

**They'll Do It Every Time**

By Jimmy Hatlo



**Congressional Committees Mull Farm Surpluses**

Washington—UPI—Two congressional committees today mulled over President Kennedy's controversial plan to cut farm surpluses by raising feed grain supports for growers who reduce their acreage.

The Senate Agriculture Committee opened its hearings on the bill with Agriculture Secretary Orville L. Freeman scheduled to explain the administration proposal, termed emergency legislation.

A House agriculture subcommittee went into its second day of closed-door hearings to hammer out a similar bill, after hearing farm spokesmen disagree sharply over the matter.

**AFBF Attacks Bill**

The same sort of testimony is expected before the Senate group.

The American Farm Bureau Federation, the nation's largest farm group, attacked the bill, calling it "unworkable." Some smaller groups endorsed the plan.

Lawmakers say the proposal has a good chance of passing by the March 15 deadline, providing President Kennedy will agree to sharp revisions in it.

Other congressional news: Defense research said Wednesday the Defense Department is studying the possibility of launching an anti-missile missile from an orbiting satellite.

**DOESN'T LAST LONG**

Duisburg, Germany—UPI—Last summer Duisburg citizens voted Hans Bumüller, 39, the city's "most polite official." Today a court sentenced him to two years in jail for illegally selling driving licenses to unqualified applicants.

**IMPRESSARIO DIES**

Cannes, France—UPI—The Marquis de Cuevas, 75, world-famous ballet impresario, died Wednesday.

**Laotian Capital Like Storybook**

Luang Prabang, Laos—UPI—If it's out-of-the-way places you are looking for, this royal Laotian capital fills the bill.

It is off the beaten tourist track and your travel agent would not likely include it in his recommended Far Eastern tour even if there was no war in Laos.

The palace, with long rows of stately palms leading from the front gate to the entrance stands out strikingly. But dozens of beautiful old temples that dot the city of less than 20,000 persons also are eye-catching. Hundreds of apron-clad Buddhist monks ranging in age from 8 to 80 walk slowly a round the temple grounds. Others can be seen in the distance, on a sandbar in the river, washing their robes.

About halfway up the hillside, a team of Buddha makers usually is busy making bronze Buddhas for use in cremation ceremonies for the late King Sisavangvong expected to be held soon. The cremation has been delayed because of the civil war which has plagued the country for many months.

The bronze was donated by the Laotian people, and Buddha makers melt it down, cast it in mud forms and bake it in kilns. Then they file down blackened Buddhas which are sent to a guarded cave on the outskirts of the city where thousands of them are kept for the cremation ceremony.

You would not find much in the way of souvenirs. Laotians are not much for handicrafts. About the only thing you might buy would be ancient tribal drums or some of the beautiful hand-made golden-threaded shawls and sarongs that all the women wear.

There are a few Mercedes, Chevrolets and Jeeps which cruise well-paved streets, but there is no traffic problem.

Across from the hotel and adjacent to Luang Prabang college is a radio station in the United States Information Service building.

There is only one hotel in the city. But it is better than what you would normally expect to find in such a remote place. It is called Bungalow Phousi Akhane. Its facilities would not match what you would find in most Asian capitals, but its rates will—about \$20 a day.

**Few Souvenirs**

The hotel is located on the main street that runs parallel to the Mekong in front of the palace. The hopping center runs about five blocks and consists mostly of Chinese-run shops.

**COMMANDER DIES**

Paris—UPI—Adm. Philippe Auboyneau, 61, commander of all Free French naval forces in World War II, died Wednesday.

If you sat on the hotel veranda, sipping a cool drink in the hot afternoon, you probably would see a pistol-packing Californian named Frank Corrigan busy adjusting the antenna at the station. Corrigan is one of two American officials regularly stationed in the royal capital and he has been here for four years.

There is a small touch of Hawaii in this royal capital—those flashy shirts.

Corrigan, a University of Hawaii graduate, had one which caught the eye of the provincial governor. For one of the governor's large parties, they put out a precedent-shattering invitation. It read: "Dress: chemise Hawaiian."

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**SOLID BOOKINGS**—Dennis, Phillip and Lindsay Crosby, top to bottom, have begun their second year as a trio with solid bookings for six months as a top-flight nightclub act. (UPI Telephoto)

**Crosby Brothers Now Topflight Performers On Nightclub Circuit**

Hollywood—UPI—Like a carnival sideshow, the Crosby boys had "freak value" last year in their first extended tour of personal appearances.

Recently Phillip, Dennis and Lindsay began their second year as a trio with solid bookings for six months—and as a topflight nightclub act, not because they're "Bing's boys."

Since the groaner's eldest son, Gary, quit the act, Phillip, huskier of the twins, has taken over as acknowledged leader.

"He's the bossman," Dennis and Lindsay agreed.

"They say that because I'm bigger than they are," Phil grinned. "When we first started out we relied heavily on Gary because of his experience. Now we've all gained some confidence."

**Crosby Name Helpeo**

"No question about the fact that the Crosby name has opened a lot of doors and helped us along," Lindsay said. "But now we're no longer a curiosity act. The reviews have been good and word of mouth proved we could entertain audiences with something besides our name."

In addition to nightclub work and an eight-week stand at London's Palladium, the boys also will make guest appearances on television with Perry Como, Ed Sullivan and their dad.

But a regular TV series is out. "We don't want to be stuck in one thing for two or three years," Dennis explained.

"It has one big advantage, though," Lindsay put in. "We wouldn't have to do so much traveling. All of us are married, and these long road trips are rough on the girls."

**Wives Understand Problem**

"Yeah, but they understand," Phil added. "All three of them were in show business themselves. They understand, but that doesn't mean they like it any more than we do."

The boys are a package deal only when they have nightclub dates. During slack periods they are free to make separate appearances on television and in movies.

The brothers spend much of their free time together. The twins, Phil and Dennis, live next door to one another in Beverly Hills. Lindsay and Gary live a few blocks apart in the San Fernando Valley.

"We've gained confidence and experience," Phil said. "We've learned to blend our voices better and we've picked up stage presence. We've got a good, clean act that brings in a lot of family trade."

"That doesn't mean we're square," Lindsay said.

**Film Scheduled at Lenten Program**

Jacksonville—UPI—"Village of the Poor" is the half-hour film feature to be shown tonight's second of a series of seven Thursday night Lenten study programs at the Jacksonville Presbyterian church. The program will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

The Rev. King Jones of the Jacksonville church emphasizes that there will be a program and facilities to handle all ages in the family tonight, and throughout the remaining five programs in this series.

"Village of the Poor" is a documentary film, made in a remote Indian village.

**NEEDS ONLY LIGHT**

Phillipsburg—UPI—A thief climbed a 100-foot forestry tower near here during the night and pried a lock from a trap door to gain entry to the cabin. The state conservation commission reported the only item missing was a 50-watt light bulb.

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