



ED ESHLEMAN'S WASHINGTON REPORT

This is the first of two columns in which I intend to assess the six month record

of this Congress. Midway through the First Session of the Ninety-Fourth Congress

seems to me to be an appropriate time to evaluate its work.

Earlier this year, when Congress convened, Speaker Carl Albert told the Nation that his majority party had a mandate from the people to assume national leadership. Any fair evaluation of this Congress must use his statement as a standard for judging its performance.

The question then is this: Has Congress provided leadership? The record is subject to personal interpretations based on political considerations, but the sum total of legislative leadership exercised so far is pretty dismal.

It took the House of Representatives six months to pass an energy bill (that's just in this Congress since Administration energy proposals have been on Capitol Hill since 1973). The bill passed was so watered down that no one can call it a comprehensive program to

meet a very serious energy crisis. I voted for the bill in hopes that it will be a vehicle for further, more responsible action, but in the energy field Congress has not been a leader.

In the area of economic policy Congress passed a tax rebate program. You can judge for yourself whether it was an example of responsible leadership.

There have been other measures which cleared Capitol Hill only to end up vetoed by the President. Each of those vetoes has caused a storm of protest from the majority party on Capitol Hill, but the fact remains that the legislation was so irresponsible that they could not override the vetoes even with their two to one majorities in both houses of Congress. Evidently they believed their own talk about a "veto-proof Congress", and thought they could push by nearly any program no matter what the cost. In refusing to accept legislative realities, they are not exercising much leadership.

Some members of the majority are beginning to recognize the lack of leadership and are starting

Lancaster Farming, Saturday, July 19, 1975—67

Wilson Co. reopens

OMAHA, JULY 10, 1975 — Wilson & Co., Inc., announced that it will resume hog and beef slaughtering at its Omaha plant, Monday, July 14, and will phase in related operations as the week progresses.

Wilson closed the plant three weeks ago because of adverse economic conditions. Henry S. Amalong, Wilson President and Chief Operating Officer, said he was hopeful that operations could be resumed on a more satisfactory basis.

Wilson said that plant officials will notify individual employees when they should report for work.

Wilson & Co., Inc., is one of the nation's largest meat packing and processing companies and a subsidiary of The LTV Corporation, Dallas.

Corn roast slated

Members of the Blue Mountain Young Farmers Association are invited to attend their annual corn roast and square dance to be held at the Blue Mountain vocational department on September 6 beginning at 7:15 p.m. Elwood Staudt, advisor of the group will provide the music and call the figures. Reservations must be made by September 1.

A number of members from the organization attended the annual Pennsylvania Young Farmer's conference and farm tour held July 18-19. Tours of area farms were taken with visits to both dairy and beef operations.

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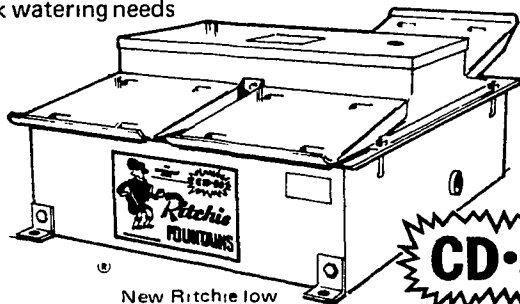
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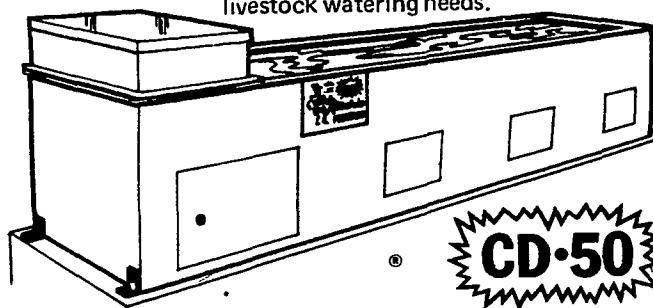
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