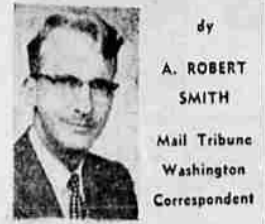


# Rep. Duncan Joins In Vote Against 'Jesse James' Bill



WASHINGTON — If there is a honeymoon spirit on Capitol Hill toward President Lyndon B. Johnson, most of the Oregon congressional delegation is behaving like a polite but determined maiden lady.

The tall Texan in the White House has won their praise with his words but hasn't had much luck in getting them to consent to what they don't wish to do.

In the House last week, three out of four of the Oregon congressmen opposed the first major bill to come up in that chamber with Johnson's endorsement. It provided for a subsidy for cotton textile mills.

In the Senate the previous week, the White House not only failed to line up Sen. Wayne Morse on the first bill but received Morsian scolding for its pains. That bill was designed to facilitate sale of wheat to Russia.

### Comfortable Margin

The cotton bill had been held back in the House for weeks by Democratic leaders who feared it would be defeated. They moved quickly after Johnson took office, possibly to take advantage of the honeymoon spirit, and put it through by a comfortable margin, 216 to 182.

Rep. Robert B. Duncan, Medford Democrat, was a vocal dissenter — and the one administration worked hardest to pull into line because Duncan is on the Agriculture Committee which handled the bill.

Duncan claims he didn't get "the treatment," as Johnson's special brand of persuasion is called, but Agriculture Secretary Orville Freeman was dispatched to Capitol Hill to try to talk Duncan into supporting the controversial measure.

"It was a lousy bill," snorted Duncan later. "I call it the Jesse James bill because it will hold us up for more money."

Rep. Edith Green, Portland Democrat who voted against farm subsidy bills advanced by the Kennedy administration, agreed with Duncan. She and Rep. Walter Norblad, Stayton Republican, both voted against the cotton bill.

Its only supporter from Oregon was Rep. Al Ullman, Baker Democrat.

The cotton bill carries a subsidy estimated to cost \$250 million a year. It provides that cotton brokers be paid 8½ cents per pound for cotton they sell to domestic textile mills. They are already paid this subsidy for cotton sold to foreign buyers. Purpose is to permit brokers to sell cotton to mills at the 24 cent world price rather than the 32½ cent level which cotton producers are guaranteed under the government's cotton price support program.

"I do not come from a cotton producing area," Duncan told the House. "But in my district we have lots of people who wear shirts and who pay taxes."

### Favored Talmadge Bill

Duncan said he thought that a more satisfactory approach would be the Talmadge bill. It would pay farmers directly the difference between what is considered a fair market price and what they can get for it on the open market. It would also impose production quotas in bales on the farmer rather than try to limit production through acreage allotments.

Under the present system of acreage allotments, cotton production is intensified on each

# Freeman Expecting Increased Leeway In Operations



**HAPPY COUPLE**—Mrs. Nancy Sinatra Sands, left, and her husband, singer Tommy Sands, were two happy and relieved people in New Orleans at an impromptu news conference held after her brother, Frank Sinatra Jr., was released by kidnapers in California. Mrs. Sands said she was "obviously very happy." (UPI)

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A source close to Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman said President Johnson recently "threatened" Freeman with "arrest" if the cabinet member resigned or tried to resign.

This was taken as an indication that Freeman will remain in Johnson's cabinet indefinitely.

The source said Johnson will give Freeman as much, or perhaps more, leeway in running the department than the late President Kennedy did.

Johnson and Freeman are known to view agricultural problems with a great deal of similarity.

As longtime Senate Democrat-

ic leader, Johnson was familiar with farm legislation. A Texan, he knows the problems of the Midwest and Southwest farming area. As a senator, he favored high price supports for farm commodities.

Johnson already has started the wheat legislative bill to rolling. He has been described as apprehensive over the loss of income farmers will suffer when the market price of wheat drops next summer to near the now-scheduled support price of about \$1.25 per bushel.

The wheat plan turned down by farmers in a referendum May 21 called for a \$2 support rate. Department economists have estimated wheat growers

will suffer a drop in income of about \$600 million if the lower price support goes into effect.

Freeman told audiences this week in Oklahoma City and Minneapolis that he had talked with Johnson about the wheat situation. He said Johnson indicated his "strong feelings that a wheat program will be necessary."

Freeman represented Johnson as feeling that the program must be one that Congress will pass, that it must keep costs in line and bring surpluses down. Before Kennedy's assassination Freeman said frequently he would consider any reasonable wheat program, but he saw no point in plugging for one unless the votes in Congress were available.



**PAIR SEPARATES**—Actress Arlene Dahl and her husband, Christian R. Holmes III, have decided "reluctantly and regretfully" to separate after three years of marriage, a spokesman said in Hollywood. They have a two-year-old daughter, Carol Christine. (UPI)

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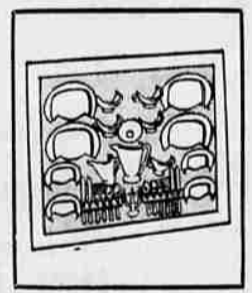
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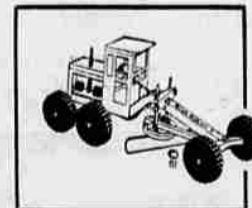
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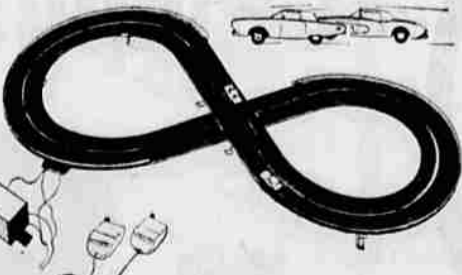
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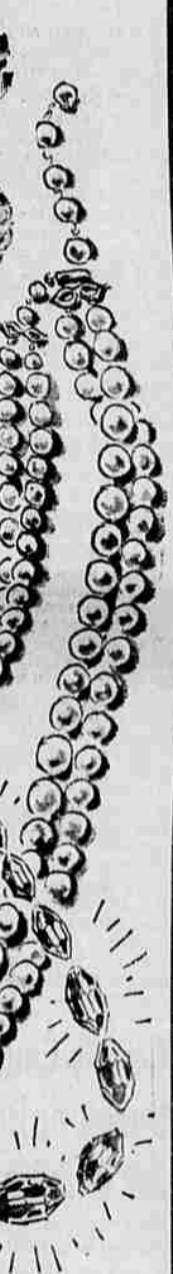
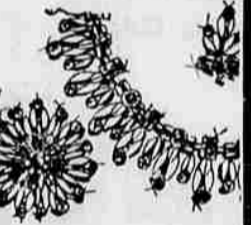
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