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Brannan Plan Denounced By Farm Chairman

Democratic Party Split Is Noted On Farm Policy

By FRANCIS M. LeMay

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The Democratic chairman of the house agriculture committee denounced the administration's Brannan Farm plan today as an untried idea based on "principles of a consumer subsidy."

Rep. Cooley of North Carolina, who blasted the plan in a statement, thus demonstrated a Democratic party split on farm policy.

Only yesterday Secretary of Agriculture Brannan and Senator Humphrey (D-Minn) argued warmly for the secretary's plan before a statewide meeting of farmers in Milwaukee.

Cooley's vigorous anti-Brannan stand took on more significance in view of the fact that last year he led an unsuccessful fight to give the plan at least a trial.

The agriculture chairman explained his altered position did not mean that he would refuse to use the Brannan subsidy approach in cases where this seemed to be the only way of meeting a specific problem.

The Brannan plan proposes that perishable farm commodities be sold at whatever price the markets will pay, and that the government later make production payments or subsidies to farmers to bring their income to a predetermined level considered by the government to be fair.

The present farm program seeks to maintain a fair price in the market place for farm commodities, through government loans or purchases that take price-depressing surpluses out of the markets.

Cooley's statement was in reply to what he called President Truman's "condemnation of the present farm program."

He referred to the special message to Congress on Monday in which the President made a new appeal for enactment of the Brannan plan. Cooley said:

"Most disturbing of all to me in the President's statement is what appears to be a lack of appreciation of the soundness, importance, and effectiveness of the present farm program. x x x

"The only alternative which Congress is offered, however, is one which apparently contemplates the 'junking' of the principles of the whole present program and the acceptance of an entirely new program based primarily on the prin-

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Prosperity Program Offered Today By GOP House Leader

WASHINGTON, (AP)—A five-point "prosperity program" was offered today by house Republican Leader Martin of Massachusetts. He called it a non-partisan proposal.

Martin said it would "go far toward reversing the tide" he declared is carrying the nation in the direction of Socialism and unemployment.

In his speech, prepared for delivery during debate on an omnibus appropriation bill, Martin called upon Congress and the President to:

1. Remove wartime excise taxes.
2. Create tax incentive for small business.
3. Balance the budget and start paying on the national debt.
4. Administer the tariff program more carefully.
5. Remove "the threat of Socialism that hangs over the country."

Repeal of excise taxes along with "severe taxes with which the small businessman is shackled," Martin said, would give business such a hefty stimulus that there would soon be an increase in tax revenue that would more than offset the initial reduction."

He called a balanced budget "the surest guarantee of our economic strength" and said the best way to accomplish this balance between income and spending is "to cut spending."

Unwise administration of the tariff and reciprocal trade programs, Martin said, already has caused widespread employment in some areas because of an influx of cheap goods from abroad.

He said that "as long as the United States is pushed down a course that parallels Britain, there will be a damper on the enthusiasm and daring that are the cornerstones of lasting prosperity."

Martin made no specific recommendations for cuts in spending but he is head of a Republican policy committee working on a program to cut at least a billion dollars from the $29,045,030,164 omnibus appropriation bill now before the house.

At The Theatres

SHOALS—Olivia de Havilland in "The Heiress," with Montgomery Clift.

PRINCESS—Leo Gorcey and the Bowery Boys in "Angels in Disguise."

COLBERT — Gregory Peck in "Twelve O'Clock High."

STRAND—John Wayne in "The Fighting Kentuckian."

NORWOOD—"The Red Shoes," in Technicolor.

MAJESTIC — "Atlas the Champ," with Audrey Long and Robert Rockwell. Also "Missing Girls," with Roger Pryor and Muriel Evans.

RITZ—Cary Grant and Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., in "Gunga Din."

