

Eisenhower Outlines Farm Support Proposals

By OVID A. MARTIN
 WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower recommended Monday that \$2,500,000,000 of present farm surpluses be "frozen" from regular markets and that the government move into a flexible farm price support program.

In a special message to Congress, the President said the agricultural problem is as "serious and complex" as any confronting the legislators.

"Immediate action is needed," he told them, "to arrest the growing threat to our present agricultural program and to prevent the subsequent economic distress that could follow in our farming areas."

Eisenhower also sent the lawmakers a separate message asking revision of the Tariff-Hartley labor law. A major point of his request on this was for a provision requiring a vote of workers before a strike could be called.

He also called for a "thorough study" of union welfare and pension funds "with a view of enacting such legislation as will protect and conserve these funds for the millions of working men and women who are the beneficiaries."

These two programs—farm and labor—affect the two largest groups of voters in the nation.

As he did in his State of the Union message last week, the President said a flexible price support plan must be the backbone of new farm programs.

Eisenhower also said special emphasis in the future must be placed on efforts to develop foreign markets for agriculture's greatly expanded productive capacity.

Under his proposal to "freeze" certain surpluses, the excess supply of these commodities such as wheat and corn would be isolated from the market so as not to have a depressing effect on prices.

Under the flexible program, government price guarantees would be high in times of shortages to encourage production, and low in times of surpluses to encourage consumption and discourage over production.

The President said the present war-born mandatory supports should be permitted to expire at the end of this crop year.

"A farm program" he said, "first of all should assist agriculture to earn its proportionate share of the national income. It must likewise aim at stability in farm income. There should therefore be no wide year to year fluctuation in the level of price support."

He said too that "a farm program must fairly represent the interests of both producers and consumers."

The government supports prices of farm products by stepping into the market and buying whenever the price drops to the support level, or by making loans to farmers at the support level.

The farmer's crop is security for the loan. If prices go down, he can elect not to pay the loan, leaving the crop to the government. If prices go up, he can pay off the loan, take back his crop and sell it.

Under the President's program, price props on major crops would vary between 75 and 90 per cent of parity. Parity is a standard for measuring farm prices, declared by law to be fair to farmers in relation to prices they pay.

The President said adjustment to a new farm program must be accomplished gradually in the interest of farmers and in the interest of the economy of the nation as a whole.

As to specific crops, the program outlined Monday offered little that was new, except in the case of wool. For this commodity, the President suggested the use of production payments as a method of assuring producers fair income. Such payments were a feature of the controversial farm program advanced in 1949 by President Truman's then secretary of agriculture Charles F. Brannan, but never accepted by Congress.

The idea is that prices of domestically produced wool would be permitted to seek these levels in the market, competing with other fibers and with imported wool.

The government would make direct payments from the Treasury to domestic producers in order that these payments, when added to the average market price for the season, would raise the average return per pound to 90 per cent of parity.

For such commodities as meat animals, dairy products, poultry and eggs, tobacco, soy beans, cottonseed, flax, fruits and vegetables, and sugar, the President proposed no changes from present programs.

The flexible price support plan, under which price guarantees would move up or down with changes in supplies, would be applied to wheat, cotton, rice, corn, and peanuts.

In urging flexible supports for cotton and wheat, the President said the major problem is to develop a program which will help farmers gain foreign buyers. He said present high rigid supports stimulate competition by foreign producers and reduce U.S. exports.

Eisenhower recommended that a "modernized" formula for determining parity prices, as written into the 1948-49 farm act, be allowed to go into effect Jan. 1, 1956, for commodities not now under it. Those commodities are wheat, corn, cotton and peanuts.

The "modern" parity price for these products would be lower than prices determined by the old formula. The President suggested, however, that the shift from the old to the new parity be carried out gradually. He said this should be done in steps of five percentage points of the old parity per year until the change has been accomplished.

Eisenhower said that removal of the threat of price depression due to huge surpluses—which now total nearly 5 billion dollars—is an essential part of his program.

"Destruction of surplus commodities cannot be countenanced under any circumstances," he said. "They can be insulated from the commercial markets and used in constructive ways."

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Today's News

President Eisenhower sends to Congress today his long-awaited message. In it, he makes two recommendations:

Recommendations from the regular market and a half billion dollars (about half) of our present surpluses.

Into flexible price support program.

Place of our present system and high supports for basic commodities.

Recommendation of course, is to freeze approximately half of our accumulated surpluses, thus relieving the market of the current glut of them from current production.

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JAMES NOVAK, of 1919 Manzanita and a student at Sacred Heart, was in the cameraman's lens this morning.

