

# Scheduled End of Bracero Program May Bring Sharp Hike in Prices

Editor's note: Scheduled termination of the bracero program may have far-reaching effects on farm wages and consumer prices. This dispatch, the first of two, explores the possibilities.

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Salinas, Calif. — The ending of the bracero program is expected to boost farm wages sharply and to increase the price of fruits and vegetables.

And if it may set off a chain reaction of far-reaching consequences which could seriously disrupt numerous communities.

A bracero is a Mexican who comes to the U. S. for a few limited months to help harvest crops. Last year 195,000

roamed as far east as Indiana. They are nothing like the stereotype idea of Jose doing under a sombrero. "They kill themselves" working, a Sacramento, Calif., worker once complained at a government hearing.

Here in Salinas, Clancy Wilson, a field supervisor, explains that a bracero is eager because "he comes to us hungry."

One of his workers, Luis Torres, 35, said that in his own Zacatecas village he earns only 10 pesos (83 cents) a day. He hopes to take home enough money to buy a cow for his family of six.

In this country braceros are paid prevailing wage rates. Most braceros work in the southwest where earnings

vary between 50 cents an hour in parts of Arkansas, New Mexico and Texas and \$1.33 in California.

Generally, braceros do the "stoop labor," bending to pluck vegetables under the hot sun 10 to 12 hours a day, seven days a week. They live in long, narrow dormitories, isolated from town, while their families remain in Mexico.

Last month the U. S. House of Representatives, at the urging of labor and church groups, refused to extend the program beyond Dec. 31.

The bracero program began during the Korean War under an agreement with the Mexican government. Mexico benefited because returning braceros were a major source of dollars and contributed new ideas to their villages.

Its opponents said the braceros kept U. S. wage rates down. Now that 5.9 per cent of the nation's workers are unemployed, they said Mexican help is no longer needed.

According to former Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell, a Republican, its presence forces Americans to work under conditions which are "an affront to the conscience of the American people."

But the House action was largely unexpected. Farmers, who had wanted a gradual phase-out, are demanding, where can they get substitutes? California, which uses braceros all year long, alone has 72,900 at peak periods.

Farmers say they cannot obtain enough domestic field labor because the work is too hard. Also, many workers now must leave their families at home while traveling to distant harvests.

The American agricultural worker is lucky if he works nine months a year. Since his earnings include no fringe benefits such as unemployment and medical insurance, he goes on relief when out of work.

Local volunteers no longer turn out in large numbers to help during critical times.

Farmers say teen-agers nowadays don't want much to help and aren't much good when they do.

The answer, the AFL-CIO says, is to drastically increase wages.

For example, some California labor leaders believe that a 50 per cent wage increase next year would produce plenty of workers.

This argument is supported by the world's largest lettuce grower, Bud Antle, a maverick in his industry. Next year will be a headache, he says, but higher wages will attract enough workers and they may be able to form permanent local work forces.

That would pose some giant problems for numerous communities.

American farm laborers have wives and children in this country. But areas now using braceros have no houses and no schools for such families and no eagerness to see their relief rolls soar.

Salinas, with a population of 50,000 illustrates the magnitude of the problem. It is the heart of a valley producing half the nation's lettuce and artichokes and at peak periods it now uses 13,500 braceros. In addition, city manager Tom Dunn fears that American agricultural workers will include large numbers of alcoholic bums, flooding jail facilities. Other Salinas citizens say they are frankly afraid minority groups would come to live full-time.

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### Briton Suggests Kennedy Delay Scheduled Visit

London — (UPI) — An opposition Labor member of Parliament suggested today that Prime Minister Harold Macmillan ask President Kennedy to put off his scheduled visit to Britain in the wake of the Profumo scandal that has rocked the conservative government.

Laborite Marcus Lipton made the suggestion in a question filed in Parliament amid reports Macmillan feared that efforts within his own party to force him to resign might diminish his authority as Britain's spokesman in the meeting with Kennedy.

Lipton's question asked the prime minister "whether, in view of widespread opinion that the time is not opportune, he will ask President Kennedy to defer his visit to this country for the time being."