ONE DIES IN TRAGEDY—Shown above is the wrecked automobile in which Mrs. Frances Mosley, of Sheffield, was fatally injured, when the car overturned near Town Creek Tuesday afternoon. Two other occupants of the automobile were injured.

Enlow, Powers Are Given City Posts

Richard Enlow was appointed to fill a vacancy in the Sheffield fire department and C. C. Powers was appointed to fill a vacancy in the Sheffield police department at the weekly meeting of the Sheffield city commission Tuesday night at the municipal building.

The president of the board and the city clerk were authorized to execute a quit claim deed to Kenneth Noojin to certain lots in block 310 said property having been redeemed for ad valorem taxes.

All commissioners were present at the meeting.

Bank Robbery Is Charged To Vet Who Crashed Plane

OKARCHE, Okla. (AP)—An airforce veteran stunted a small plane over the home of relatives yesterday, crashed on their farm and ended up in a hospital charged with bank robbery.

State Police Commissioner Paul Reed said the plane apparently was part of a movie-like getaway scheme after robbery of the First State bank in this small town, 30 miles northwest of Oklahoma City.

The FBI filed the robbery charge after Bank President L. W. Morris identified Jim Robison, 28, Enid, Okla., as the man who held up bank employes at pistol point about midmorning.

The identification was made from Robinson's hospital bed at nearby Guthrie. Physicians said he suffered a gash over his eye but found no serious injuries after x-ray examinations last night. He would not discuss the accident or the robbery.

Officers found $3,768 in the pilot's jacket and pulled two pistols, a rifle and a submachine gun from the plane. They also found a sack-load of ammunition.

The plane crashed near Crescent about 33 miles north of Oklahoma City, shortly after taking off from its secluded runway.

Witnesses told officers the pilot was stunting before it plunged downward onto the farm of Ernest Rudd, an uncle of Robinson's 20-year-old wife, Aliene.

TEL AVIV EXPECTS 500,000 PEOPLE

TEL AVIV, Israel, (AP)—The city of Tel Aviv, its population already nearing 250,000 is looking ahead to doubling that figure. Counting upon the steady influx of Jewish immigrants from all parts of the world to make the greater Tel Aviv, engineers have drafted plans for a new water supply.

Woman Killed In Auto Accident Near Town Creek

Two More Injured When Car Overturns And Leaves Road

A Sheffield woman was killed and her mother-in-law and brother-in-law were injured when the car in which they were riding overturned 2 mile east of the Town Creek city limits on highway 20 Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, it was reported today.

The fatal victim was Mrs. Frances Mosley, 41, of 1201 West Remington avenue who was pronounced dead upon arrival at Colbert county hospital, Sheffield. She was carried to the hospital in a Brown-Service ambulance.

The other two persons injured were Mrs. Katie Mosley, 65, and her son, Johnny D. Mosley. Mrs. Mosley remained in Colbert county hospital today. Reports said she sustained lacerations about the face. Mr. Mosley received first aid at the hospital and was not admitted. Both live at 201 20th avenue, Sheffield.

Set W. B. Little in charge of the state highway patrol office at Decatur, said today that the trio was riding in a 1949 model Buick sedan driven by Johnny D. Mosley, and the rate of speed at the time of the accident was between 35 and 40 miles per hour.

Sgt. Little quoted Mr. Mosley as saying that the wheel was very strong and that when he applied his brakes to slow down, the car skidded and turned over on the pavement into a ditch.

Property damage to the car amounted to $400, Sgt. Little said.

The accident was investigated by D. A. Hansford and L. S. Bryant, of the highway patrol office at Decatur.

Surviving the deceased are her husband, J. H. Mosley, who is an employe of Southern Railway; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Osley, of Dyersburg, Tenn.; five brothers, W. O. Osley, Leonard Osley, Orvil Osley, Clovis Osley, all of Dyersburg, Tenn., and J. L. Osley, stationed with the army at Mobile; three sisters, Mrs. Dora Hyde, Mrs. Mary Nell Moody, both of Dyersburg, Tenn., and Mrs. Wilma Melton, of Winfield.

