

## Reaction To Ike's Labor Plan Varies

ENID, Okla. (AP)—Touting congressional farm leaders indicated today they believe both the House and Senate will reject the flexible price support features of President Eisenhower's sweeping new farm law proposals.

Members of the House Agricultural Committee, scheduled to hold a hearing today in their nation-wide tour to sound out farm sentiment at the grass roots, found themselves squarely at odds with the President's proposals.

They said Congress would favor continuing the current rigid price supports for several more years.

The President recommended the gradual abandonment of price supports at 90 per cent of parity in favor of a system of flexible supports at between 90 and 75 per cent. Under a flexible program, government price guarantees would be high in times of shortages to encourage production.

But they would be low in times of surplus to discourage production.

Chairman Hope (R-Kan.), a key figure in any future farm legislation, said only that "there are wide differences of opinion over this proposal," but he is known to favor continuation of rigid supports.

Most members declined to be quoted by name but left little doubt of their attitude.

Rep. McIntire (R-Me.) summed it up when he said the administration's "long-term planning will have to square with short-term realities."

With an election coming up this fall, some Republicans contend that the present political and economic "climate" is not favorable for a sudden shift to a new price support system. They also remember 1948, when the 80th Congress compromised on price supports Democrats won.

There was no doubt where all or most committee Democrats stand on the President's proposal. "We don't favor a flexible system," declared Rep. Gathings (D-Ark.), adding:

"Farmers are going to need at least 90 per cent parity for basic commodities. So far as anyone I've talked to is concerned, the opinion is that Congress is going to continue rigid price supports."

After today's hearings, the committee will fly to Waco, Tex., tomorrow and to Memphis Thursday before returning to Washington.

Members said that although they have covered 16,000 miles in their coast-to-coast tour, no committee member was consulted by the President's farm advisers on the drafting of the special message sent to Congress yesterday.

## Ship Collision Guilt Denied

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Watch officers of two ships which collided Jan. 1, 145 miles north of San Francisco have pleaded innocent to Coast Guard negligence charges.

Five counts were lodged Monday against Charles F. Corrigan, junior third mate of the coast ship *Permanente Silverbow*, and four against Charles Fabri, Welshes, Ore., junior third mate of the freighter *Colorado*.

The charges involve their maneuvering and orders prior to the crash which damaged both 7,600-ton vessels.

A trial of the charges—which could affect the licenses of the two third mates—was interrupted Monday when attorneys for owners of the *Silverbow* moved to introduce new evidence.

The lawyers said officers on a third ship in the area, the Standard oil tanker *J. H. MacGaregill*, observed the movements of the *Colorado* and *Silverbow* before the collision.

## Home Picture

Geo. N. Taylor

Then the oldest of the seven asked: "If the new baby is a boy, can't we call him 'David'?" Dad nodded a YES and so it is a boy, the babe will be DAVID.

That Other Babe—He also was named before being born—"You shall call him Jesus," said the old man. "And Jesus lived down thru the years; he saw you and took your sins. Then dying for you, he set you right with God. The blood of Christ cleanses from all sin."

After how many good works have done, you must be washed in the blood of the Lamb—Jesus Christ. This space sponsored by a church family.

# Klamath Growers Elect Qualls

At the annual election of officers meeting held at the Recreation Hall in Merrill Monday afternoon, the Klamath Potato Growers Association elected Troy Qualls, Merrill, as president of the organization for 1954.

Elected to serve with Qualls was Ronald Whitlatch, Henley, vice president; S. M. Streeter, Malin, and Bill Tubach, Poe Valley, directors.

Hold-over directors include Scott Warren, Klamath Falls and Fred Mueller, Bonanza.

Also elected as grower-member of the marketing committee was Fred Mueller, Bonanza, with Ed Stastny, Malin, named alternate.

Members of the advertising committee is composed of: Louis Lyons, Malin; John Degman, Merrill; Troy Qualls, Merrill; Bryant

Williams, Henley; LaVern Haskins, Bonanza; Vern Berry, Henley and Earl Wilson, Malin.

Following the election of officers Ben Davidson, administrator of the Oregon Potato Commission, Redmond, gave the biennial report of the commission for the years July 1, 1951 to July 1, 1953.

Davidson stated that when this potato commission was formed its main purpose was to collect and handle money for the potato associations in the different growing areas of the state, but he could see no reason why the commission could not be used to head-up an advertising promotion campaign.

The commission completed a survey in California last summer, Davidson added, and found the markets there very receptive to Oregon spuds providing they were put up in small attractive packages.

A discussion was held on the USDA proposal for a major revision of potato standards.

Walt Jendrzewski, secretary of the Klamath Growers, explained these proposed changes which include: Raising the minimum size for all grades from 1 1/2 inches to 2 inches in diameter for round varieties and 2 inches in diameter or 4 ounces for long varieties.

Addition of a maximum size of 4 inches in diameter for round varieties in U. S. Extra No. 1 and U. S. No. 1 grades and in size A. Tolerance for any maximum size is reduced to 10 per cent from 15 per cent. Minimum size of size A is raised to 2 inches for round varieties and 2 inches or 4 ounces for long varieties.

Size B is proposed to be from 1 1/2 inches to 2 1/4 inches for all varieties and limited to U. S. No. 1 and U. S. Commercial; A new size C with a range of 1 inch to 1 1/2 inches is added for canners and restricted to U. S. No. 1 and U. S. Commercial; U. S. Fancy would be eliminated; U. S. consumer grades would limit potatoes which are frozen or affected by soft rot or wet breakdown to not more than one in any package; and other minor changes in various grades are proposed.

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