

In The
Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

There is startling news from the farm front today.

In the 1958 crop year, American farmers produced the biggest crop ever grown in the U.S.A. They did it on the SMALLEST PLANTED ACREAGE IN 40 YEARS.

How was it accomplished?

Good weather and MODERN TECHNOLOGY accounted for it, according to the final 1958 production report just issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Good weather, of course, is something that is PRESENTLY beyond man's control, but to good weather in this record crop year were added better seed, improved fertilizers and advanced cultivation techniques.

All this resulted in new high yields PER ACRE.

This technological revolution that is taking place in American agriculture was dealt with in some detail a few days ago by Roger Fleming, secretary-treasurer of the American Farm Bureau Federation. In his report to the Farm Bureau's 40th annual meeting, held in Boston week before last, he said:

"American farmers are producing today twice as much wheat on 17 per cent LESS ACRES than in 1939; more cotton on about HALF as many acres and 50 per cent more corn on 17 per cent FEWER ACRES than in 1939."

In addition to these big staple crops, he said, dairymen have about three million fewer cows than in 1940, but each cow produces TWO THIRDS OF A TON MORE MILK. For every two eggs a hen laid in 1940, her descendant is laying about three eggs today.

That is what is happening to American agriculture.

Why is it happening?

Well, I think, is the reason:

Two American farmers are ingenious, capable and ambitious. In addition he is by nature a FREE ENTERPRISER.

Under the system of subsidies that has prevailed since the war he could have sat back, taken his subsidy, turned over his crop, whatever it might be, to the government, to be stacked away in bigging warehouses and let it go at that.

INSTEAD, he kept on trying to beat the system—working, studying and GETTING THE MOST OUT OF HIS LAND. When government cut down his acres, he made his acres PRODUCE MORE.

His instinct is to PRODUCE.

That's the free enterpriser for you. I have the feeling that the American farmer, taking it by and large, has reason to be proud of the fact that he has been an irrefragable free enterpriser instead of a mere subsidy-taker.

How will it all turn out?

Will the American farmer, over the long pull, be better off or worse off because of his devotion to the basic principles of free enterprise?

Let's risk a guess:

When we get a quarter of a billion people in the United States—when the statisticians tell us, will be only a couple of decades or so hence—and when because of new highways, new airports, new factory sites and the burgeoning of the suburban areas around our cities we have cut down materially the acreage of our best farm land, the American farmer will get his reward in the form of markets for EVERYTHING he can produce.



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West Germany Emerging As Number Three Power

PARIS (AP)—West Germany is becoming the third most important military power in the Atlantic Alliance, taking the place left vacant by France's troubles in Algeria and her disputes with her allies.

This picture emerged from the annual assessment of NATO strength. The meeting of ministers from the 15 treaty nations

headed to its conclusion tonight with big gains for Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of West Germany and losses for French Premier Charles de Gaulle.

Not that there was any dispute between representatives of the two leaders. Since De Gaulle became premier June 1, circumstances have made them friends seeking the same goal—a West over the short range.

But the Germans were NATO's last-haircut boys. The French had to defend their military shortcomings and failed to win the top place in Allied commands which De Gaulle seeks.

All 15 countries agreed with the military goals presented by the supreme Allied commander, U.S. Gen. Lauris Norstad. But an official spokesman added that Norstad's program of 30 combat-ready divisions at full strength and of speeding up development of nuclear weapons was accepted only as an objective. This was an admission that some nations, notably France, are dragging their feet.

For several years NATO military planners have been disturbed by France's inability to end the Algerian rebellion and bring back to Europe the several hundred thousand troops sent to quell the nationalist uprising.

During those years the West Germans have been building a new military force. Defense Minister Franz Josef Strauss said by the end of March West Germany will have a 200,000-man force in the NATO defense line.

A further indication of West Germany's emergence as the West's major continental military power was contained in the report that for the first time Germans will produce missiles. They will work with France and Italy on anti-aircraft missiles which probably will be equipped eventually with nuclear warheads, informants said.