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French Pour Power Into Laos Battle

SENO, Indochina (AP) — French paratroopers and North African troops kept up a "deadly game of hide and seek" Monday with Communist-led Vietminh guerrillas in the jungle northeast of this French-held Laotian fortress.

The French forces claimed more than 1,000 casualties among their rebel enemy and asserted they had wiped out any serious Vietminh menace in central Laos.

"They are fighting one of the most important battles of the seven-year war against Ho Chi Minh's rebels. It is a battle without regular front, on no fixed position, in a quadrangle 25 miles square here in central Laos."

ATTACK BROKEN

The French commander, Gen. Andre Franchi, declared the Vietminh no longer are capable of mounting an attack on Seno unless they receive substantial reinforcements from other fronts.

The paratroopers and North Africans pressed the air attack on rebel units trying to reach the shelter of a plateau to the north which might prove inaccessible to the French. Franchi's artillery and the Air Force pounded their columns day and night.

The Vietminh battalions and the pursuing French ground units wheel and turn through the dense jungle without pause, each laying ambushes for the other. Engagements are of extraordinary violence.

Gotham Buried By Snow As Season's Worst Storm Hits

NEW YORK (AP) — Near-blizzard conditions brought New York City's worst snowstorm in five years Monday.

Reports from along the northeastern seaboard indicated the city was getting the full brunt of the wide-ranging storm.

Eight inches of snow had fallen at 7 a. m. (EST), and the Weather Bureau predicted a fall in excess of 15 inches before the storm subsides early Tuesday morning.

Southern New England was expected to get a foot of snow, with an estimated four to six inches predicted for northern New England.

Strong to gale winds, resulting in deep drifts, were forecast. Temperatures ranged as low as 23 degrees below zero at Caribou, Maine.

The Weather Bureau predicted four inches of snow for upstate New York, where temperatures tumbled well below zero.

Highways were slippery over the entire area, but while traffic slowed down it continued moving, and transportation lines reported only comparatively slight delays.

Motorists apparently heeded warnings to stay off the roads and use public transportation facilities. The Automobile Club of New York said there was "very, very little" traffic on any of the highways in metropolitan New York.

The heaviest snowstorm in seven years dumped nine and one-half inches of snow on Philadelphia and surrounding areas Monday. School shut down. Industries and offices operated with partial forces as workers gave up or were far behind schedule in efforts to reach their jobs.

Flight schedules were disrupted at LaGuardia Field and Idlewild Airport in New York City.

If the Weather Bureau's prediction holds good, the snowfall will be the largest in the city since early 1949 when about 15 inches fell. The record for the city was the crippling 25.8-inch fall of Dec. 26 and 27, 1947.

Complete mobilization of city Department of Sanitation forces began early Monday. Eight thousand workers with 1,800 plows were on the job before dawn, and other thousands of city workers were due to pitch in later.



DESTINATION WHITE HOUSE and mighty thrilled about it was 4-H Potato King Rex Porterfield (in checkered coat) as the trio left via United Air Lines Saturday evening for Washington, D. C. Among the huge crowd at the airport for the sendoff was H. O. Juckeland (left), past president of the Kiwanis Club, sponsors of the contest. Shown with Spud King Rex, from left, are Bryant Williams, 4-H leader making the trip, and Jim Porterfield, Rex's 16-year-old brother who was runner-up in the contest. Specially packaged prize Klamath U. S. No. 1 Netted Gems are being taken to Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson, Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay and President Eisenhower.

Reds Ask Korea Talk Reopening

PANMUNJOM (AP) — The Communists Monday proposed reopening of the broken-off preliminary negotiations for a Korean peace conference.

State Department representative Kenneth Young said he received the request in a letter from the Communists Monday afternoon.

He said he relayed the Red letter to Washington and added: "I am awaiting official reaction. Any decision will have to come from Washington."

Red China's Peiping radio said the Communist letter asked for a meeting of liaison officers at Panmunjom Wednesday (9 p. m. Tuesday) to discuss a time for resuming the negotiations.

The Red move came as India officially requested that the U. N. Assembly reconvene in New York "at an early date" to discuss the Korean question.

Indian officials insisted the action was not intended to delay freeing of some 22,500 war prisoners. A spokesman said:

DEADLINE

"That is a matter for the two commands to settle and as far as India is concerned, Jan. 22 is the deadline for their release under the agreement of those commands."

And in Seoul, a high source said the Indian command is considering a new plan to solve the critical POW problem.

The first preliminary talks to set up a peace conference were broken off by U.S. Special Envoy Arthur Dean after six weeks of fruitless haggling.

Dean said the Communists would have to withdraw a charge of U.S. "perfidy" before he would come back. The talks themselves were bogged down over U.S. refusal of Red demands that Russia be invited as a neutral.

