

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

In the midst of a ticklish foreign situation the peoples of the United States, along with those of the 57 member nations, will take time out on October 24th to celebrate United Nations Day. It will be a day of international stock-taking to see what progress has been made toward international peace and to plan to accomplish what remains to be done.

The national citizens committee is urging celebrations down to the city and town level to pay tribute to the United Nations and

to renew our faith and sense of obligation to back the organization toward obtaining universal and permanent peace.

President Truman has issued a proclamation calling upon officials of the federal, state and local governments as well as upon civic, educational and religious organizations and institutions to cooperate in programs designed to give public expression to our devotion to the United Nations and to make more effective our participation in the work of the United Nations.

The day, October 24th, is the day the charter of the UN came into effect.

Economists in Washington are

generally agreed that a general farm price break is certain within the next six months. When it will come and when the corresponding break in grocery prices and cost of living will follow are purely guess work. Facts are that farm prices are already down considerably. Department of agriculture says that since last January prices of food grains are down 30 per cent; feed grains and hay, 26 per cent; soybeans, cottonseed and peanuts, 18 per cent and cotton, 8 per cent. Yet in those nine months retail prices of groceries from food grains and fats and oils together with textiles have been continually on the rise.

According to information from economic cooperation administration, outlook for food grains, feed grains, fats, oils and cotton as exports during the next few months looks bad. For instance, France is buying no wheat whatever and cotton shipments have not been up to expectations. The huge wheat and corn crops are just coming into harvest and, as was pointed out in this column last week, storage space is short since the commodity credit corporation, under new restrictions of the law, is unable to buy or lease adequate storage for price support loans or purchase agreements.

State College Hints to Farm Homemakers

Special metal cleaners which require very little rubbing are available for cleaning copper. If you prefer, salt and vinegar or lemon will do a good job. Sprinkle the copper with salt and then rub with vinegar or a slice of lemon. Rinse well and dry with a soft cloth.

In selecting all roasting and baking utensils look for materials sturdy enough not to warp when exposed to high oven temperatures. Few seams, smooth edges, and rounded corners all make cleaning easier. Study the size and shape of your oven before buying casseroles, utility pans, muffin tins, cake and pie pans. Wherever possible select utensils which can be used for top range as well as for oven cooking.

Add a dozen chopped pitted dates and a tablespoon or two of finely cut crystallized ginger to your next Indian pudding. Plain cream or ginger-flavored hard sauce is best.

There's no short cut to the home-baked bean. Long, slow baking does it. There's no substitute for molasses. And put off the whole affair if you can't get some salt pork.

SURVIVES 26-FOOT FALL
Philadelphia—Little Dennis D. Alessandro, 2, fell 26 feet from the third floor of his home, landed on an awning 15 feet from the ground and then fell into a trash box. His only injury was a fractured left leg.



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bins on the farms are short, and there are disturbing stories coming into Washington concerning alleged sharp practices from some country elevators. These elevators tell the farmer they are full-up, can't store his grain and turn him away from storage under government loan. Later, however, they buy up the grain at distressed prices and then, somehow, find room for it in their elevators.

There is more talk concerning changing of the price support system, at least lowering the price support levels. Both Democrats and Republicans voted for these supports and neither party dares to take the initiative, and the guess here is that the next congress will permit the price support level of 90 per cent of parity on basic crops to run

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through 1949. In the meantime, prices will almost certainly decline below the formal support levels and the government, namely the taxpayers, will take the loss on the subsidies.

Some agricultural economists, however, declare that were it not for price supports on farm commodities the bottom would fall out not only on farm produce but on all commodities and the loss to the American taxpayers would be greater than the amount they pay out in subsidies.

It is fairly well documented now that the Dixiecrat cause in the South is being financed largely by Northern capitalists who control Southern industry and are willing to spend thousands to break the Solid South away from the Democratic party.

The Interior Department has announced that more than \$9,500,000 will be divided among six states as refunds from oil and gas royalties derived from exploration on public lands under the O'Mahoney-Hatch act. Of these payments, 10 per cent goes to the treasury, 52 1/2 per cent to the reclamation funds and 37 1/2 per cent to the states. It is the highest distribution on record. States sharing in the distribution are Wyoming, \$3,386,398; California, \$2,609,550; New Mexico, \$1,700,984; Colorado, \$1,212,516; Montana, \$321,193; and Utah, \$274,685.

Plain seams in unlined jackets or in ravelly materials may be finished by turning the edges and machine stitching.

Here is a new idea and a good one: Top a casserole of seasoned, mashed squash with a meringue. It's different. Do try it and use your canned squash. To make the meringue, beat two egg whites with one teaspoon sugar, salt and pepper to taste and one half teaspoon mixed herb seasoning. Sprinkle with paprika and brown in the oven.

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