

### 1959 Farm Income Dips 16 Per Cent, Report Discloses

Washington—(UPI)—Farm income plunged 16 per cent to \$11 billion in 1959 while other segments of the economy went up, the Agriculture Department reported Friday.

The drop was 1 per cent greater than department economists forecast in predictions published last November.

The 1959 net farm income—what was left of cash receipts from marketings after the farmer paid production expenses, taxes, interest, and the like—compared with 1958 income of \$13,100,000,000. Net farm income in 1959 was about the same as that in 1957.

The big decrease was expected to furnish plenty of campaign fodder for the Democratic party in this presidential election year.

Gross farm income in 1959 was estimated at \$37 billion, down nearly 3½ per cent from 1958. Production expenses kept pace, rising 3½ per cent to a new high of \$26 billion.

**Drop in Prices**

The decline in gross income reflected a 4 per cent drop in average prices received for farm products. This was only partly offset by a 2 per cent increase in volume of sales, plus a reduction in government payments due to discontinuance of the acreage reserve section of the soil bank program. Total cash receipts from marketings were down 2 per cent to \$32,800,000,000. Government payments dropped more than one-third, or about \$400 million.

Despite a decline in the number of persons living on farms, the per capita income of the farm population from all sources was down 8 per cent from 1958 to \$960.

### Russian Premier Warns Japan

Jakarta, Indonesia—(UPI)—Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev Friday warned Japan that by signing a new security treaty with the United States she was playing "a dangerous game."

The Soviet leader's tough talk to Japan came in an address before the Indonesian Parliament, billed beforehand as the most important of his 12-day tour of this republic composed of a thousand islands.

"Japan's action cannot be disregarded," Khrushchev said, because she is "endangering peace" in the Far East by signing the pact.

"Japan is not faced with any danger," he said. "Why does Japan want to maintain foreign bases on her soil? This is a dangerous game—most dangerous to Japan."

Khrushchev returned here today from Bali to address Parliament, which gave him a standing ovation.

### Hatfield Lashes at Defense Attacks

Denver—(UPI)—Oregon Gov. Mark Hatfield said Thursday recent attacks by Democratic presidential hopefuls on President Eisenhower's defense program will backfire against the Democrats.

Hatfield addressed a Colorado Republican luncheon at the Denver Petroleum club.

Hatfield, one of the few Republicans elected governor in 1958, says he is convinced the American public is reacting unfavorably to the Democratic attacks.

He charged that such Democratic aspirants as John Kennedy, Stuart Symington and Hubert Humphrey are trying to downgrade this nation and the President's peace offensive in the eyes of the world.

Cape Canaveral, Fla.—(UPI)—A Navy Polaris test vehicle was destroyed in flight 90 seconds after firing at the cape Friday.