WITHDRAWAL

Later, however, a high source in Korea said the United States might consider a direct Red move to get the talks going again as tantamount to withdrawal of the perfidy charge.

The Red broadcast made no mention of any Communist withdrawal.

Young, chief aide to Dean, remained in Korea after the talks were broken off.

The U.S. State Department said Young said he has conducted secret negotiations with the Reds through an intermediary in an effort to reopen the talks, but both the Chinese and North Korean radios have denied this.

There was no indication whether the Chinese action resulted from Young's reported negotiations.

STRAUS DIES

VIENNA (AP) — Oscar Straus, famed Viennese-born composer of "The Chocolate Soldier," and more than 50 other operettas, died of heart disease Monday in Bad Ischl. He was 83.

Though he won fame in the same field, he was no relation to Vienna's waltz king, Johann Straus.

CANDIDATE

SALEM (AP) — Edward Geary of Klamath Falls announced Saturday he will be a candidate for speaker of the House in the 1955 Legislature.

That will make it a three-way race. Reps. Carl Francis, Dayton, and David Baum, La Grande, announced their candidacies earlier.

Fishing Rules Change

OREGON (AP) — The State Game Commission Saturday proposed to change the entire state trout fishing season to May 1.

The only exception in the tentatative regulations drawn up by the commission after a public hearing is for the Cascade Mountains. They would be opened May 15.

The closing date for the state would be Oct. 10.

The commission also proposed to eliminate coastal waters from the trout season, a move intended to cut down on catches of steelhead, cutthroats and imber salmon.

Regulations were proposed on reasons for a number of streams. Included was a change in limit at Diamond Lake, which will be closed Sept. 7, when fish will be netted for research to eliminate scrap fish.

Regulations will be in effect 60 days, regardless of size. The commission will make regulations final on Jan. 22.

Winter Hits Wide Areas Over Nation

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wintery weather, with snowy sleet and cold, hit wide areas of the nation Monday from the Rockies to New England and deep into the Southland.

Snow fell as far south as Jackson and Vicksburg, Miss. The snow belt in the South extended from Mississippi northeastward into Eastern Kentucky and the Middle Atlantic states to Southern New England.

More than 5 inches of snow fell in Charleston, W. Va., since Sunday night.

Sleet hit much of Virginia and New Jersey, as well as sections of Mississippi and Kentucky.

Snow and ice covered virtually all of Arkansas and there were moderate falls in many parts of Tennessee. The first "sticking" snow in three years fell in Memphis with a fall of 4 inches in prospect.

Driving conditions throughout the snow and sleet belt were hazardous. Four persons were killed in Kentucky and Pennsylvania Sunday night in traffic accidents on slippery highways.

Cold air extended over wide northern areas from the Rockies into New England. It was below zero in sections of Minnesota, North Dakota, Maine and New York. Near zero readings were reported in the North Central region, Northern New York and sections of New England. It was -14 at Houlton, Me.; -12 at Fargo, N. D.; -5 at Duluth, Minn.; -1 at Albany, zero at Syracuse.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Partly cloudy Monday; clearing and colder Monday night; sunny Tuesday. High Monday 38; high Tuesday 35; low Monday night 15.

High yesterday 35
 Low last night 24
 Precip last 24 hours .17
 Since Oct. 1. 6.59
 Normal for period 5.37
 Same period last year 6.47

BURNED

LONDON (AP) — The death from burns of Miss Cynthia Seymour, 19-year-old godchild of Queen Mother Elizabeth, was announced Monday. Miss Seymour was burned on Dec. 17, when her dressing gown was set afire by a gas fire.

Porterfield Heads East

The potato promotion program sponsored by the Klamath Potato Growers Assn., with its theme "We're trying—not crying" moved eastward by air Saturday night.

The promotional program was given some added impetus when Rex Porterfield, Kiwanis Club sponsored National 4-H potato king and 4-H leader Bryant Williams flew to Washington D.C. to present Klamath Netted Gem potatoes to government officials at the White House.

A crowd of well wishers estimated at over 100 were on hand at the airport to give the flying ambassadors a rousing send off, and flash bulbs from the many photographers present kept the loading zone well lit as the self styled spud advertising team prepared to depart.

Several hundred pounds of Klamath Netted Gem No. 1's were loaded aboard the West Coast Airlines plane and will be presented to 4-H officials and members of the Kiwanis International when Porterfield and Williams make a short stop in Chicago.

Upon arrival in Washington potatoes will be presented to President Eisenhower, Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson and Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay.