Mrs. Mosley had lived in and around Sheffield since 1925.

It was stated that the group was returning from Decatur after taking the elder Mrs. Mosley to a physician when the accident occurred.

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Public Housing Opponents Called 'Unfair, Ruthless'

NEW YORK, (AP)—Sen. Sparkman (D-Ala) last night termed public housing opponents "unfair and utterly ruthless" in efforts to defeat public housing measures.

Sparkman gave his views in an address read for him at the banquet closing the 19th annual meeting of the National Housing Conference.

He had planned to deliver it in person, but illness forced him to miss the affair. The speech was read by the senator's administrative assistant, John Horne.

Sparkman said friends of public housing warned before passage of the housing act of 1949 that "the minute the bill was passed the opponents of public housing would carry their attack into every city and community in the nation."

"What was then a prediction quickly became a reality," the senator said. "What is loosely called the real estate lobby, which had banged around in Washington for many years, had learned its lesson well. The kind of unfair and utterly ruthless attack they make on public housing follows a carefully studied program geared to spread fear and mistrust among the people."

The opposition, he said, usually comes in the form of attempts to submit questions to local referendum, pressuring local governing bodies to take unfavorable action on public housing, and by bringing about recall elections of members of local governing bodies who have voted favorably for low rent housing.

"Thus far the progress of the program has not been impeded alarmingly by these local actions," Senator Sparkman said, "but such effort could develop into a real threat to the low rent program."

He declared that opponents of public housing "seem to have unlimited funds" for the campaigns.

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Thieves Take Safe From Store; Steal Truck To Carry It

Thieves entered the Burns Motor Co., 118 East College street, Florence, sometime Tuesday night and left with the company safe in a stolen Lamar Furniture Co. delivery truck, Florence police reported today.

The truck was located by police this morning at Kiwanis park about 10 o'clock.

The contents of the safe were listed at $150 in cash, $572.30 in checks and the company books and ledgers.

Capt. J. W. Goforth, Florence police said the burglars entered through the back door, breaking the glass and pulling a pin from the door. They took the safe from the office to the adjoining garage where they attempted to open it with a blow torch. Failing in this they loaded it on the Lamar delivery truck, closed in the garage and left police believe.

Both city and county authorities are pressing the investigation.

McCarthy Ponders Decision On Turning Lattimore Files Over To Senate Committee

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH

WASHINGTON, (AP)—This may be the day that Senator investigators get at least some of Senator McCarthy's secret files on Owen Lattimore.

McCarthy, Wisconsin Republican, has promised to go through his papers for selection of material he considers valuable. The promise came as a Senate foreign relations subcommittee arranged to resume public hearings on his charges of Communism in the state department.

Listed as today's were Chairman Seth W. Richardson of President Truman's loyalty review board, and Conrad E. Snow, head of the state department loyalty board. McCarthy has sharply criticized both towards contending they have cleared department employes he regards as bad security risks.

The Senate inquiry committee late yesterday formally demanded that McCarthy surrender to that group all his information which has a bearing on the investigation. There was no specific mention of the Lattimore data, but committee members made it plain that is what they are after.

McCarthy has accused Lattimore, an expert on Far Eastern affairs, of being Russia's top spy in the state department and the United States. He also told the Senate last week that he can produce mystery witnesses who will swear that Lattimore is a present or past member of the Communist Party.

Lattimore has called the charges an "unmitigated lie" and McCarthy a "madman" for making them. He is scheduled to go before the committee tomorrow to make a formal reply.

Senator Tydings (D-Md), the committee chairman, wrote McCarthy yesterday that the group wants "all information, documentary or otherwise, which you may have" dealing with the investigation.

The committee has asked that after McCarthy had indicated that he did not intend to give it a look at his Lattimore material. He already has turned it over to the FBI.

