No Price Changes Seen In Wheat Plan Defeat

CHICAGO (UPI) — Repercussions from the defeat of President Kennedy's 1964 wheat control plan may be felt far and wide, but the housewife is least likely to see any difference in her pocketbook.

Wheat farmers, in a nationwide referendum last Tuesday, overwhelmingly rejected a government proposal for high price supports coupled with strict controls on production.

Administration leaders said the rejection would mean almost unlimited wheat production next season, a sharp building of surpluses, and a drop in average support prices to farmers from the current $2 a bushel to $1.25 on the crop due to hit the market about a year from now.

The consequences could be felt on the national budget, on economies of farm states and in the world market. But there are two big "ifs"—if government planners do not change their minds and push for a new plan and if congressmen with an eye to the 1964 elections do not succeed in enacting a substitute.

Still Too Early

It is too soon to speculate what the defeat will mean on the family food bill, according to most of the economists, millers and bakers polled by United Press International.

But most agreed the housewife will probably see little change on her grocer's shelves.

"It won't mean a cent of difference in the price of a loaf of bread," an economist of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) said in Chicago.

He explained that wheat, no matter how much its cost at the farm level, is one of the smallest factors that go to make up the price of bread.

Gets Small Share

Farmers received an average of only 2.9 cents from a one-pound loaf selling for 20.9 cents in 1961, according to a USDA study. The farmers' share included not only wheat—about 2.5 cents—but also milk, eggs, lard and other farm originated ingredients.

Grain elevators, transportation and other handling took 1.5 cents, flour mills 1 cent and bakers-wholesalers 11.7 cents. Grocers made an average profit of 3.8 cents per loaf.

Arthur T. Joyce, editorial director of the industry publication Baker's Weekly, said the baking trade has given little consideration to flour costs in recent years in its pricing because the percentage is so small.

Reds Claim U.S. Defeat At Ottawa

LONDON (UPI)—The Soviet Union said the United States suffered a political and diplomatic defeat at Ottawa Saturday even though it did win endorsement of its NATO allies for its plan for a new nuclear strike force.

Western European newspapers reacted coolly to the decisions reached in the three-day NATO council of ministers meeting in the Canadian capital.

Informed sources in Paris said French government officials reacted with indifference. The sources said President Charles de Gaulle got what he wanted—that no new command be created for the NATO nuclear force.

Commenting on the meeting, the official Soviet news agency Tass claimed the United States had been handed a "politico-diplomatic" setback by its Allies.

It said the European NATO members had rejected the U.S. plan "in its present stage." It noted the proposed U.S. project to arm surface ships with Polaris missiles had been shelved.

But, at the same time, Tass said the NATO decision to add "more muscle" to NATO nuclear strike forces in Europe was a "step fraught with the most serious danger for the cause of peace and security of the peoples."

Initial reaction by Western newspapers appeared cool. The Times of London said "it was wrong to suppose that anything of immediate value had been achieved."

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California Democrats Back Brown In Withholding Tax Fight

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (UPI) — Gov. Edmund G. Brown told California's Democratic party leaders Saturday he would not allow the Republicans to "scuttle" his withholding tax program.

The party's Central Committee's Executive Council responded by voicing full approval for the Governor's major legislative proposals, including withholding.

The group also went on record supporting President John F. Kennedy's foreign policy, fallout shelter, political contribution, educational, juvenile delinquency, conservation and civil rights programs.

Brown, speaking at a morning session, accused the GOP of trying to "force the will of the minority" on the Legislature.

GOP caucus leaders announced Thursday that the party was committed to block passage of Brown's $3.2 billion budget in fiscal 1963-64 until withholding is defeated, even if it takes all summer.

The budget, in order to go into effect July 1, must pass the Assembly by 54 votes and the Democrats have only a 52-28 majority in the lower chamber. This means they must pick up two Republican votes.

"Won't be Intimidated

Brown told the estimated 100 party leaders that he "will not be intimidated by the Republican attempt to operate government by coercion.

"If the people of California wanted a Republican majority," Brown said, "they would elect one. The Republican minority will not be permitted to block the majority will. Nor will it be permitted to scuttle programs which are crucially needed if California is not to be engulfed by growth."

The Governor defended his tax reforms, which also include speed-up of payments for insurance and bank and corporation taxes, as "sound and solid."

"With the help of our majority in the Legislature I will continue to fight for those programs," said Brown. "And I serve fair warning on the Republican minority that the interest of the people of California must come first."

The Democratic leaders adopted a series of 15 resolutions supporting both the state and federal administrations—some of them in direct contrast to resolutions adopted by the 70,000-member California Democratic Council, the party's major volunteer group.

The two groups differed on Kennedy's fallout program, which the Central Committee supported as recognizing the "problem of citizen protection in a nuclear age."

Ignore Death Penalty

There was one notable omission from the Central Committee resolutions—support for Brown's proposed 4-year moratorium on the death penalty in California. Other party groups, including the CDC and the Young Democrats organization, had expressed their vigorous support of the moratorium.

On the state level, the committee went on record supporting Brown programs to increase recreational facilities, protect consumers, adopt fair housing legislation and establish withholding.

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Stewardesses Unhurt As Plane's Door Blows

MANCHESTER, England (UPI)—Two airline stewardesses said Saturday they narrowly escaped death when the door of the Irish prop-jet in which they were flying to Amsterdam blew off at 17,000 feet.

Vera Dreschers, 22, and Brideen Slattery, 23, were alone in the first-class compartment of the British-made Viscount airliner when the door, which had been locked and bolted before the flight, suddenly flew off. The cause of the accident is being investigated.

