

Agriculture Dept. Accused of 'Mismanagement'

Washington - (UPI) - A Senate subcommittee has accused the Agriculture Department of "mismanagement of the taxpayers' dollars" in the multi-billion grain storage program. The department did not flatly deny the charge.

The subcommittee, headed by Sen. Stuart Symington, D-Mo., called for reorganization of the farm program to cut surpluses and urged inclusion of renegotiation provisions in storage contracts to allow the government to recapture "excess profits."

Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson replied in a statement that although the department did not agree with some of the criticisms, "We are very pleased that the investigation turned up so little of real consequence in its critical review of our vast operations."

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Although joining four Democrats in signing the subcommittee report, issued Sunday night, two GOP members filed supplemental views softening their own criticism of the storage situation. They were Sen. Milton R. Young, N.D., and Sen. John Sherman Cooper, Ky.

Cooper said the subcommittee findings were "substantially correct." But he said the department, through the Commodity Credit Corporation, had provided needed storage.

The subcommittee said that expenditure of more than \$2 billion for storage and handling "without an adequate cost study and proper analysis . . . is clear evidence of mismanagement."

Symington's group said that when the department "finally" completed its first cost study in 1960, it cut storage rates for commercial grain elevators with an estimated first-year saving of \$100 million.

Benson noted, "The report indicates that the department had no sound information on the cost of grain storage, and initiated no specific cost study, until after the start of Congressional investigations. This is not in accordance with the facts," he said.

He said department specialists developed grain storage cost indices years ago. He added that one comprehensive field survey was finished in the fall of 1959, and the subcommittee held its first hearings on Jan. 12, 1960.

On another point, he said "The subcommittee report claims 'poor management' by the department in failing to lower uniform grain storage agreement rates before it did so this year. This completely ignores the fact that additional storage space was needed desperately until very recently."

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