

# Administration Anxious To Avoid Partisan Farm Fight

Washington (UPI)—The Administration is anxious to avoid a partisan fight in Congress this season over farm legislation.

Last year House Republicans voted almost solidly against the Administration's omnibus farm bill the first time around and defeated it with the help of a sizable bloc of dissident Democrats. The GOP repeated its performance the second time around, but enough dissident Democrats changed their positions so that the Food and Agriculture Act of 1962 was approved. The Administration does not want another bruising, political fight.

As a result, the administration this year will present legislative proposals to Congress concerning cotton, dairy, and feed grains.

**Will Contain Proposals**

President Kennedy may not even send a special farm message to Congress. But if he does, the message will point out what needs to be done and will contain administration proposals generally on how to do it. The specifics will be left to Congress. In this way, administration planners figure, there will be a better chance of attracting bipartisan support from the legislators.

To make the farm proposals more palatable to both parties, the administration's plans call for voluntary instead of mandatory production controls of milk and feed grains, and cotton legislation endorsed by large segments of the industry.

The timetable for the proposed legislation is: Cotton — "Before planting time"; dairy — "The sooner the better"; feed grains — "Before the referendum on the 1964 wheat program."

**Choice of Planted Acreage**

The new cotton proposals will be along the lines laid down by the Cotton Advisory Committee some time ago. The proposals will include a subsidy for domestic mills and a choice of planted acreage.

The subsidy, called trade incentive or equalization payments, would be designed to reduce the equity between the price foreign buyers pay for U.S. raw cotton and the price domestic mills pay. Because of the present 8½ cents per pound export subsidy,

foreign buyers can buy U.S. cotton at that much less than domestic buyers. The export subsidy is necessary to make U.S. cotton competitive on the world market.

As for acreage allotments, some producers will be able to plant allotment acreages and receive normal price support. Others may choose to plant larger acreages and receive smaller price supports.

The administration's dairy program will be based on voluntary reduction of production below a base level in return for government payments. This would be similar to payments now being made to producers under the voluntary feed grain programs.

Such a program would be expected to reduce government costs by about \$150 million annually, while maintaining farm income. The cost of the present dairy program, which calls for mandatory price support with no limitation on production, is running at about \$500 million a year.

The feed grain program for 1964 and subsequent years is expected to be a continuation of the 1961, 1962, and 1963 voluntary programs.

## 775 Veterans Get Education Benefits

Salem — State educational benefits were paid to 775 World War II and Korean Conflict veterans last year totaling \$162,312. Franklin G. Reynolds, education officer for the Department of Veterans' Affairs, has reported. The average benefit was about \$210.

Since the state program of financial aid to veterans in schools and colleges started in 1945, benefits totaling \$3,576,183 have gone to 13,095 students, Reynolds said. The over-all average payment to each veteran was \$273.

Veterans seeking the benefit while attending school during the current winter term or semester should contact the veterans' clerk at their school or college; their local county veterans' service officer; or the Department of Veterans' Affairs in Salem or Portland.

## The Medical Roundup

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### Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura

Dr. William Dameshek, one of the country's leading specialists on blood diseases, in an article, described idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP). Idiopathic means that the cause is not known; thrombocytes are the tiny bodies in the blood around which clotting can take place; purpura means that there is a lack of enough thrombocytes; and purpura is a condition in which the person gets black and blue spots under the skin. As Dr. Dameshek said, the acute form of the disease may be produced by taking some drug, perhaps a new one, the dangers of which are not yet well known.

Sometimes the disease is due to the patient's breathing the vapor arising from certain chemicals, especially in cleaning fluids. The chronic form of the disease seems to be due to the body's becoming allergic to some one part, like the skin or some of the particles in the blood.

We physicians are now becoming more and more interested in these cases in which most of the body tends to regard some small part of it, or some organ, as a foreign invader. The body then attacks this supposed invader and injures it.

Sometimes, ITP is associated with chronic lymphatic leukemia—a disease in which certain of the white cells in the blood are over-produced by the tumor. The fact that ITP can turn into another one of several rare diseases shows that they are related. One of these diseases is hemolytic anemia, a condition in which some of the blood is destroyed.

In some cases, in women, the first symptom of ITP is severe vaginal bleeding. Always, when a doctor sees a case of ITP, he must insist that the patient tell him about every drug that he or she has been taking, and then for a

while, the use of all such drugs must be stopped.

In some cases of ITP it helps the patient to remove his spleen—an organ just to the left of the stomach. Dr. Dameshek feels that this organ should not be removed in the acute phases of the disease. In these acute cases, treatment with cortisone-like drugs usually helps. If the patient does not respond to this treatment, then the spleen must be removed.

Some years ago, Dr. Dameshek and his associates studied, for from 1 to 8 years, a series of 40 consecutive cases of ITP. During this time there were nine cases in which systemic lupus (a rare skin disease) appeared. This happening indicates that the two diseases are closely related.

Dr. Dameshek believes that systemic lupus, like ITP, is due to the fact that the body seems to have become antagonistic to some organ or to parts of the skin.

