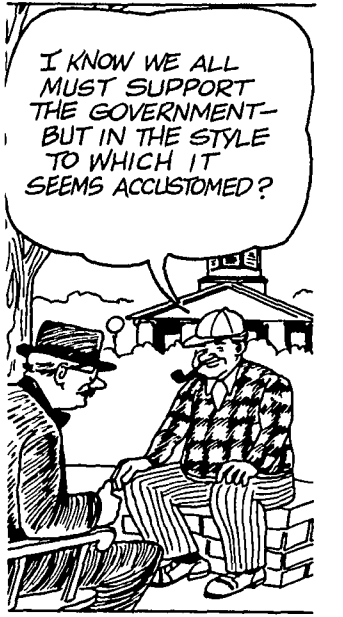


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# USDA To Aid Migrant Workers

The nation's migrant workers, many of whom are fearful of being stranded without fuel, have been reassured by government and industry spokesmen that they will get the gasoline they need to follow the crop harvest northward. Officials from the Departments of Agriculture and Labor, the Federal Energy Office and other Federal agencies met with industry representatives to devise a back-up system that would insure migrant workers fuel to get to their jobs. The nation's about 190,000 migrants usually begin long journeys from the south in April. They harvest their way north as crops mature.

On main highways and roads under programs managed by the Federal Energy Office migrants will be able to get gasoline from truck stops if regular gasoline stations are closed or out of fuel.

In the off-the-main-road growing areas, USDA and agricultural grower representatives are encouraging farmers to sell farm gas to migrants when they are ready to move on to their next stop. At stake mainly are fruit and vegetable crops, whose value totals in the hundreds

# Six New Members Appointed To Potato Board

Six new members have been named to the National Potato Promotion Board by the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for three year terms. Twenty-three current members were reappointed for similar terms.

The new members are Reynold Joel Soucy, Fort Kent, Maine; Carlton Hays, Senatobia, Miss.; Odney Flaata, Grand Forks, N. D.; Bruce H. Grant, Lyndonville, Vt.; T. Neil Gwyn, Moses Lake, Wash.; and Edgar Maghan Jr., Freehold, N. Y.

The Board administers the Potato Research and Promotion plan, which is designed to increase consumption and expand domestic and foreign markets for potatoes, officials of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service said.

The appointments bring the board membership to 84, representing the 48 contiguous states. Since there are no members from Arkansas or Tennessee, growers in those states will be represented respectively by Mr. Hays of Mississippi and Vernon G. James, a holdover member from North Carolina.

Under the plan, each state is entitled to one member plus an additional member for each five million hundredweight of potato production above the first

of millions.

USDA is instructing county offices of its Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) and the Cooperative Extension Service to provide gasoline availability information to migrants. County ASCS offices, in addition to being helpful in telling migrants where to find fuel will report fuel shortages involving migrants through the already established ASCS fuel monitoring network.

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