

Senators Propose New Plan For Dairy Price Supports

WASHINGTON (AP)—A new government price support system for dairy products—apparently aimed at softening the reduction ordered by Secretary of Agriculture Benson—was unveiled today by Senators Aiken (R-Vt) and Anderson (D-NM).

Aiken is chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee and Anderson is a former secretary of agriculture. In an interview, Aiken said they had not cleared their proposals with Benson or the administration, but would introduce them today in the Senate.

Aiken conceded that the proposals if adopted should counter much of the criticism that has arisen in dairy areas and Congress because Benson lowered government dairy price supports from 90 to 75 per cent of parity, effective at midnight tomorrow.

"This would assure dairy producers about 80 per cent of parity," Aiken said. "It should provide a long-range stability for all parts of the industry, especially farmers and producers."

Both Aiken and Anderson have been supporting administration proposals for ending rigid 90 per cent farm supports on major field crops in favor of a flexible system ranging from 75 to 90 per cent. Parity is a standard for farm prices said by law to be fair to producers in relation to prices they must pay.

Key points in the new dairy proposals, as outlined by Aiken, are: 1. For the first time the government would support fluid milk prices directly, instead of indirectly through price floors under butter, cheese, dried milk and other milk products.

2. The price support level for milk would be tied directly to that of dairy feeds. Thus, if feedstuffs were supported at more than 75 per cent, dairy products would be too. Under present law, the secretary of agriculture has discretion to fix supports between 75 and 90 per cent.

3. Price supports could vary on different dairy products. They might be relatively higher on fluid milk, that sold for drinking and household uses, than on butter and cheese.

4. Distributors and processors would be required to pass on the benefits of government supports to producers. Aiken said this had not always been done in the past.

5. The secretary of agriculture would be given broad authority to dispose of surpluses already accumulated, including millions of pounds of butter, cheese and dried milk. He could do this by gifts to school lunch and relief programs, or by cut-rate prices to low-income, aged and other groups.

Aiken said the program also involves marketing controls, under which the secretary could require producers to hold back part of their milk from market during periods of surplus.

Benson predicted yesterday that some retailers will cut prices on a pound of butter to 59 cents Thursday when the government drops supports from 85 to 57 cents. But he said most prices will be from 66 to 70 cents.

Sen. Mundt (R-SD) got into the dispute over farm price supports last night with an announcement that he would ask Congress to let farmers decide "on crop-by-crop basis" what kind of government price supports they want.

Potato Pest Fight Planned

Oregon potato growers are going "underground" in their battle against three major pests that feed on tubers. Oregon State College insecticide trials show that Aldrin, dieldrin, or heptachlor, properly mixed into the soil before spring planting will give almost complete control of tuber flea beetles. Western spotted cucumber beetles and wireworms.

In addition to ridding the soil of wireworms, the new method catches winged beetles underground in the larval stage and does away with the time-consuming and less effective job of spot checking fields with insect nets and then dusting potato plants three to five times during the growing season to kill adult beetles.

H. E. Morrison and H. H. Crowell, OSG experiment station entomologists, say two pounds of soil insecticide per acre mixed into the top six inches of soil will give control. Growers should not rely on the treatment giving complete control beyond one year.

Booklets Put Out By Chamber

Booklets containing the answers to some of the many questions asked by tourists are being distributed by the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce to local service stations, hotels and motels, restaurants and others whose business engage them with the traveling public.

Angling Regulations for 1954, in booklet form, accompanies the answers to the most frequently asked questions.

A map of the county and a map of the city with an alphabetical street index are also included.

In addition to information on where a visitor may play golf, picnic or camp, scenic attractions and side trips, there is the answer to the inevitable question: "Where are the falls at Klamath Falls?"

Youths Win Scholarships

A Basin boy and girl, Jack Berry, Merrill, and Joyce Dunham, Lakeview, were awarded \$25 4-H summer school scholarships in the livestock project recently, it was announced by Cal Monroe, state 4 club agent.

The awards, sponsored by Safeway Stores, are two of the many issued each year by the chain organization.



STUDYING LANDSCAPE plans at the recent horticulture meeting at the fairgrounds are Mrs. John Sundquist and Ralph Clark.

Death Penalty Faces Youth

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—Tommy Lee Walker, 19-year-old Negro youth, faced death in the electric chair today for the murder of Mrs. H.C. Parker, pretty young dime store clerk.

Walker was convicted of murder with malice last night by a District Court jury, which deliberated about an hour and a half.