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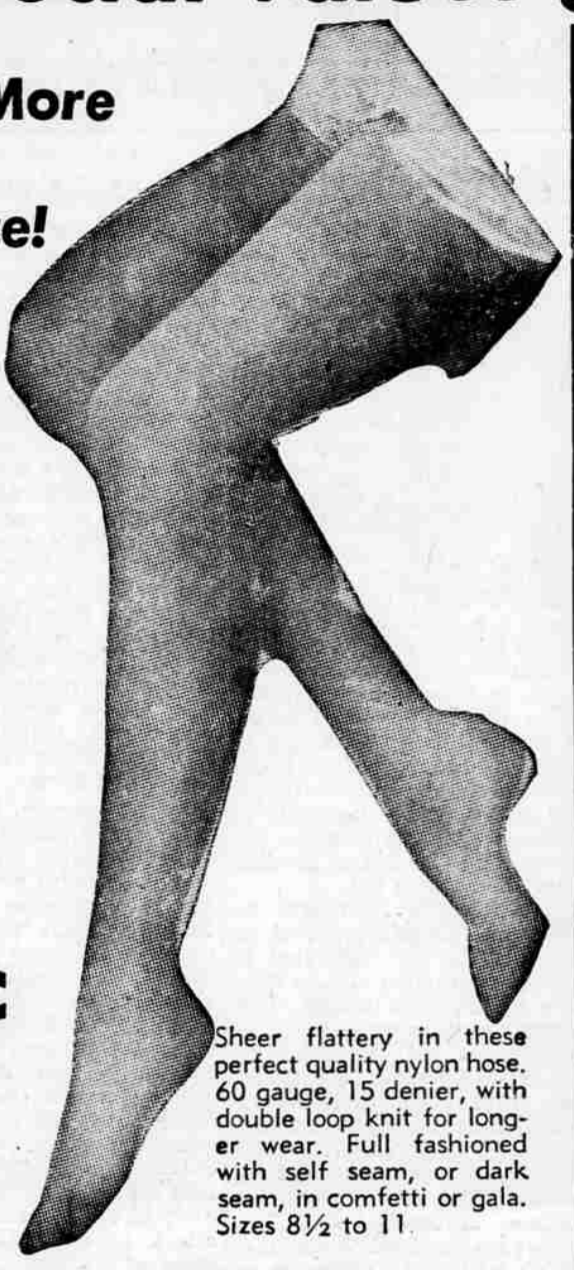
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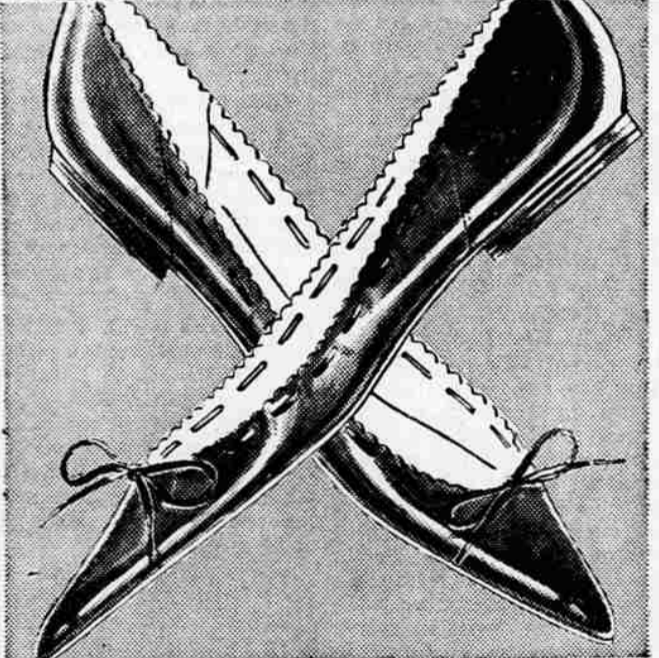
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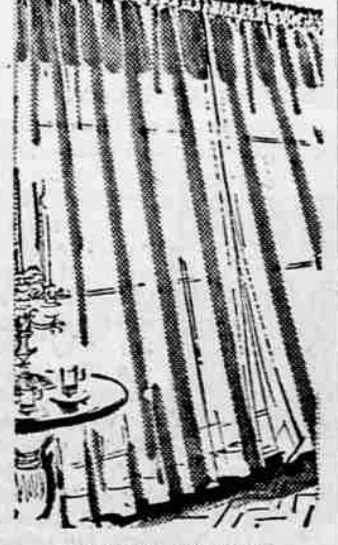
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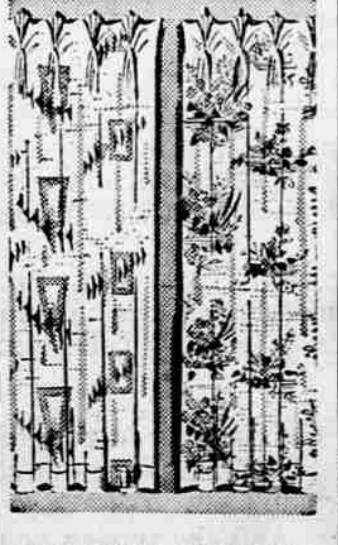
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