Making the flight east with Williams and Rex was Jim Porterfield, Rex's 16 year old brother who will act as "chaperone" to the two enthusiastic ambassadors.

Jim Porterfield was runner-up to his brother in the highest percentage in the Kiwanis sponsored spud contest last fall.

Champ "Steals" President's Spud

A Klamath Netted Gem potato, "swiped" from a 10-pound sack en route to President Eisenhower was accepted by the emcee on the Don McNeil Breakfast Club program over KFJH this morning.

The baking size spud was presented by 13-year-old Rex Porterfield, Klamath County 4-H club potato growing champion who is en route to Washington D.C. as the guest of the local Kiwanis Club and the Klamath Potato Grower's Assn.

Young Porterfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Porterfield, Dairy is accompanied by a brother, Jim, 16, also a potato grower and Bryant Williams, 4-H leader. The trio stopped over in Chicago, where the broadcast originates, for two days.

Bags of Klamath grown potatoes will also be presented to Ezra Benson, secretary of agriculture and Douglas McKay, secretary of the interior.

Don Rinehart Dies At 33

Donald "Don" Rinehart, 33, parts manager for the Pelican Tractor and Machinery Co., died Sunday, Jan. 10, at Hillside Hospital following a nine-week illness. Prior to his association with the tractor company, he had been with the old West-Hitchcock Co.

A year ago Mr. Rinehart submitted to amputation of an arm but had been in good health until his recent illness.

He was a member of Klamath Falls Lodge No. 77, A.F. and A.M. of the First Christian Church, the Pilot's Club and of the Naval Reserve.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Betty Rinehart, Klamath Falls; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David P. Rinehart, Yakima, Wash.; two brothers, Major Al Rinehart, USMC, and M. Sgt. Don Rinehart, USMC, both in Washington D. C., also two sisters, Mrs. Herbert Ford, Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Ellen McLeish, Klamath Falls.

Funeral services will be held Thursday from Warb's Klamath Funeral Home with the Rev. George Alder of the Christian Church and the Mission officiating. Time of the services will be announced later. Final rites and interment will be in Klamath Memorial Park.



"IT WON'T REGISTER THE METER — but it may help some child walk again," Kenneth and Keith Woods assure Police Chief Orville Hamilton as he inserts a dime in the parking meter. The boys, from Scout Troop 8, were two of the many Boy Scouts who assisted the 1954 March of Dimes campaign by tying tags on Klamath Falls parking meters. The tags indicate that dimes, which won't benefit your parking, will be turned in to the March of Dimes drive, to benefit someone less fortunate.

Woman Hurt In Unset

An elderly Portland woman was brought to the Klamath Valley Hospital by Kaler's Ambulance Service Sunday afternoon suffering head injuries when her car went out of control near the Chilcoquin junction and rolled end over end into the ditch.

The injured woman, Mabel E. Middleton, 8233 N.E. Going Place, Portland, was traveling north on Highway 97, according to Oregon State Police, and in attempting to pass a truck traveling in the same direction, lost control of her car and landed in the ditch. The car was badly damaged.

At the hospital this morning it was reported the injured woman was doing nicely.



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Posse Closes On Killer Who Shot Three To Death, Wounded Two, Made Escape

LEXINGTON, Miss. (AP) — A 150-man posse closed in today on a 25-year-old Negro who killed three men and wounded two others in a shooting spree that began Saturday night.

The posse surrounded a five-square-mile area of woods, waited all night for the gunman to make a move and began closing in as daylight neared.

"He has to come out," a highway patrolman said, "and when he does we'll get him."

Sheriff Richard F. Byrd of Holmes County said the Negro was Ed Noel, an expert marksman who was tracked by shooting matches from his wife's mouth.

He said Noel, who had never before been in trouble, apparently went berserk Saturday night in an argument with a storekeeper at the Coxburg community nearby.

Byrd said Noel killed the storekeeper, Willie Raymond Dickard, about 28. He said Dickard ordered Noel out of the store after an argument and quoted Noel as saying, "Well, I'll just kill the ..."

Byrd said he and Deputy John Pat Malone, 65, went to the store to arrest Noel and the Negro jumped behind a bank and opened fire. Malone was hit in the head and died about two hours later.

Joe Stewart, a 33-year-old telephone company employee and member of the posse, was killed late yesterday when he and two others cornered Noel at his house. The other two, Andrew Smith and F. E. Houtcutt were wounded.

They were shot when Noel broke from his house firing his automatic rifle and fled into the woods.

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KLAMATH BASIN POTATO SHIPMENTS	
Shipped Today	Name Day Last Year
111 cars	74 cars
Total For Season	
5356 cars	5899 cars
1953-54	1952-53