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The shell set dry grass ablaze. Stewart said he tried to beat out the fire but it spread quickly in the rolling hills near this historic mission village. No charges have been filed against him.

The fire now has blackened more than 60,000 acres and destroyed 17 cabins and homes. More than 2,000 fire fighters are battling it. They hope to control the blaze sometime Friday.

The fire moved south onto the Camp Pendleton Marine reservation but caused no damage.

The Bogota Fire Department began its own investigation to ascertain if changes in its procedures and equipment are necessary.

Dulles Denies News Reports

PARIS (AP)—U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today denied Paris newspaper reports that he is expected to re-enter the hospital for an operation.

A statement issued by Asst. Secretary Andrew Berding added that Dulles has almost completely recovered from the inflammatory condition of the colon for which he was treated at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington before he came to Paris.



SHOOTING HOURS:
OREGON
December 19
OPEN 7:00 CLOSE 4:38
CALIFORNIA
December 19
OPEN 6:59 CLOSE 4:36

Officials Hold Strike Meet

NEW YORK (AP)—Mayor Robert F. Wagner and three national and city media officials met today to discuss the nine-day-old strike against news city newspapers.

Peace talks broke down completely Wednesday. Groups representing publishers and the striking Newspaper and Mail Deliverers Union failed to agree on a resumption of negotiations as they met with federal mediators.

"We see no point in an early meeting," a spokesman for the publishers said. He added that the publishers will remain subject to a new call from federal mediators.

Asher Schwartz, lawyer for the union, said: "We asked for resumption as early as possible of negotiations for a 35-hour week, sick leave, an extra holiday and other demands that have been rejected."

The publishers, taking a stand-pat attitude, indicated a reluctance to meet again.

Federal Mediator Herbert L. Haber said: "The meeting has been adjourned subject to our call, insofar as joint meetings are concerned. In the meantime, the Federal Mediation Service will continue to have separate meetings with representatives of both parties."

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Book Agent Denies Aid

RICHMOND, Ind. (UPI)—Literary agent Joseph Longstreph today denied he helped a best-selling convict-author smuggle a manuscript from his death row cell.

Longstreph was arrested here Wednesday on a California warrant charging he conspired to get a novel by Caryl Chessman to a New York publishing firm.

Named in the same indictment were George Davis, ex-attorney for Chessman, and the publishing house, Prentice Hall Publishing Co.

"Ridiculous," Longstreph said today when arrested. He added he had not been in California since 1954 when he helped Chessman prepare his first novel, "Cell 2455-Death Row."

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Government Tells Reservation Plans

Reich Reds Give Allies Ultimatum

BERLIN (UPI)—Germany's Communists declared today that the Western allies must either deal with them or choose between starvation and war.

Politburo member Albert Norden told the United States, British and French defenders of West Berlin that there is no alternative to local Communist control of the city's land, water and air lifelines.

A few hours earlier, the Red radio in Berlin had rebroadcast a similar Soviet threat.

Norden told a meeting in Halle that the decision to hand over control of Berlin to the local Reds had been reached by the Communists in Russia and Germany, and that no western argument could affect it.

He said the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Berlin and the transfer of control over the city to ahead on schedule.

If the local Reds should succeed in cutting the air lifeline that saved West Berlin in 1948 the allies would either have to yield to the Berlin regime's demand for recognition or break through by force.

It is not clear to observers here how the Reds could cut West Berlin's lifelines without themselves resorting to an act of war—either armed attack on allied airliners or the forcible seizure of West Berlin's airfields.

The repeated Communist declarations that they plan to take control of the Berlin air routes have never explained exactly how they plan to go about it.

NATO Hears U.S. Aide

PARIS (AP)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today reported to North Atlantic Treaty Organization members that a little progress has been made in talks with the Soviet Union on suspending nuclear tests.

