truck from the ditch, but it headed for the left side of the highway. The trailer then flipped over the truck and load. The driver suffered bruises, state police said.

Another accident occurred about 5:15 p.m. yesterday on Highway 99, south of Rogue River. A pickup truck driven by Emerson Winthrop Roller, 43, of route 1, box 99, Grants Pass struck the rear of a car operated by Lauraine I. Laws, 38, of Rogue River. The car had stopped to make a left turn, and the truck driver was unable to see the halted car until he struck it, state police were told.

Two passengers in the Laws car, Margaret Ruth VanHoy, 16, of Rogue River, and Jo Ann Brooks, 16, of route 1, box 404, Gold Hill, were treated by physicians for head and back injuries, respectively, officers said.

Roller was not cited, state police said.

Two Men Escape At Walla Walla

Walla Walla - (UPI) - Two inmates of the Washington State Penitentiary here escaped from the animal farm of the institution Thursday afternoon in a prison jeep.

The escaped men were identified as Eugene Marvin Davis, 33, of Okanogan county, and Allen Alexander, 23, of Clark county.

The State Patrol and the Walla Walla county sheriff's office immediately set up roadblocks in the immediate area. Oregon police and sheriff's offices throughout Washington were alerted.

Davis, one of the participants in the 1955 riot at the institution, was in prison on an assault conviction and was due for parole in April of 1962.

Castor Oil Used In Plastic Foams

Washington - (Science Service) - Castor oil can be used as a major ingredient in making plastic foams, the Department of Agriculture has reported.

Plastic, or urethane, foams made with castor oil range from spongy to rigid, depending on the amount of the oil or other ingredients used and on the methods of processing.

USDA's research with castor oil and plastic foam is part of a broad study designed to discover economic uses for castor beans. Although most of the 120,000,000 pounds of castor oil used in this country each year is imported, interest in domestic production of castor beans is growing.

A market is already established for castor oil as a raw material in jet-engine and other industrial lubricants, in cosmetics and in medicines, the USDA reported.

Power Officials, Governors' Aides Discuss Intertie

Portland - (UPI) - Officials of the Bonneville Power Administration, the Bureau of Reclamation and Federal Power Commission, and representatives of the governors of four western states met here today to launch a study of proposals for a Pacific Northwest-California high voltage power intertie.

Attending were representatives of the governors of Oregon, Washington, Montana and California, and of all major public and private power groups.

Follows Procedures
William A. Pearl of BPA said the meeting followed the procedures outlined at the June 25 conference of federal officials and power representatives for forming a working group to study the intertie.

He said that initial proposals for sale of surplus hydroelectric power to Pacific Gas and Electric Company of California will be postponed until the study is completed.

Agreement Reached
Agreement was reached on the following premises: Power loads and resources will be included through 1985 for the Pacific Northwest, northern California, Copco, Southern California and British Columbia. Resources will be analyzed on the basis of the Army corps of Engineers' 308 plan, with completion by Sept. 1.

Coordination of BPA's system with the Central Valley project to be completed Sept. 15.

National defense aspects to be completed by Oct. 15. Transmission interconnection alternatives to be completed Oct. 15.

Pearl said a preliminary draft of the entire study is to be completed by Nov. 15.

Yacolt Burn Area Reforestation Due

Vancouver, Wash. - Plans for a \$1 million program to reforest thousands of acres of burned-over land in the Yacolt burn were outlined Thursday to Oregon and Washington foresters and logging industry representatives.

C. Glen Jorgensen, supervisor of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, said the program would be a five-year project.

The original Yacolt fire occurred in 1902 when some 238,000 acres of virgin timber burned. Some parts of the original burn have been reburned several times.

Jorgensen said the Forest Service hoped to obtain federal funds for the project.



PACKING SUITCASE at Short Hills, N. J., home are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Davis and their three children. They are en route to Moscow to appear at U. S. exhibit as "typical suburbanite family" beginning July 25.

Fire Destroys Canned Foods

Milton-Freewater - (UPI) - A fire at the Rogers Canning Co. here Thursday destroyed an estimated half-million dollars worth of canned peas and carrots.

The 70- or 80,000 cases of peas and carrots were stacked outside the plant.

Ralph Ashby, plant engineer, said he believed the fire was caused by friction between the heavy tarps, covering the cases as protection against the current heat wave, and a dust storm.

Ashby said he was certain the fire was not the result of negligence.

The Walla Walla Fire Department was called to join Milton-Freewater's fire department in containing the blaze.

The cases were packed in cardboard boxes and at the peak of the fire, the cans burst open as if giant firecrackers had been set off inside them.

Although the cases were destroyed, the plant itself suffered only slight damage and Ashby said it would be able to continue the season's canning operations.

AUDITOR DIES

New York - (UPI) - Walter M. Cook, 66, an auditor and consultant for retail grocery and for trade unions and former secretary of the Socialist Party, died Wednesday in his Brooklyn home.

Early today the Coast Guard rescued three men from a vessel adrift in 15-foot seas and 40-mile-an-hour winds. The men jumped overboard from their stricken vessel, and two were picked up immediately by a Coast Guard cutter but the third stayed in the water for an hour and 15 minutes before he was rescued.

Their names and the identity of their vessel were not disclosed.

Philadelphia - (UPI) - Arthur J. Lefko, 73, president and founder of the tri-state Adams clothes chain, died Thursday in his home at suburban Elkins Park.

Sen. Cook Heads Education Group

Salem - (UPI) - Sen. Ward Cook (D-Portland) was elected chairman of the Legislative Interim Committee on Education at an organizational meeting here today.

Rep. Al Flaegel (D-Roseburg) was elected vice chairman.

Most of the meetings to discuss Oregon's education problems will be held in Portland or Salem, but there may be

some meetings at Klamath Falls, Medford, or other points outside the Willamette valley to get special information.

The committee's main chore will be a study of school finances.

Tentatively, the committee will meet again either here or at Portland Aug. 28-29.

In the meantime, research will be carried out on Oregon school laws.

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