

# Administration Already Has Power To Start Farm 'Production Payment' Plan

WASHINGTON, July 8 (AP)—The house was told by its agriculture committee today that the administration already has power to start the farm "production payment" plan. It is asking congress to approve.

The committee said the farm act passed by the republican 80th congress was so written that it left the secretary of agriculture "fancy free" to go ahead with the idea.

In a formal report, the committee urged that the house pass a substitute for the republican-enacted law. The substitute is the so-called Pace bill, sponsored by Representative Pace (D-Ga.).

The Pace bill would let the administration try out the "production payment" plan in 1950, but would limit the trial to three crops. The secretary of agriculture would be free to decide which three.

The measure carries more restrictions than does a compromise farm program being developed by the senate agriculture committee. Senator Elmer Thomas (D-Okla.) said he expects eventual senate passage of the compromise.

And Secretary of Agriculture Brannan, farm cabinet member for President Truman, told senators late yesterday that he would go along with the compromise as "a step in the direction" of his own new program.

Brannan made clear the administration is not giving up on his program which, boiled down, is to give farmers high returns and consumers' cheaper foods. (The method would be the use of subsidies to farmers, to be paid out of tax funds.) Brannan told reporters that the compromise is better than no action by congress this year, and that he is

willing to leave the broad issue to the voters in 1950.

Oddly enough, the new compromise appears to be based principally upon the long-range farm program passed by the last GOP-controlled congress. That was a frequent target for both Brannan and President Truman in their successful midwest farm belt campaigns last year.

Brannan agreed that if the Aiken bill provisions are advanced to become effective immediately—instead of waiting until the end of this year—he would go along.

He also accepted a republican suggestion by Senator Thye of Minnesota that the commodity credit corporation—which has authority to spend \$4,750,000,000 to support farm prices and income—could be used to carry out the program.

Thomas bluntly told Brannan early at the hearing there was no chance for congressional approval of Brannan's request to approve a

"trial run" of the Brannan plan on huge alone this year.

Brannan had proposed that existing government price supports through loans and purchases be augmented by "production payments." Under this system market prices might drop to benefit consumers, with the government making up any lost income to farmers through "production payment" subsidies.

Thomas, Anderson, Aiken and Thye suggested that instead of limiting the "trial run" to huge that the list be broadened to cover 10 major farm products.

The list of products under which Brannan would be directed to support prices and incomes would include cattle and calves, dairy products, hogs, poultry, eggs, wheat, cotton lint, tobacco, and sheep and lambs.

They now account for about three-quarters of all farm income.

Brannan also would have authority to support prices of a long list of other farm commodities such as fruits, nuts and potatoes if he decided this necessary or wise.

### RAPID RUNNERS

Couriers for the Turkish sultans, during the Middle Ages, often ran from Constantinople to Adrianople and back, a distance of about 220 miles, in two days and nights, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica.

# Editors To Tour Oregon Next Week

Eight travel editors of metropolitan newspapers from the East and Midwest will arrive in Oregon this Sunday in preparation for their tour through the state next week.

The group is traveling on a tour conducted by the Pacific Northwest Travel association, of which Klamath County Chamber of Commerce Manager Charlie Stark is vice president for Oregon.

Included in the group are such outstanding travel editors as Reynolds C. Setts of the Chicago Daily News.

They will arrive in Portland Sunday, and there divide into two groups. One will take the coast route southward through Oregon and return through the Willamette valley. The group will stop at Crater lake while in Medford.

The other party will visit Crater lake between Bend and Klamath, and then head up to Eastern Oregon, continuing back to Portland via the Columbia river gorge.

Other editors making the trip are Howard Noble, of the South Bend,

Ind. Tribune; Mrs. Janet Shattuck of the Automobile association of Minneapolis, Minn.; Walter Ford of the Chicago Journal of Commerce; Lucia Lewis, travel show expert and free lance publicity writer; Mrs. Opal Crockett, Indianapolis Times; Leavitt F. Morris, Christian Science Monitor, and Herb Koehle of the Dayton, O., Daily News.

### Tropical Storm Rips Philippines

MANILA, July 8 (AP)—A slow moving tropical storm skirted 90 miles west of Manila bay today after roughing up the central Philippines with 60 mile an hour winds and torrential rains.

At least five persons were dead and four others were missing and feared drowned. Small cargo and fishing craft were damaged by the storm, which passed over the islands of Cebu, Panay and Mindoro.

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Baker, radio repairman and amateur fan, isn't too surprised that he can't pick up pictures from Seattle, the nearest transmitting point. But when Portland gets TV, something is going to have to be done about Newberg's televising traffic lights. Right now they light up his screen and he hears a click at every change.

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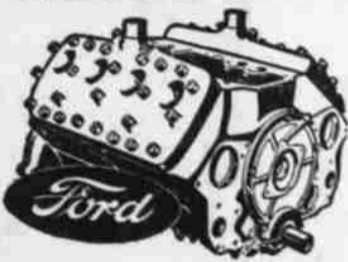
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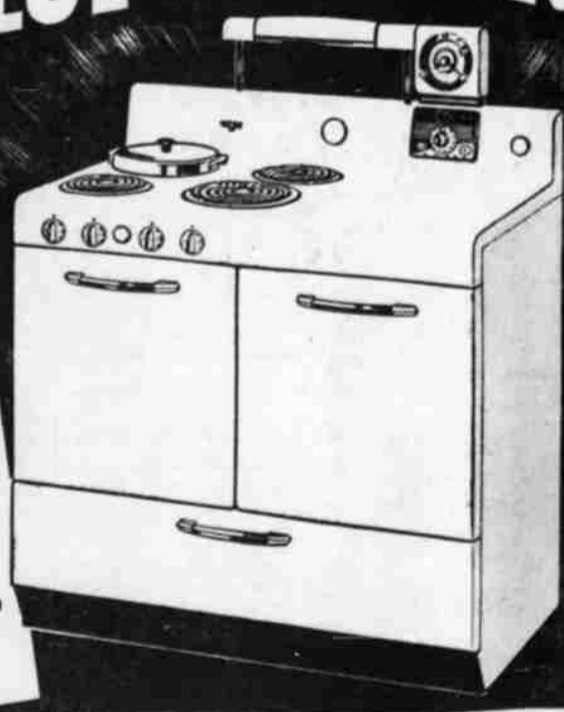
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