A movement to oust Mac-

millan in favor of a younger man — launched in the right wing of his Conservative party — spread to the center after the prime minister's majority in the House of Commons was slashed sharply Monday night because of his handling of the Profumo sex- and -security scandal.

**Matter of Time**

Macmillan presided at a meeting of some his senior ministers this morning. It was both an inquest into the dramatic debate and a discussion of what form a promised inquiry into the security services should take.

Political observers and the press predicted it was only a matter of time before the 69-year-old Conservative party leader steps down for "a younger man." Some sources believed he would bow out some time this summer.

### Public Hearing on \$4,602,291 Budget For County Is Held

Most of last night's public hearing on the \$4,602,291 county budget centered on the juvenile department, the mental health clinic and the "fund that wasn't there."

Ed Collins, Medford, board member of the family and child guidance clinic, pointed to a "significant error" in the county budget saying it does not show anywhere the \$6,000 from United Crusade funds contributed to the operation of the mental health clinic.

County Auditor George Stacey explained that the county operates on a cash basis and only considers in the budget money coming in the immediate future. It does not include state matching funds or contributions, which go into the general county fund.

Collins said the new trend is for more local treatment of mental health patients, yet the budget is only \$400 more than for the current year. The reason the clinic had unexpended funds for the current year is that the health department was unable to obtain two psychiatric social workers for the clinic until February.

**Concerned About Salaries**

Irvin Hogan, Medford lawyer and member of the Jackson County Juvenile Advisory Council, said the council is concerned that salaries paid for the juvenile department's professional personnel and for the matron and assistant superintendent of the detention home are below other states and Oregon counties. "This is more important than holes in a road," he said.

Another attorney, ministers and housewives also urged the county budget committee to reconsider the salaries.

Henry Padgham, Medford businessman, argued that the

\$14,806 for civil defense should be used to make up shortages in other departments.

Jerry Latham, Medford, said utility company personnel and police agencies are adequate to handle any local emergencies such as the Oct. 12 storm.

**Recommend More Money**

Members of the library board and interested persons briefly recommended more money for the library because of the "greatly expanded use."

Latham also urged a fee system for use of county parks and recreation areas be established to bear some of the expense. Laurance V. Espey, county recreation commission chairman, said the commission "has it under study."

Miller said the \$4,602,291 budget is the largest and most comprehensive budget the county has ever had.

"It is economically sound and covers the great portion of departmental needs. The county will not have to levy for another year, but a levy is required by law to pay for part of the required county allocation of \$10 per school census child to defray bond and interest redemption in the various school districts. The county has offset this by allocating \$7.50 per census child."

**Rogue River City Tax Levy Is Defeated**

Rogue River — A proposed 1963-64 Rogue River city tax levy of \$14,514.46 was defeated by a close margin here yesterday, 38 to 32.

The proposed tax levy was \$981.21 higher than last year's levy of \$13,544.25.

### United Crusade Sets \$180,040 Goal for Drive

**Board Approves Allocation Report**

A goal of \$180,040 was set for the United Crusade Fall campaign at a meeting of Crusade directors yesterday, according to Lawrence S. Horton, Crusade president.

The board adopted the budget allocation report submitted by Brian B. Mullen, chairman of the nine-member budget committee.

Agency allocations are American Red Cross \$28,500, Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation \$1,400, Boy Scouts of America \$21,500, Camp Fire Girls \$3,500, Jackson County Family and Child Guidance clinic \$6,000, Rogue Valley Girl Scout council \$12,000, Jackson County Chapter Mental Health association \$1,350, Oregon Medical Research foundation \$3,500, Oregon United Appeal (17 agencies) \$23,500, Salvation Army and White Shield home \$26,000, School of Hope for Mentally Retarded Children \$1,400, Medford YMCA \$25,700.

The reserve for uncollectibles is \$6,200; year around administration expense is \$9,895; and campaign expense is \$8,095.

**Combined Requests**

No new agencies were admitted to membership. Eight national agencies with combined requests of \$847 were denied membership because the United Crusade by-laws do not permit membership to an agency which does not have the equivalent of a local chapter.

