

Freeman Plans To Confer With All Farm Groups

Washington—UPI—Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman plans to confer with all major farm commodity groups before making any solid recommendations for farm legislation to the next Congress.

"We are seeking to review every shade of opinion, every idea, every interpretation so as to be thoroughly in tune with the wants, prejudices, and needs of every commodity group," Freeman told UPI.

He said that since the 1962 Farm Bill was enacted, the public image of agriculture has been strengthened. This, he said, will tend to stop the feuding between farm groups on how to solve farm problems.

Little Understanding

"We have little enough political understanding for agriculture to be able to afford a war within agriculture's house," he said.

Freeman said the department already has started checking with some of the major groups—particularly cotton, cattle, and dairy—regarding their ideas and plans.

He said most farm leaders agree on the basic facts of the farm situation—the capacity of American agriculture to produce and the effect of overproduction on farm prices.

The disagreements among leaders, he said, involve methods of solving the problems.

Freeman said he believes the disagreements are not insurmountable.

Boy Scouts

Pack 8

The monthly meeting of Cub Scout Pack 8 was held at the Jackson school gym on Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Awards were presented to Dan VanLew, bear badge and a gold arrow; Mike Netherland, silver arrow for the bear badge; Gary Trammell, wolf badge, gold arrow, and the denner award; and John Rogers, assistant denner.

New members welcomed were Richard Moser, Richard Haver, Bill Huser, Ritchie Emerson, Ronald Haver, Terry Josephson and Doyle Baker. Tim Moser transferred to Pack 8.

The entertainment of the evening was furnished by Den 5, which presented a skit. The best attendance trophy was presented to Mrs. LaPratt and Den 10.



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INSPECT HOSPITAL SITE—R. B. Thier, (right) president of the Sacred Heart hospital lay advisory board, recently toured the future site of the new Sacred Heart hospital with Sister Joseph Albert (left), FCSF, and Sister Luke of the Savior, FSCF, administrator. The hospital will be built at Crater Lake ave. and McAndrews rd. The hospital is currently in the process of a development program to secure \$750,000 from public subscription to help meet the overall cost of \$2,123,000 needed construction. At present the doctors, special gifts, business and industry and sisters committees have begun advance solicitation. (Knackstedt photo)

California Voters Displaying Apathy in Brown-Nixon Race

San Francisco—UPI—The bumper strip said "Vote NO For Governor."

While it probably was said

Candidate Must Have Voice in Reply, FCC Says

Washington—UPI—The Federal Communications Commission has ruled that if a political candidate is attacked personally on a television program by a non-candidate he should be given a "substantial voice" in selection of a spokesman to answer to charge.

But if the candidate, in answering, chooses to speak for himself then his opposing candidates would have a right to equal time.

The FCC made the statement in a telegram to the Times-Mirror Broadcasting Company, owner of station KTTV at Los Angeles.

William A. Coblentz, counsel for the California State Democratic committee, had complained to the FCC that KTTV broadcast several programs critical of Gov. Edmund G. Brown without giving a spokesman for Brown an opportunity to reply.

Will Comply
The commission requires that when a non-candidate attacks personally a candidate a transcript must be made available so that a spokesman can reply.

KTTV replied that it would comply with the commission's requirement but asked what would happen if Brown speaks for himself.

"Where a political candidate has been personally attacked, he should be given a substantial voice in the selection of a spokesman to respond to such an attack," the FCC said.

"Both the candidate and station concerned should be aware however, that if the candidate were to speak for himself this would give rise to a right to equal opportunity for all other candidates for the same office."

in jest, that slogan points up the feeling of apathy among many California voters toward the gubernatorial contest between Democratic incumbent Edmund G. Brown and Republican Richard M. Nixon.

With the final week of the campaign under way, there does not seem to be a peak or climax in sight. The two men, locked in an increasingly bitter struggle, have done everything within their power to stir interest in the campaign. But there are obvious signs of voter lethargy.

Sums It Up
As Art Hoppe, political columnist for the San Francisco Chronicle, summed it up:

"The guy who gets the fewest number of 'No' votes will win."

The stirring National league pennant race between two California teams—the Los Angeles Dodgers and the San Francisco Giants—cut heavily into attention normally devoted to a rip-roaring political campaign. So did the marathon World Series.

And then, just when both men were trying to bring their campaigns to a peak, came the Cuban crisis.

Perhaps the man who was hurt the most by President Kennedy's decision to cancel all political trips because of the Cuban situation was Brown.

The 37-year-old governor had been banking heavily on a scheduled appearance in California Oct. 25-26 in such population centers as Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco. Brown strategists hoped and were confident the popular Kennedy would spur Democrats to turn out at the polls on Nov. 6.

Nixon rang in his No. 1 supporter, former President Eisenhower, early in October before the Cuban situation dominated the headlines.

Democrats Hold Edge
In a state where Democrats hold a 3-2 edge in voter registration, a light turnout of that party's faithful court hurt only Brown.

Nixon, during a recent whistle stop train trip, summed up his estimate of the election by saying:

"The man who wins is the man who can turn out the greatest percentage of votes from his own party."

Nixon confidently expects that GOP voters will turn out in greater numbers, percentage-wise, than Democrats. But he concedes he needs 90 per cent of his own party's vote plus 20 per cent of the Democrats to unseat Brown.

The governor is known to feel that if a large number of Democrats troop to the polls he will win. That's why there is evident disappointment over the inability of the President to make a West Coast trip.

There is no single explanation for the "ho hum" attitude being displayed by many voters toward the Brown-Nixon contest.

Political Veterans
Perhaps it is the fact that both candidates have been in California politics for a long time—Nixon since he first ran for Congress in 1946 and Brown since he ran unsuccessfully for attorney general that same year.

Another reason might be that the current campaign has been far too long—both from the voters' and candidates' point of view.

Today, public opinion polls indicate the Brown-Nixon race is almost a tossup but they also show quite clearly that at least 11 per cent of the state's 7.5 million voters are undecided. Best estimates of the voter turnout are all be-

Development of South Coast Area Declared Limited

Salem—UPI—The Oregon Water Resources board said Wednesday there is little power development in the South Coast Basin of Oregon, and "limited potential" there for future power development.

The report was prepared by the board's staff. The basin includes a 11 coastal drainage south of the Umpqua watershed, excluding the Rogue.

The report noted that at present there is an application for a license before the Federal Power Commission and the state engineer for projects on the south fork of the Coquille river.

The board will use the report as a base for establishing a water policy for the use of unappropriated waters of the basin.

The report noted that commercial timber stands are "extremely important" to the economy of the basin area.

Economic Factors
Agriculture, commercial fishing and recreation are also important economic factors, the report said.

There are major flood and erosion problems in certain parts of the basin, according to the report, particularly along the lower Coquille river.

The report also said that: Potential storage sites in the Coquille system are so located that complete control of floods is not feasible.

More than 50,000 acres of potentially irrigable land in the basin is the land having the flood and drainage problems.

The Coos Bay sand dunes contain an important groundwater source, largely undeveloped.

The Coquille river system is being studied by the Corps of Engineers for possible multi-purpose development, including flood control.

Milton-Freewater Man Heads Bankers

Portland—UPI—John Yantis Jr. of Milton-Freewater has been elected president of the Independent Bankers association of Oregon.

Howard Hansen of Grants Pass was picked as vice president and Al Pfeiffer of Salem was chosen treasurer.



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