Tydings reminded McCarthy that he told the Senate on Feb. 20 that he would be "willing, happy and eager to go before any committee and give the names and all the information available."

Replying, McCarthy wrote Tydings that he would supply "any things that he would consider of value." (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

Southern Must Keep Two Trains From Tuscumbia

MONTGOMERY, (AP)—The Alabama Public Service commission has refused to let the Southern Railway discontinue two daily trains between Tuscumbia, Ala., and Chattanooga.

Southern filed a petition on Sept. 13, 1948 asking permission to take off passenger runs 7 and 8. Hearing was held at Huntsville Oct. 6, 1949.

The railroad said it was losing money on the trains and reported a deficit of $78,710 in the 12 months ended February, 1948.

In its order turning down the request, the Public Service commission said an "element of doubt" exists as to the extent of losses. Further, the commission said it wasn't convinced that Southern had done everything possible to trim expenses.

Quoting an Interstate Commerce commission report to Congress in 1948 which said railroads should do more to increase efficiency and reduce operating costs, the APSC observed:

"We are not convinced that the railroads generally have taken this admonition as seriously as they should. It appears that they have large elected to depend on the Interstate Commerce commission for granting relief in the form of increased fares x x x."

Senate Expected OK Truman's Secretary Of Air

President Signs Nomination Of Thomas Finletter

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Senator Tydings (D-Md) today forecast early and favorable senate action on President Truman's appointment of Thomas K. Finletter as Secretary of Air.

Finletter's nomination was signed yesterday at the winter White House in Key West, Fla.

"It is one of the best appointments the President has made," Tydings, chairman of the senate armed service committee, told a reporter. "Mr. Finletter is well qualified."

It may be possible to act on the nomination at a session of the armed service committee Thursday. Tydings said, "although we usually let these nominations wait for a week."

Senator Gurney (R-SD), former committee chairman, agreed with Tydings that approval by the senate appeared certain, saying Finletter "is evidently a very capable man."

As chairman of a special aviation commission that made a detailed survey of postwar aviation, Finletter, a New York attorney, is widely known among members of Congress. He is a strong advocate of a 70-group air force, in contrast to the present 48-group.

As secretary for air he would succeed W. Stuart Symington who was nominated by the President last week to be chairman of the National Security Resources board.

At the same time Frank C. Pace, Jr., director of the budget, was appointed secretary of the army to succeed Gordon Gray, who will be a special presidential assistant for a few months prior to becoming president of the University of North Carolina.

The Symington and Pace nominations also may clear the armed services committee session Thursday. A partial check of members indicated no opposition.

Senate approval of both Finletter and Symington would place two champions of air power in key defense posts.

Finletter emerged as a powerful advocate of security through air

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MARE CROWNED "KING" OF MULES—They disregarded the matter of sex—and crowned "Headlight Nell," a mare mule, "King of Mules" at the 110th annual Mule Day festival at Columbia, Tenn. Her majesty is flanked by Sue Allan Morrison (left), Mule Day queen, and Tennessee's Gov. Gordon Browning. Columbia claims to be the world's largest mule market.—(AP Wirephoto.)

Harry Bridges' Longshore Union To Fight For Him

By HAROLD STREETER

SAN FRANCISCO, (AP) — Harry Bridges' CIO Longshore union laid plans today to carry to the Supreme Court, if necessary, the fight against their leader's conviction on a charge that he lied to conceal he was a Communist.

Bitterly assailing yesterday's verdict of a federal court jury, the union officers mapped a strategy that would counter possible moves to cancel Bridges' citizenship and have him deported to Austria.

But F. Joseph Donohue, the special prosecutor for the government in the stormy 81-day trial, said he felt certain the higher courts would find no basis for a reversal.

Donohue expressed belief that Bridges' conviction of committing perjury at his 1945 naturalization hearing would result in automatic cancellation of his citizenship, followed by deportation action.