The Rogue Valley Council on Aging withdrew its membership as its board of directors felt that its members could do without United Crusade financial support. By means of annual membership dues and some money-raising projects, the Council on Aging may be self-supporting. If these self-support plans do not work out, application will be made for re-admittance to the United Crusade, Horton said.

Horton said the goal for 1963-64 is \$12,357 higher than last year. Many people ask each year why the goal cannot remain stationary, Horton added. This year's goal if agencies were given all they requested in their budgets, would be close to \$198,000. The campaign goal is a compromise between the amount needed and the amount judged possible to raise, Horton said.

The expansion of population here and the increased yearly needs for service makes greater demands on contributors each year.

**One Hour's Pay**

Horton pointed out that an increase in the goal does not mean that "fair-share" givers are to be asked to increase the amount of their gifts. The "fair-share" standard adopted by the United Crusade, as well as by the majority of united funds, is one hour's pay per month for 12 months, or 2 minutes a day.

Increases in contributions to the Crusade each year come from new contributors, and from those who decide to raise their contributions to the "fair-share" level.

"The \$180,040 goal is a challenge to the campaign organization and the citizens of Jackson county alike; however, the goal will be subscribed if we can tell enough people how the money will be spent for badly needed service," Horton said.

### Change in Itemized Tax Deductions Receives Green Light by Committee



**NEAR RIOT IN HARLEM**—Police wrestle with a youth during a disturbance in the Harlem section of New York, which reached near riot proportions. A burning trash can smolders at the curb. Heavy police reinforcements were sent into the area to curb the disturbance. At least 25 youths were taken into custody. (UPI)

Washington — (UPI) — President Kennedy has decided to add a "huge" program of job training and vocational education to his civil rights legislative request, it was disclosed today following a White House Democratic conference.

Senate Democratic Whip Hubert H. Humphrey (Minn.) said the job proposal will be included in the President's message Wednesday but will be sought as separate legislation apart from his civil rights package for procedural reasons.

Kennedy went over last-minute details of his civil rights proposals with Democratic congressional leaders at a breakfast meeting.

**Achieve Some Agreement**

Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield (Mont.) said afterwards that a "large area of agreement" had been reached with Republicans on the program — except on its provision for a law banning Negro segregation in privately-owned public places.

Asked how large the job training program would be, Humphrey said it would be "huge" and "very large." One reporter asked if it would amount to \$1 billion and he replied: "You're very warm."

The training-education measure will have to go to a different committee from that which will handle the rest of the civil rights program, Humphrey pointed out, hence its handling in separate legislation. He reported that it will involve expansion of the pending youth employment program and will require additional appropriations and some new legislative authorization.

The assistant Democratic leader said civil rights legislation is "the priority" matter for this session of Congress and will be taken up in the Senate just as soon as a House passed bill reaches that body, he said.

**Reaction To Prayer Decision on Page 2**

Stories on reaction to the Supreme Court's decision banning prayers in public schools, and a story on why Congress is not expected to override the decision, appear on page A2.

**Plan To Raise \$500 Million in New Revenue Told**

**Sales Taxes Would Remain Deductible**

Washington — (UPI) — The House Ways and Means committee voted today to raise \$500 million in new revenue by curbing itemized tax deductions for individuals.

The new restrictions would bar individuals from claiming deductions on the federal income tax returns for the state and local taxes they pay on gasoline, automobile tags and drivers' licenses, cigarettes and alcohol and other beverages.

**In Effect Next January**

General sales taxes would remain a tax-deductible item. So would property taxes and income taxes paid to states or municipalities.

The new tax rules would take effect next Jan. 1. Thus, it would not apply to taxes paid this year or to returns filed next spring.

The proposal was approved as a compromise version of President Kennedy's tax-revision-and-reduction program. It was the biggest revenue-producing provision that has won committee approval.

**Adopted as Alternative**

The new tax rules were adopted as an alternative for the more sweeping curb recommended by Kennedy on individuals' itemized tax deductions. Kennedy had proposed that an individual who itemizes his deductions be permitted to deduct only that portion which exceeds 5 per cent of his income.