Mrs. Parker's slaying last Sept. 30 climaxed a series of rapes, attempted rapes, and reports of a nude prowler in various sections of Dallas. A post-mortem indicated she had been raped on the night her slayer stabbed her in the throat. Walker denied any connection with the crime at the trial.

Boy Killed In Juvenile Gang War

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A 15-year-old boy died of gunshot wounds early today shortly after he was hit by a bullet fired from a speeding automobile as he talked to two girls on a street corner.

It was the third attack within 24 hours in what police described as a new outbreak of juvenile "gang warfare" in North Philadelphia.

Robert Blocker died at St. Luke's Hospital as all available policemen were ordered into the area to pick up all teen-age boys walking streets.

Landscaping Meeting Held

Ralph Clark, horticulturist, Oregon State College, spoke on "Landscaping" at a special meeting at the fairgrounds, March 25, sponsored by the Fairhaven Home Extension Unit. Arrangements for the speaker, were made by Ray Peterson, assistant Klamath County extension agent. Assisting with other details was Mrs. John Sundquist, chairman, Fairhaven unit.

Excellent exhibits were placed in the exhibit building by local nurserymen.

Mrs. W. P. Myers, Lakeshore Gardens, arranged a complete cottage display, fully landscaped. She also exhibited a large selection of shrubs and evergreens, hardy in this climate.

Floyd W. Scott of the Malin Nursery, Klamath Falls, a newcomer to the business, brought a display. A complimentary flower arrangement was sent by the Klamath Flower Shop.

The meeting was primarily to give information on trees, plants, shrubs, rugged enough for the Klamath country climate, and for care and pest control.

It was attended by garden club members, home extension members and other interested persons from as far away as Alturas. Coming from there were Mrs. Ralph Laird, Mrs. Philip McKenney and Mrs. C. Ebbe.

Homes, landscaped by local nurserymen were visited during the afternoon, including the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Richardson, Shasta Way and Kane and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lyman, 116 Dahlia Street, planted by the Lakeshore Gardens Nursery.

GOP Leaders Plan Measures For Helping U.S. Economy

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate Republican leaders moved with President Eisenhower's apparent backing today to push into the foreground of the congressional program measures aimed at bolstering the nation's economy.

Sen. Ferguson (R-Mich) invited key committee chairmen to a meeting of the Senate Republican Policy Committee at which he said he will urge early action on major economic proposals made by Eisenhower.

Ferguson, who heads the policy group, listed these in an interview as including the House-approved tax revision bill and measures for housing authorization, social security expansion, hospital construction, highway building, rehabilitation of the handicapped and revision of public assistance and child welfare.

"We plan to give economic measures priority as much as possible in our drive to get the President's program enacted," the Michigan senator said. "Of course, as other measures of general nature come along, they will be sandwiched in."

In the latter category, he said emphasis will be laid on passage of a farm bill, revision of the Taft-Hartley Act, approval of a foreign trade measure and action on the regular government money bills.

Eisenhower prepared for delivery to Congress today a message spelling out his foreign economic recommendations.

Although Ferguson would not comment, it was learned elsewhere that he and Sen. Knowland of California, the GOP floor leader, had checked lists with Eisenhower and had his approval for the push behind the economic measures.

Ferguson said he looks for no business recession of serious proportion, but added that the economic measures should help along in the transfer from a Korean War to a peace economy.

He said he thinks final approval of a bill to reduce many excise taxes—which may come tomorrow—will serve as an immediate stimulant to business.

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Butter Price Said Lowering

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Benson said Monday some retail outlets have reported they will offer butter for as low as 59 cents a pound Thursday when the government's dairy price support program shifts to a lower basis.

Benson said, however, that most of the retail prices for butter are expected to be in the "mid and upper 60's." Retail prices are now generally above 75 cents a pound, mostly around 80 cents.

The government's support rate will decline about 8 1/2 cents a pound—from about 86 to 57 cents. The dairy support program, now at 90 per cent of parity, will be reduced to 75 per cent for the new marketing year beginning April 1.

Benson told a news conference that many wholesalers and retailers—including food chains—have informed him that they are willing to forego a part of their normal price markups in an effort to help the dairy industry solve its surplus situation.

The secretary estimated his department will own about 350 million pounds of butter, 420 million pounds of cheese and 550 million pounds of non-fat dried milk by April 1, acquired under dairy price support commitments.

Benson said he was not yet ready to announce plans for disposing of the government surplus stocks.

BAD FALL

DETROIT (AP)—George Black, 33, on his way to receiving Hospital last night to visit a friend, slipped and fell on the snow, striking his head on the sidewalk. He was dead on arrival at the same hospital.

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