But, he said, it is premature to be optimistic as to ultimate success because the Soviet views on the nature of control differ sharply from the views of the Western powers.

Dulles said that the most encouraging aspect at Geneva was that the Soviet Union dropped its resistance to including the matter of control in a treaty dealing with suspension of tests.

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Election Dispute Moving Toward Possible Fight

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Hays-Alford election dispute moved today toward a possibly bitter fight that could rock the House.

A special House committee voted 3-2 Wednesday to recommend that Dr. Dale Alford, Little Rock segregationist, be denied a seat pending an investigation into charges of irregularities and fraud in his election. The two no votes came from Southerners.

Alford, who testified he believed he was elected honestly, promised to push his case at once.

Alford entered the November election at virtually the last minute.

Running as a write-in candidate, he beat Rep. Brooks Hays (D-Ark), an avowed moderate on segregation, by about 1,200 votes.

The committee's Southerners, Chairman Clifford Davis (D-Tenn.) and Robert Jones (D-Ala.), agreed the election should be investigated. But they said Alford should be seated pending the outcome of the inquiry.

This, they said, would be in line with past procedure.

The Southerners were outvoted by Representatives Thomas O'Neill (D-Mass.), Kenneth Keating (R-N.Y.) and David Dennis (R-Ohio).

There also was a possibility that House Democrats might try to throw out the matter in their caucus Jan. 6, a day before the opening day of Congress.

Alford's right to be recognized as a Democrat also has been challenged by Rep. John A. Blatnik (D-Minn.). Blatnik says that since Alford beat Hays, the Democratic nominee, in the election he should be regarded as an independent. The caucus may have to go into this as well.

The formal challenge to Alford's election came not from Hays but from John F. Wells, Little Rock publisher of a weekly newspaper.

Wells told the committee there were numerous irregularities in the vote. He said stickers used by the Alford write-in voters were illegal, and that there were more votes than listed voters in some instances, and that Gov. Orval E. Faubus of Arkansas and others conspired to unseat Hays.

Hays said that since he is not contesting the election, "it is the simple question of whether it was an honest election."

The committee majority said Wells had raised serious questions and by his evidence established "a prima facie case of fraud and irregularity."

Hays will be honored tonight at a dinner to be attended by high government officials, church leaders and others.

Police Probe Strange Case

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (AP)—A St. Louis University student, run over by a car and apparently shot three times, was found dying Wednesday night in a case that has police baffled.

The student, James S. Bullock, 27, of suburban Richmond Heights, died without speaking. Passing motorists had found him sprawled in a road in front of the City Art Museum.

Police were almost certain two head wounds were from a small caliber weapon and that half a dozen tiny wounds in the chest were from shotgun pellets but were awaiting results of an autopsy today.

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Purchasers will be required to manage the land "as far as practicable according to sustained yield principles so as to furnish a continuous supply of timber."

The Klamath Marsh, composed of 15,000 acres, will be purchased by the federal government and used as a National Wildlife Refuge. Sale of forest units and the federal purchase of marshland may not be at less than the realization value as determined by a group of appraisers who are now reviewing a previous appraisal which was made several months ago.

No sales of forest units may be made before April 1, 1959. If all forest units are not sold before April 1, 1961, the United States will purchase as much as the forest land as has, together with the marshland, an appraised value of not to exceed 90 million dollars unless a difference is authorized by law in the meantime.

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A GAVEL, representing presidency of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce, changed hands at the chamber's Christmas board meeting Tuesday. Incoming president Bob Mest, left, accepts the token of office from retiring president Charley Bane.



NEW OFFICERS of the rapidly expanding Klamath Basin chapter, Sportsmen Pilots of Oregon, left to right, are Maury Clark, vice president; Harold "Bud" Cloake, president, and Merle Rush, secretary-treasurer. The chapter is making plans for 1959 Aviation Week observance, numerous air tours next year, and other activities in which those interested in aviation may participate.

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