### Motorists Asked to Watch for Others

"Keep your eye on the other guy — he's the big question mark in traffic," according to Chief of Police Charles P. Champlin, Medford, as he warned area drivers to be on their guard against the unpredictable behavior of pedestrians and other drivers.

Champlin said it "isn't enough to obey the law and mind your own business. You have a moral responsibility to prevent an accident if you can, even when the other fellow is at fault."

A driver's only protection against the mistakes of others, he said, is to anticipate his actions and contract his blunders with quick, safe action. Champlin also warned drivers to be alert to the thoughtless moves of pedestrians who may cross in mid-block against lights, alight from a car on the street side, or walk on the wrong side of the road.

## Marriage Mill In Oklahoma Grinding to Halt

Miami, Okla. (UPI)—The well-known Miami marriage mill is grinding to a halt.

After a record year of matrimonial activity in 1962, when 6,593 couples were given licenses, this northeastern Oklahoma city is on its way to losing its "supermarket marriage system."

A reform slate of two new justices of the peace and a Sunday school superintendent turned county clerk has ended the after-hours and week-end merrying.

Last year, the 13,186 persons married in Miami equaled the total population of the city. The couples came from throughout Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas and Missouri.

By comparison, Oklahoma City issued only 3,808 licenses and Tulsa only 2,354 in 1962. In the past six years, 39,991 couples have begun married life in Miami.

It was not an accident that Miami became the marriage capital of the Midwest. It took promotion and a well-run system.

Strangely enough, one of the new reform peace justices, J. J. Sweetnam, is usually credited with putting Miami on the marriage map while he served an earlier term as justice.

Sweetnam began advertising about 1954 in numerous newspapers in surrounding states. Together with Court Clerk Henry Austin, Sweetnam and fellow peace justices Don Eversole and Grover Esten made marrying a big business in Miami.

Austin, who didn't mind getting up at any hour to issue a license to a couple, may be the world champion when it comes to marrying.

"I estimate I've issued more than 50,000 marriage licenses and that's probably more than any other man in the nation has issued," Austin reflected recently.

But Miami residents apparently tired of the growing reputation and voted out Austin, who had held the clerk's job for 32 years.

Sweetnam rode in on the reform ticket along with his nephew, Floyd Branson, Eddie Simpson, a Miami businessman and Sunday school superintendent at the First Christian church for 20 years, won the clerk's position.

Simpson said he would issue marriage licenses only during regular office hours. The word must have gotten around because only 20 couples applied for licenses during the first two days of the new regime.

By comparison, over the four-day New Year's holiday, when the county courthouse was closed, the outgoing system closed out an era by marrying 124 couples.

### Morse, Sanders to Speak at Conference

Eugene — Sen. Wayne L. Morse and Dr. William Sanders, assistant secretary general of the Organization of American States, will speak at the 16th annual conference of Oregon High School International Relations League Feb. 7-9 at the University of Oregon.

The conference, jointly sponsored by the Oregon Education association and the University of Oregon, will draw approximately 600 high school students and their advisors.

"Alliance for Progress" will be the topic of the IRL program. The sessions will be a model conference of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council at the ministerial level.

Senator Morse, who heads the U. S. Senate Latin-American Affairs Subcommittee, will discuss U. S.-Latin American relationships. Dr. Sanders will speak on the OAS. Both talks will be held at McArthur Court and are open to the public.

### CANCER DEATHS RISE

New York (UPI)—The Institute of Life Insurance reported Tuesday that \$700 million was paid last year to the families of life insurance policyholders who died from cancer. The institute said cancer now causes almost two out of every 10 deaths among ordinary life insurance policyholders. It said the cancer death rate has risen six times faster than the toll of heart disease during the past decade, although heart disease is still the No. 1 killer among policyholders.

### Now Many Wear FALSE TEETH With Little Worry

Ear, nose, throat or vision without fear of insurance false teeth recognized as a leading cause of dental problems. Dr. J. J. Sweetnam, Medford, said that the number of people who wear false teeth has increased in the past few years. He said that the number of people who wear false teeth has increased in the past few years. He said that the number of people who wear false teeth has increased in the past few years.



CHINESE QUEEN—Pretty Mimi Tai, 18, has been selected queen of the Chinese New Year 4661—"Year of the Hare"—during ceremonies by the Chinese Benevolent Association in New York. (UPI)

## Vaccine Protection Is Urged by Health Officer

Too many people are not taking advantage of vaccine protection against serious diseases, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, Jackson county public health officer.

"People have heard much about polio vaccine, but tend to overlook such potential killers as smallpox, tetanus, whooping cough and diphtheria," Dr. Merkel said.

All babies should be given injections against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus beginning at two to three months old, Dr. Merkel recommended.

These shots may be given in a "triple" vaccine containing all three protectors. A polio shot or oral vaccine can be obtained during the same visit to the doctor, Dr. Merkel pointed out. Smallpox vaccination should be received when a child is a year-old, he added.

Booster doses of vaccines also are necessary from time to time to maintain protection. This applies to both children and adults, the public health officer said. A record should be kept of previous vaccinations and notation made when the next booster doses are due.

"Too many adults neglect diphtheria protection," Dr. Merkel pointed out. "Every adult should have this protection by receiving initial immunization followed by regular booster doses."

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