"I was pouring coffee in the pantry when I suddenly was slammed against the wall," Miss Dreschers said. "My jacket flew off its hook and into space.

"There was a bang and the door near the pantry flew away... she said. "Pans and crockery started to fly about. We went into a steep dive and the air pressure eased."

"The inside of the cabin became very cold as the air rushed in, but everyone was calm," Miss Slattery said. "The 26 passengers were in fine form, there was no panic."

Yerba Buena (Good Herb), after an aromatic vine found by Spanish settlers, was the original name of San Francisco.

Hawaii Braces For Beach Bum Assault

HONOLULU (UPI) — Waikiki is bracing for the annual lemming-like migration of California beach bums, usually distinguished by their biblical haircuts, beards and reluctance to work.

The advance party is already here. Five are in jail and one is in the hospital.

But observers on the beach say this should be a bumper year for them. Transportation costs are relatively low and co-ed enrollment for the summer session at the University of Hawaii is expected to be high.

Police Chief Dan Liu says the college crowd that arrives about the same time as the beach bums doesn't cause much trouble.

The so-called water rats are the ones that are often the vagrants. They think this is a place where they don't have to work, and secondly there are a lot of girls."

Police have found that the "bums" sometimes eke out a living by petty larceny, robbery, fraud, consorting with homosexuals and even panhandling in Waikiki.

Mudd Werner, one of the old time professional beach boys, said most of the newcomers are "pretty good guys... just a few of them are wise guys."

Others aren't so charitable.

The beach bum now in Queen's Hospital ended up there after an argument with a Hawaiian beach boy about which group really "owns" the islands. The Hawaiian broke his jaw.

Some of the girls have already arrived and say the landlords are too rough on them.

"In San Francisco you can make all the noise you want and the police don't bug you," one of them said.

She lost a $50 deposit when she and some friends were evicted from their Waikiki apartment after a noisy party.

The five now in jail were also evicted from their furnished apartment. But they came back later, one moved the furniture out and gave it to his girl friend and all five were arrested for trespassing.

The sentence was 90 days but the judge said they can get out any time they like. All they have to do is to find jobs or transportation back to California.

"Waikiki doesn't have to tolerate this element," Liu said.

FINED FOR "SERVICE"

LYNN, Mass. (UPI) — Barber Donald Craig has been fined $250 for the extra service he gave customers in his shop.

Craig admitted in district court Friday he took horse race bets for customers "as a courtesy" while cutting their hair and claimed his only profit was tips from winners.

Red Commander Sees Third World War Sparked By Communist Hatreds

BERLIN (UPI) — Surrian Marshal Andrei A. Gretschko, supreme Communist commander in Europe, charged today that hatred of Communist regimes might drive the West to start a third world war.

In an interview published by Volksarmee, organ of East Germany's Red Army, Gretschko assailed allied plans to form a multi-national nuclear force and charged that West Germany is trying to get atomic weapons so it can conquer East Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia.

The Russian marshal commands the forces of the Warsaw Pact.

"We must take into consideration that the imperialists, in their hatred of the socialist (Communist) states, could attempt to start a world war," he said.

"At the present time there exists a great international plot of the imperialists against the nations of the socialist community," Gretschko said the military, economic and political strength of Russia and its European satellites has blocked the world's "aggressive" imperialist forces.

"Fear of a counter-attack with rockets and atomic weapons, fear of retaliation, has had a sobering effect on the imperialists," he said.

No escapes from Red-held German territory were reported during the night, but West Berlin police said five Communist policemen pounced on a man about 30 who approached the Berlin wall. It is not certain whether he was trying to escape.

U. S. and West Berlin officials plans to counter a new Communist threat to a pocket of American-protected territory in Communist East Germany.

The officials were meeting at the request of West Berlin authorities who feared new barriers built on the mile-long road to the 26-acre hamlet of Steinstuecken might be the first step in an East German attempt to swallow the community and its 139 inhabitants.

Eastern police Friday erected two steel customs poles and a zigzag of concrete blocks on the country road which is Steinstuecken's only land link with the American sector of Berlin.

The West Berlin city government immediately denounced the action and requested today's meeting.

Dixiecrat Drive Set

JACKSON, Miss. (UPI)—Govs. Ross Barnett of Mississippi and George C. Wallace of Alabama will appear at a fund-raising dinner here June 17 to kick off a Dixiecrat drive to defeat President Kennedy in the 1964 presidential race.

Barnett said those who attended the $25-per-plate dinner would be charter members of the "Southern Committee To Help Elect The Next President Of The United States."

The money raised, he said, would be Mississippi's share to help pay the expenses for an unpledged electors campaign. In the last presidential election, Mississippi elected independent electors who cast their ballots for Sen. Harry Byrd, D-Va.

"The south, by working together, will hold the balance of power in selecting the next president of the United States," Barnett said.

Louisiana and Alabama, have "already put up their part of the money and several other states are raising their part. We need the assistance of all Mississippians in order to be able to put our dollars on the line," he said. He did not identify the other states.

Barnett said the main speaker would be Tom Anderson of Birmingham, Ala., editor of the Farm and Ranch magazine. Wallace has accepted his invitation to appear "and will bring a special message from the people of Alabama," he said.

Under the plan, the unpledged electors, by denying both major candidates their votes, would prevent either from getting a majority of electoral votes in a close election. The election would be thrown into the U.S House of Representatives, where Barnett says a "conservative" might win.

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