Bridges, 48, and two union aides convicted with him of also conspiring to commit perjury will be sentenced Monday. Seven year terms and $15,000 fines are possible.

From Sydney, Australia, whence Bridges shipped out in 1920 for a tumultuous career as a labor leader in the United States, came word by immigration officials that he probably would be allowed to return if ordered deported. Other government officials took the opposite view but said no decision would be made until an application required it.

The San Francisco regional office of the National Labor Relations Board studied another aspect of the conviction, whether it had any effect on the recent signing of noncommunist affidavits by Bridges and other officers of his International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union.

Those officers had held out for a long time against signing such affidavits. When they did so, they

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Hill Declares That States Righters Have No Place In Alabama

(By The Associated Press)

Sen. Lister Hill (D-Ala) says he feels that states righters have no place in Alabama's Democratic primary.

The Birmingham News quoted the senator as saying at Washington:

"In my book, one is either a Democrat or he is something else. Certainly one cannot be a Democrat part of the time and a Dixiecrat part of the time, any more than one can be a Democrat part of the time and a Republican part of the time."

He added that "the Dixiecrats can't pass themselves off as good Democrats."

Hill said the states righters have no right to set themselves up as the sole protectors of states rights. He commented:

"In Alabama, we all believe in states rights and are against the so-called civil rights program."

Tom Abernethy, chairman of the states rights campaign committee, said at Talladega that slates of states rights candidates for the Alabama Democratic Executive committee will be announced by each district rather than on a statewide basis.

Three such slates from the first, second and fourth districts—already have been announced. Each state

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Monthly Report Of Florence Police

The monthly report of cases in Florence police court is as follows:

65 cases of public drunkenness; three violations of the prohibition law; four cases of disorderly conduct; six cases of driving while intoxicated; one case of maintaining an unlawful drinking place; seven cases of reckless driving; six cases of speeding; four cases of driving without a license; two cases under investigation; one case of operating a business without a license; one case of use of profanity; one case of petit larceny; one case of forgery referred to the county; two cases referred to other authorities; 50 were fingerprinted; 43 were pictured; 23 reports on wrecks were filed; and 236 telephone complaints were heard.

Racial Segregation Cases Pending In U. S. Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Three cases involving the question of racial segregation were taken under advisement late yesterday by the Supreme Court.

In all three actions the high tribunal is faced with the problem of whether to overrule a 54 year old doctrine that "separate but equal" facilities for the races satisfy the 14th amendment to the Constitution.

This amendment forbids any state to "deny to any person the equal protection of the laws."

The three cases now under study by the court were brought by Negroes.

1. Heman Marion Sweatt was denied admission to the white law school of the University of Texas. He refuses to register in a new law school set up for Negroes.

2. G. W. McLaurin says he is required to sit in a special classroom adjoining the regular classroom at the University of Oklahoma.

3. Elmer W. Henderson, of Washington, D. C., protested against separate dining service for Negroes on railroad cars in the South.

There was no estimate as to when the court may rule on the issue.

Big Three Appear Nearing Critical Point In Germany

Outcome May Settle Fate Of Western European Organization

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The United States Britain and France appeared today to be approaching a critical point on the question of Germany's future. The outcome may also settle the fate of western European organization.

The central issue, as seen by officials here, is whether Britain will join fully in the unity of western Europe as a counter balance to German partnership. Without Britain's wholehearted cooperation it is considered certain that France will be unwilling to accept Germany as a full scale partner.

The United States favors western European union, including all three of these nations, and feels that German participation is essential both to Germany and to its western neighbors. But British and French policy, rather than American, holds the key to future developments.

Some diplomats say the situation will be the most critical to be discussed by Secretary of State Acheson, British Foreign Minister Bevin and French Foreign Minister Schuman when they meet in London next month.

