

Agriculture Department Opens Drive To Improve Quality Of Farm Products

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM, June 19 (AP)—The state department of agriculture, backed by farm leaders, launched a campaign this week to convince Oregon farmers that they must improve the quality of their products to keep their markets.

During the war the emphasis was on quantity, and consumers were forced by shortages to forget about quality. But now that the supply has about caught up with demand, farm leaders are trying to educate the farmers that improvement of quality is the only method of keeping

Wheat Crop Decline Seen

SPOKANE, June 29 (AP)—The Northern Pacific railroad today estimated the 1947 wheat crop in Washington, Oregon and Idaho as of June 1 at 20 per cent under that of 1946 but still substantially above the average for the past 10 years.

The report, based on advices from stations along the Northern Pacific system, said the trend in the condition of spring wheat since June 1 has been up.

"Winter wheat in early sections," it added, "is reaching maturity with harvest of some fields at low elevations expected to begin next week. Yields are down as compared with last year with the greatest decline on light and shallow soils in the more arid farming areas and the least decline in the more humid and normally heavy producing areas."

Carson Sees Shipping Up

PORTLAND, June 20 (AP)—Joseph K. Carson, ex-Portland mayor and U. S. maritime commissioner, said today that this country "is at the tail end of the parade" in the passenger ship trade.

"But we don't intend to stay there," added Carson, here on a brief trip. "We are going to have some fine passenger ships. Our passenger tonnage is only one third what it was before the war and we must get into shape to compete with the foreign lines."

He said that building new ships is preferable to attempting to reconvert old ones.

Reece Praises Morse Tangents

PORTLAND, June 20 (AP)—Sen. Wayne Morse's occasional disagreements with republican party leaders is "a healthy thing," National Committee Chairman Carroll Reece said here Thursday.

"The senator is a man of convictions which do not always agree with those of the party leaders, but there is room in the party for people with different views," he said in an interview.

He declined to comment on speculation that a Vandenberg-Morse presidential ticket might be in the making for 1948.

Bevin Fears Balkan Move

LONDON, June 20 (AP)—British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin told the house of commons Thursday that he was convinced a determined move was on foot to make Hungary and Bulgaria one party states.

"But I am quite certain," Bevin declared, "if there is a desire to interfere with free expression and all the other indefinable things that go to make up the soul of man, it will fail again."

He continued, "If there is to be a conflict between ideologies I shall regret it, but if it is forced upon us, we must face it."

Referring to Hungary and Bulgaria, Bevin said:

"I am convinced myself that there is a determination to wipe out opposition in these countries. It is most unfortunate. I am against the one-party state."

"In Greece," he declared, "the lifting of a finger could stop the civil war. The communists have carried on a policy there to disrupt that poor little country which, I think, is a tragedy."

CG Cutter To Be Decommissioned

ASTORIA, Ore., June 20 (AP)—The coast guard cutter Onondaga will leave Monday for decommissioning at Seattle, Lieut. Frank Schmitz, the vessel's captain, said today.

He said reduction of coast guard personnel forced the action, which was protested here by bar pilots.

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Fighting Dies Down In Sinkiang Province, But Explosive Questions Left

(Tom Masterson, Associated Press correspondent in Shanghai, flew to Tihwa, capital of China's remote Sinkiang province, to obtain the first direct report by an American newsmen on the recent border clash between Outer Mongolians and Chinese in a dispute never fully made clear by Chinese dispatches.)

Development In West Seen

PORTLAND, Ore., June 20 (AP)—The Columbia river places the Pacific Northwest in a position to develop an industrialism of a type destined to sweep the world, Dr. Paul J. Raver, Bonneville power administrator, said today at the Northwest Institute of International Relations.

Intensified use of resources—"our ability to do more with less"—is the key to future development, he said, and in hydro-electric power "we have developed a new energy base, one of the chief factors of which is its inexhaustibility."

Raver said "most of us have assumed that a new Pacific era will simply and inconspicuously supplant the Atlantic in trade, industry and cultural relations." He added, however, that natural resources in the Orient are so underdeveloped they are wholly incapable of raising living standards.

Soviet planes that were involved are generally debunked, however. The general said five planes bombed the provincial troops' positions for four days. One plane was shot down but landed in Outer Mongolian territory.

The nationalist officer declined to say whether the planes were Russian. He said reports averred the aircraft had markings similar to the Soviets' red star and that the Mongolians wore caps with insignia resembling the Russian.

Other sources said they did not consider this unusual since the Russians organized, trained and equipped the Outer Mongolian army.

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thinking it a practical joke, looked on.

The coroner quoted Merle Trachsel as saying Choate told him he had a "surprise" cut a stick with which to pull the trigger, placed the muzzle of a shotgun against his chest and fired.

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