Kennedy's proposal was calculated to raise \$2.3 billion in new tax revenue.

Key members agreed that the committee's decision Monday to curb tax concessions for the oil industry had increased chances that it also would approve some tougher tax treatment for dividends received by big stockholders of all corporations.

### NEWS BRIEFS

**ITALY PLUNGED DEEPER INTO CRISIS**

Rome — (UPI) — Premier-designate Aldo Moro, deserted by the disunion-torn Socialists, today declined the task of forming a new Italian government. His move plunged Italy deeper into its worst political crisis in 15 years.

**CASTRO SAYS EXILE BASES TO BE ATTACKED**

Miami — (UPI) — Premier Fidel Castro warned today that his forces will attack any Cuban exile bases set up on British and French islands in the Caribbean.

**HONOLULU NEWSPAPER STRIKE POSTPONED**

Honolulu — (UPI) — Six labor unions involved in a contract dispute with Hawaii's two largest daily newspapers have postponed for at least 24 hours a strike scheduled to start Wednesday morning.

**TROOPS REINFORCED IN WAKE OF NEGRO THREAT**

Cambridge, Md. — (UPI) — About 400 more National Guard troops were ordered into this racially tense city today in the face of a Negro threat to demonstrate in the streets unless negotiations are resumed with white leaders.

**WEATHER**

FORECAST: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday. Chance of thundershowers in mountains. Low tonight 53. High tomorrow 64-93.

Highest Yesterday	Temp.
Lowest This Morning	56
	53

**Our Skies Tonight**

Sunset today	8:31 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	5:24 a.m.
The Moon rises	4:18 a.m.
tomorrow and is in Perigee.	
New Moon	June 21

**VISIBLE PLANETS**

Mars, sets	12:15 a.m.
Saturn, in southeast	2:11 a.m.
Jupiter, rises	2:26 a.m.
Venus (and Mercury) between the Moon and the Sun.	

### Sen. Neuberger Argues for Funds For Project Work

Washington, D.C. — The allocation of \$530,000 for work on the Rogue River Basin project was given the support of Sen. Maurine Neuberger in testimony before the Public Works Appropriations committee session Monday.

Senator Neuberger urged the committee to approve \$230,000 for Lost Creek and \$150,000 for both the Applegate and the Elk Creek reservoirs.

"The budget provides the sum of \$100,000 to initiate preconstruction planning for Lost Creek reservoir, a unit of the Rogue River basin project which was authorized late in the last session of Congress," Senator Neuberger stated.

**No Funds Provided**

"No funds are provided for work on Elk Creek and Applegate reservoirs, both of which are integral parts of the Rogue Basin development plan. The Rogue river is a principal spawning area for anadromous fish, and immediate development must be undertaken in the interests of preserving these valuable fish runs."

"The project also provides extensive flood control, irrigation, water supply, water quality control, and recreation benefits," Senator Neuberger reviewed the project for the committee.

"The corps of engineers has advised me that \$230,000 can be effectively used at the Lost Creek Project, \$150,000 at Elk creek, and \$150,000 at Applegate reservoir. I support the engineers' estimates," the Oregon senator said.

### Commission Draws Boundaries of Zone Area Near Ashland

A meeting to determine boundaries of an area south of Ashland for zoning continued for more than two hours last night in the county court room.

The meeting was called by the Jackson county planning commission at its regular meeting June 12 in Ashland since boundaries could not be determined until all petitions requesting zoning had been considered.

At last night's session, attended by only a fourth of those who attended the earlier meeting, considerable discussion was held by residents who now want out of the proposed zoned area.

**Include Development**

In an attempt to "square off" the area proposed for interim zoning, the commission staff had included the Oak Knoll Development and surrounding lands to the east, south, and southwest.

Opposition was voiced by residents on the east side of Highway 66 and in the extreme northeastern portion. Residents who had previously signed petitions requesting the zoning, now stated their desire to withdraw after they had read the proposed ordinance.