Meanwhile, it was sharply pointed up last night in a speech which the American high commissioner for Germany, John J. McCloy, made in London. The speech reflected top policy thinking in the state department here.

"The fact is," McCloy said bluntly, "We can not solve the German problem without fitting it into the larger context of a united Europe."

At another point he said: "No friend of Britain, aware of her problems, would dare urge any step which might prejudice Britain's existence or impair her position as a leader of nations. The United States, too, will have to do its share."

State department officials are considerably more concerned about this question of the future of Germany in relation to Britain and France than they are now about the dismantling of German industries.

Bednasek Found Innocent In Death Of Pretty Co-Ed

IOWA CITY, Ia., (AP)—Robert E. Bednasek was found innocent today of the charge that he strangled pretty Margaret Anne (Co-Ed) Jackson in a University of Iowa offcampus rooming house the early morning of last Dec. 11.

The jury accepted the defense's statement that the coed's death was "a tragic accident." The state had asked conviction for first degree murder and the death penalty.

The four women and eight men who decided against the state's theory that the beautiful blonde's death was "cold, calculated murder" motivated by jealousy had taken the case approximately 23 hours earlier.

Bednasek himself had appeared confident even before he received word that a verdict had been reached. Sheriff A. J. Murphy said he had to wake Bednasek up to give him breakfast, so soundly had the young man slept.

The court-room, though only half-filled, was taut with emotion as the verdict was passed to District Judge James P. Gaffney who read it after first admonishing against any demonstration.

When the verdict of innocent was read, however, there was a shout of exultation from some of the spectators.

The handsome defendant leaned his head back momentarily and then embraced Defense Attorney Clair Hamilton. Both wept and Bednasek then sank back into his chair at the counsel table, rested his head on his arms and sobbed.

Bednasek then rose and walked to the jury box, exclaiming:

"God bless you all."

He then shook hands with each juror. Several of the jury members were in tears. Mrs. Irene Coplan, wife of a retired farmer, embraced the youth.

Bednasek then went into the law library where his Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity brothers were waiting.

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The Weather

Alabama: Clearing and cooler in south portion this afternoon. Fair and cooler south with scattered frost in interior tonight. Thursday fair and cool. Fresh to strong northeast winds on the coast diminishing this afternoon.

Tennessee: Fair and somewhat cooler with frost tonight. Lowest 30 to 35. Thursday fair with milder in afternoon.

Mississippi: Fair and cooler in extreme southeast portion this afternoon. Continued cool tonight with scattered frost in north and central portions. Thursday, fair and warmer in northwest portion in afternoon.

Maximum temperature for 24 hour period ending at 6:30 a. m., today 70; minimum, 36. Precipitation note during the period, .13 inch. Sunrise this morning, 5:31, sunset, sunset this evening, 6:13. Pickwick lake stage today, 14.05 feet, compared with Tuesday's 13.11, rise of .34 of a foot.

Data for Muscle Shoals area received from U. S. Department of Commerce, weather bureau, operating with extensions service AFL for week ending at 6:30 a. m. Tuesday. Temperatures, mean, 5[illegible]; highest, 75; lowest, 30; rainfall, [illegible] of an inch, three days.

The People Turn On Their Saviour

Drawn by John J. Sunley

THE EASTER STORY

Jesus was taken to the house of Caiaphas, where false witnesses convicted Him of blasphemy. Then did they spit in his face and buffeted him: and others struck his face with the palms of their hands. (Matt. 26:67)

In the morning, the priests delivered Jesus to Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor. Pilate questioned Jesus and found no fault in Him. And he answered him to never a word: so that the governor wondered exceedingly. (Matt. 27:14)

Pilate had a Passover custom of giving one prisoner his freedom. So he asked the crowd whom should he free—Jesus of Nazareth, or popular outlaw. They demanded Barabbas. Pilate said to them: What shall I do then with Jesus that is called Christ? They say unto him, Let him be crucified! (Matt. 27:22)