

Benson Supports Farm Program

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson told Congress today that the administration's farm program should "give immediate buoyancy" to prices and start putting cash into farmers pocketbooks by spring or summer.

The secretary of agriculture based this prediction on the proviso that Congress act swiftly on the program.

Testifying to the Senate Agriculture Committee in behalf of the plan, Benson said he considered one segment of it "dangerous" but justified by emergency conditions. He said a large part of the effect of the whole program "can be felt within the year" and:

"Quick action can make the soil bank operative for 1956 crops."

This would mean the government could begin pouring out millions to farmers—in advance of the November elections.

Bill by Feb. 15
The Democratic committee chairman, Sen. Ellender of Louisiana, said the intention is to get a farm bill through the Senate by Feb. 15.

While Benson was busy with the senators, Rep. Chelf (D-Ky) told the House the administration farm program was prepared in "secret sessions . . . with the counsel and assistance of a considerable number of big corporation farmers, the fat cats of agriculture."

'Fat Cats'

Chelf did not identify any of the "fat cats smoking big black cigars in the conference room." He described one of them as "the big operator from Colorado who was dashing in and out of that meeting."

Butler Proposes Train Run by Atomic Energy

WASHINGTON Jan. 12 (AP)—Congress was asked today to authorize federal construction of a railroad locomotive powered by atomic energy.

Sen. John M. Butler (R-Md), who offered the bill, said "such a locomotive could tour the United States, pulling an exhibit train which would dramatize the changes coming."

Parachute Troops Arrive in Cyprus

LONDON, Jan. 12 (AP)—Battle-ready parachute troops flew to Cyprus today to buttress Britain's influence against ambitious Reds and nationalists in the restive Middle East.

The emergency airlift numbering nearly 2000 men began soon after dawn as a so-called precautionary measure for protection of British subjects.

Precaution was the official explanation. But no government informant disputed that the real purpose is to guard against collapse of the pro-British regime in Jordan and the British-Jordan alliance on which much of the safety of this country's oil lifeline interests depend.

Secondary Aim

A secondary aim is said to be Britain's desire to reinforce often-breached armistice terms between Israel and the Arabs.

Big Royal Air Force transports roared away through rain and mist from the Blackbushe Airport at half-hour intervals throughout the day and night with armed men aboard in full battle kit.

'Ready for Anything'

Brig. M. R. Butler, 42-year-old commander of the 16th Independent Parachute Brigade, who headed the contingent, told reporters: "We are going there ready for anything."

In the background was a sour note from the Moscow radio: It charged the dispatch of British troops threatens "direct armed intervention in the internal affairs of Jordan."

4 Bodies Located In Auca Country

QUITO, Ecuador, Jan. 12 (AP)—A radio report received here tonight said a U.S. Air Force helicopter has located four bodies in the Auca Indian country near the Curaway River where five American missionaries disappeared five days ago.

The bodies have not been identified, the report said. The helicopter had landed in an attempt to pick up two bodies, sighted earlier in the vicinity, with the aim of taking them to Shell Mera for identification.

Diary entries indicate the five missionaries, attacked in the Amazon Basin jungles of northeast Ecuador, were lured by signs of friendship from the savage Aucas.

66 Killed in Ship Fire

SEOUL (AP)—Sixty-six passengers, trapped in a third-class cabin, were burned to death today as flames roared through a small coastal ship, Korean national police reported.

Three Nations Support Condemnation of Israel

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Jan. 12 (AP)—The United States, Britain and France today urged the Security Council to condemn Israel unanimously for its Lake Galilee raid which cost 56 Syrian lives. The West also warned new raids likely would produce stronger measures.

The Soviet Union, currying favor with the Arabs in Moscow's new look toward the Middle East, called for a censure vote too. In addition, the Russians insisted Israel pay full damages.

Western delegates stressed that they were not taking sides but were acting only to maintain peace.

Might Consider Damages

They said they did not mention compensation in a resolution put up by the United States, Britain and France because they could not find an equitable system of determining the compensation. They indicated they might consider damages if someone could suggest a fair way of levying them.

Syria put up a resolution calling on the Council to condemn Israel, levy damages against Israel and expel her from the UN. Syria also demanded UN members impose economic penalties upon Israel.

Russian Sponsorship

Russia has sponsored the condemnation and compensation part of the resolution before the Council but did not take up the parts dealing with the expulsion or the economic penalties.

New Atom Tests Set for Spring

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—A new series of atomic tests will be held in the Pacific this spring, it was announced today by the Atomic Energy Commission and the Defense Department. They will be smaller explosions than the huge 1954 hydrogen blast.

The joint announcement by the AEC and the Pentagon said that: "In the absence of effective international agreement safeguarded by adequate inspection to limit more control of armaments, the United States government continually endeavors to maintain the most modern efficient military strength for purposes of peace."

Wilson Orders Armed Forces Re-examination

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson disclosed today he has ordered military chiefs to take a new look at the armed forces in view of new weapons and world events.

Wilson forecast, in testimony for the Senate Armed Services Committee, that there will be "continuing changes in the nature and composition of our forces." The changes will be "in line with scientific and technological progress and the international situation," he said.

He said "we do not foresee at this time any major changes in the over-all level of our military forces during the next few years."

A high point of Wilson's statement was:

Military manpower will increase to about 2,840,000 by June 30, 1957, or 26,000 more than the total of 2,814,000 estimated for next June 30. President Eisenhower has authorized a manpower ceiling of 2,906,000 which Wilson said will be used to the limit only if clearly necessary.

Van Fossom Pleads Guilty to Charge

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—Rea S. Van Fossom, former Air Force intelligence officer who gave House Red hunters a secret FBI report, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor today and escaped prosecution on seven felony charges.



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