Ashland Lawyer Harry Skerry, speaking for the Oak Knoll Development, requested that the entire area be withdrawn, since plans call for the eventual construction of multiple family units and some commercial structures. Within the plan as proposed by the commission the area would have been zoned residential single family.

Following discussion, the boundary was changed. Commissioners favored the motion, except Gerald Latham, who objected to it, since it excluded the property owned by one of the original petitioners.

Following reconsideration of the area, property north of Highway 66 and east of Neil creek, was recommended and approved unanimously by the commission. The area, with boundaries as approved by the commission, will be recommended for interim zoning to the county court.

### USW President Says No Concrete Proposals Made

Pittsburgh — (UPI) — United Steelworkers President David J. McDonald, painting what close observers viewed as a dismal picture, told officers of his union today that he had "no concrete" contract proposals despite hundreds of meetings with industry leaders.

McDonald's terse statement at a news conference threw a temporary cloud over the workings of the joint union-management Human Relations committee, but he contended that "I still haven't given up hope."

The union leader's remarks to the news media came after he had met for a brief 30 minutes with the combined membership of the USW's Wage Policy committee and International Executive board.

**No Recommendations**

McDonald said he had hoped to have certain recommendations to make to the Wage Policy committee today, but added:

"I have none."

The HRC met in secret session Monday night in a last-minute attempt to tie up all loose ends. The decision of the Wage Policy Committee hinged on the outcome of Monday night's meeting.

McDonald announced publicly for the first time Monday that one of the union's prime objectives was seeking an expanded vacation plan which calls for 13 weeks vacation every five years for employees with 15 years' seniority.

The union also sought to eliminate the practice of contracting in-plant work to firms whose employees it does not represent. Management, in return, wanted any contract agreement to extend to mid-1965.

McDonald said the vacation plan would create 20,000 to 25,000 additional jobs in basic steel at "almost no cost" to the companies.

Salem — (UPI) — The salary of Land Board Clerk T. G. Bernard was raised from \$9,600 to \$10,140 today at a meeting of the State Land Board.

### 19-Month-Old Boy Drowns in Pond

A 19-month-old boy drowned last night in the Cascade Gorge Trailer park, according to the state police.

Steven Harry Hunsley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Newton Hunsley, was playing with other children around the trailer house while his mother was washing clothes. Suddenly the mother noticed that he was missing and questioned the other children. She found him floating face down in a small pond behind the trailer kept for fire-fighting.

Mouth to mouth resuscitation was applied without results officers said. The child's body was taken to a Trail physician.

### Butte Falls Voters Reject Kindergarten

Butte Falls — Voters in the Butte Falls school district yesterday defeated a proposal to authorize a public kindergarten here. The vote was 90 to 12.

Approval of the measure would have authorized the school board to budget funds for a kindergarten next spring.

### Fire Training Camp of Forest Service Starts

The annual fire training camp of the Rogue River National forest service opens this evening at Camp 2 on the Butte Falls district to continue through June 21, Robert H. Torheim has announced.

The camp will offer training to the new lookouts and new guard station firemen. There will be 48 students attending and 28 instructors, covering fire behavior, small fire suppression, map reading, fire detection, smoke chasing and general duties and fire prevention.

The schools have been operated annually for at least 35 years, Torheim said, and have developed satisfactory results. Camp 2 is a former logging camp and a former Civilian Conservation Corps camp.

**Go To Stations**

Following the training period, which will be concentrated in 3 1/2 days, the lookouts and guards will go immediately to their stations, which have already been opened with trained personnel manning the posts until the new employees have finished their training period. Additional training and followup training will be continued after they man their posts.

The training course is a practical one, Torheim emphasized. Fires are built to be located by the lookouts and to be suppressed by the fire fighters.

The food, "always the best," will be prepared and served this year under the direction of the Rev. R. L. Cornwall, pastor of the Assembly of God church in Ashland, Torheim said. The church conducts a summer camp in the same quarters just after the fire school is completed and Mr. Cornwall has been contracting for the food service for several years in the "rather unique setup," Torheim explained.