

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Seeks To Protect Domestic Farm Laborers

The administration opposes any extension of Public Law 78, which provides the basic authority for the Mexican labor program, "unless it is appropriately amended to provide sorely needed protection for our own workers," Secretary of Labor Arthur J. Goldberg said recently in testimony before a senate subcommittee.

In a statement read before the Agricultural Research and General Legislation subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, the secretary declared that our own workers must have "protection against the rampant competition for available jobs" from "an almost inexhaustible reservoir of foreign workers."

Used to Substandard Conditions

He characterized the Mexican farm laborers as being "accustomed to work for wages and under conditions which, compared with ours, are substandard and which we have long relegated to the past."

"The basic question is," testified the secretary, "do we not have a solemn responsibility to our own workers to provide safeguards against the adverse impact upon their wages, working conditions and employment opportunities that must inevitably flow from the large-scale use of foreign supplemental labor?"

The secretary told the subcommittee that the administration supports S. 1945, the bill which would extend Public Law 78 for two years but which contains basic amendments to protect the interests of domestic agricultural workers.

Amendments Listed

Those amendments would:

1. Authorize the secretary of labor to limit the number of Mexican nationals who may be

employed by any one employer to the extent necessary to assure active competition for domestic workers.

2. Require growers to offer conditions of employment to domestic workers comparable to those they must provide Mexican workers.

3. Prohibit the employment of Mexican workers in other than temporary or seasonal work or in work involving the operation of power-driven machinery.

4. Provide that employers using Mexican workers must pay them wages at least equivalent to the statewide or national average rate for hourly paid farm labor, whichever is the lesser. The maximum increase in any one year would be the equivalent of 10 cents per hour.

Excluded From Legislation

Speaking of farm workers in general, the secretary pointed out that they are excluded from minimum wage, unemployment insurance, almost all workmen's compensation legislation and most other social legislation, including that legislation which protects the right of workers to organize and bargain with their employers.

"We, as a nation take pride in our concern for the dignity of the individual," said Secretary Goldberg, "but the apathy that has been demonstrated toward this lingering social problem seems to us to be an abdication of our responsibilities."

"At a time when we are engaged in a bitter struggle to advance the cause of democracy throughout the world, this social and economic blight at home has become a matter of embarrassment to the United States."

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Topliff attended the Nyssa Farm Bureau picnic Monday evening at the Brig Olson home.

Fire Destroys Haystack



A BURNING HAYSTACK at the C. A. Reece residence at 100 Chestnut avenue last Saturday afternoon summoned Nyssa firemen to the scene where they remained for approximately 3½ hours keeping the blaze from spreading to buildings and surrounding areas. The stack contained 15 or 20 tons of hay, some of which had just been added that morning. Some lumber was also burned, with a total loss of property estimated at \$1,000. The blaze was apparently started while a ditch bank was being burned off and a brisk breeze came in from the north. The Reece's reported that the stack was still smoldering late Wednesday afternoon. —Staff Photo.

New Strawberry Released for Use By State Growers

A new strawberry variety to help Oregon farmers compete in the frozen strawberry market has been released by the Oregon State university agricultural experiment station and the crops research division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Named "Molalla," the new variety shows considerable resistance to the red stele and virus diseases that have hampered strawberry production in many parts of the state. The new variety is expected to prove particularly valuable in areas where the Northwest and Marshall varieties have been hard hit by these diseases.

The new variety was developed by George Waldo, USDA horticulturist at OSU, and has been under test since 1954. Plans have now been released to cooperating growers in Oregon and Washington who will produce first-year registered virus-free stocks.

Commercial growers should be able to buy plants in the spring of 1962.

Molalla ripens in mid-season, about one week later than the Marshall variety. Berries are medium large and an "irregular conic" shape at first, but more uniform toward the end of the season.

Color of the Molalla berry is a uniform rich red. The surface of

Coming Events . . .

Tonight, 8 p.m.—Jaycee meeting in city council room, city hall.

Aug. 5—Official visit of OES worthy grand matron to Silver Star chapter No. 63 at Masonic hall in Silver City.

Aug. 6, 2 p.m.—Congregational meeting at Faith Lutheran church.

Aug. 8, 8 p.m.—Lady Eagles bowling league meeting at Eagles hall.

Aug. 9—Swimming pool opens.

Aug. 13, 11 a.m.—Nebraska picnic in Nyssa south park.

Aug. 12-13—NHS class of 1954 reunion.

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GUESTS AT GONYER HOME

Mr. and Mrs. John Hay and family of Iowa visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gonyer and family. Mrs. Gonyer accompanied them home for a two-week visit in Iowa and South Dakota.

VISIT FROM COLORADO

Mrs. Dolly Couchman and Margie of Kim, Colo., arrived July 25 for a visit with Mrs. Couchman's brothers and sister, Lewis, Henry and Denzil Mitchell and Mrs. Alonzo Knowles.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Goodell and Bruce and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cleaver and Christine were in Boise Tuesday and also visited at the Henry Estrick home in Meridian.

Mrs. Lyle Patterson and Mrs. James Durrett of Lincoln Heights visited Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Russell Talbot.

Mike Morse of Lebanon, Ore., recently spent a few days at the Charlie Webb home.

HERBERTS HAVE NEW BOY

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Herbert (nee Charlene Reece) of Tigard, Ore., are parents of an 8-pound boy, born Wednesday morning, Aug. 2. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Reece. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Reece of Nyssa.

Sunday dinner guests at the Silas Hoffman home were Mr. and Mrs. David Highland and family of Fruitland and Mrs. James Ritchie and Robert.

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