

Nixon, Kennedy Would Go in Opposite Directions on Farm Issues

They'll Do It Every Time



By Jimmy Hatlo



Truman Deplores Ike's Cuba Stand

New York—(AP)—Former President Harry S. Truman Tuesday charged the Eisenhower administration "refused to enforce the Monroe Doctrine" in regard to Cuba and allowed Communism to move "5,000 miles closer to our shores."

The Medical Roundup

Every week dozens of unhappy wheezy people write asking how they can get rid of their asthma. I imagine they hope I'll send a magic prescription, but I cannot, if only because there are so many causes for asthma, and I cannot guess which one my correspondent has. He may be highly allergic, or he may have a badly damaged lung, or a damaged heart, or he may be going into a spell of asthma whenever his wife goes on an alcoholic bender.

Types and Stages of Asthma

As I think back over the stories of some of my patients with asthma, I can remember well the man who almost quit wheezing when I took away from him his favorite pillow full of goose feathers—to which he was highly sensitive. I remember the girl who got well when her doctor made her get rid of her cat. Unfortunately, when I had seen her, I hadn't had sense enough to do this. I remember the wealthy girl who got asthma whenever she rode her favorite horse. I remember the wife who got asthma in severe spells at night. By having her keep a diary, I discovered that the spells came whenever she made biscuits and breathed in some of the flour as she sifted it.

Editorial Dies

White Plains, N.Y.—(AP)—James F. Gressler, 41, editor and vice president of the White Plains Reporter Dispatch, died Monday.

Sousa Major Dies

Chicago—(AP)—Jack (Peacock) Kelly, 63, onetime drum major for John Philip Sousa and leader of the Great Lakes Navy band, died Monday.

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Gunnar Demands Congressmen Clarify Stand

Penleton—(AP)—Oregon Republican Chairman Peter Gunnar Tuesday demanded that Democratic Reps. Al Ullman, Edith Green and Charles Porter clarify their position on an "appeasement statement" taken by Democratic Senate Candidate Maurine Neuberger on West Berlin and Formosa. Addressing Umatilla County GOP workers here, Gunnar said in late September Mrs. Neuberger said in Salem she would "not favor risking nuclear war to defend West Berlin and Formosa and she was immediately opposed by Republican Candidate Elmo Smith."

OF SMITH & MEN

By Jack Smith
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"There's a professor at MIT," I mentioned the other evening at dinner, "who has taught a machine how to play checkers."

"Do you think," my wife said, "there's too much Parmesan in the zucchini?"

"Is that all you can say?" I asked.

"Well, it's what I want to know. Is there? It's a new recipe."

"Ye gods!" I said. "Don't you know what that means?"

"Well, good heavens," she said. "Why get all upset over a little zucchini. Here, give me back your plate."

"Never mind the zucchini," I cried. "I'm talking about the professor, at MIT. He taught a machine how to play checkers."

"As of today," Gunnar said, "we have not heard whether the Democratic congressional delegation from Oregon supports this appeasement position of Mrs. Neuberger. It is the duty of Mrs. Green, and Reps. Ullman and Porter to state their position in this matter."

Gunnar said it is of "grave importance that all voters know where their elected representatives stand on this suggestion that we knuckle under to the Communists."

About one-half of the total area of New Jersey is devoted to agriculture, some of it in truck gardens.

Parity of Income

Farmers should have "parity of income," argues Kennedy. By that he means the farmer should get a price for his commodity which represents a fair return on his capital, labor and management. For example, according to a Kennedy farm adviser, it means a farmer with an investment of \$100,000 in land, buildings and equipment would earn at least as much as "a good plumber." He ought to get a four per cent return on this investment, plus \$100 a week for his labor, plus \$1,000 a year for his management skill, yielding a parity of income of \$10,200.

Parity of Income

Nixon claims that Kennedy's program would result in a 25 per cent increase in consumer food prices. Kennedy denies this.

The problem isn't so simple for either candidate, for only Congress can enact necessary legislation to alter the government's approach to the farm issue. In Congress there are conflicting interests represented by sectional representatives—some senators want high supports for the crops of their states, such as cotton and tobacco, corn or wheat—and by the shift of power in the country from the rural to the urban areas. Either man, as the new president, will have to exercise his fullest powers of influence to engineer a new farm program.

Parity of Income

Although the government has failed to cope successfully with these conditions, it is not alone to blame for them. The postwar agricultural revolution has brought advances to the farm which have provided increased productivity on less land at a rate beyond the consumptive needs of the population.

The issue in the campaign is where do we go from here? Would Reject Concept

Nixon, speaking in general terms, has said he would reject the concept that federal controls can bring the farm economy into balance on income and supply and demand. His emphasis would be on whittling down the surplus stocks in hand by giving greater payments-in-kind of government-owned commodities from the storage bin to farmers who agree to plant less. His program also mentions converting more of the surplus into high protein foods to upgrade diets at home and abroad.

Once supplies came into line with demand, Nixon says the government should withdraw from the farm economy, abolish production controls and start a new system of price supports based on the average market price of each commodity in the years immediately preceding a crop year. This would reduce support levels.

Kennedy starts from the premise that the government must help the farmer manage his supply if he is to have the bargaining power in the market that industry has for its products when it produces only what the market can absorb to prevent falling prices. He advocates "supply management" which would be

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