

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



Washington—The death of Senator Alben W. Barkley has deeply saddened all of us. We had somehow grown to think of him as the leaving force in the Senate.

Barkley Dr. Frederick Brown Harris is the chaplain of the Senate. I attended Senator Barkley's funeral at Foundry Methodist Church, and was so impressed by the eloquent and accurate tribute that Dr. Harris paid my late colleague at the funeral service that I am going to quote part of it here. Dr. Harris said:

"We are vastly poorer because his eloquent, passionate voice will be heard no longer in the Nation's councils, on its platforms, and in its forums.

"For us there is an altered world, since but a few hours ago he went down in full armor with unabated powers, having lived his strenuous years up to the hilt.

"We think of one who with unbowed head and unembittered heart met life's tragic losses, and who found constant fun in living, and who reveled in laughter; who loved folk more than fortune, and who was valiant as a knight of old in righting wrongs and enthroning justice; and who counted it as part of his religion to help see that his country was well governed.

"He so numbered his days, applying his heart to wisdom, because the whole world was the House of the Lord, as echoed by the last phrase which fell from his lips.

"We come in gratitude to think tenderly of one who occupied high office and yet never stooped to low designs; one who was greatly honored by his countrymen, but who ever put principle above pedestal, one who was a partisan with deep convictions without blind spots."

As one reporter wrote about the funeral, "An onlooker, unfamiliar with American politics, would have found it impossible to tell whether Senator Barkley was a Republican or Democrat to judge from those who moved out into the rain."

All North Carolinians can rejoice in the fact that this great man's forebears were North Carolinians. He and I often spoke about his connections in North Carolina.

Inquiry Continues The air inquiry by the subcom-

mittee of which I am a member continues. We met virtually every day last week. General LeMay's testimony is sufficient to shake our country from its complacency about our defense position. I have been impressed with the fairness and effective way the committee has acted under the leadership of Senator Symington. Service on this committee, in addition to the other responsibilities of attending to the affairs for which I was elected to the Senate, have restricted my visits to North Carolina for speaking engagements, but as I stated before, I feel that this assignment is the most important public responsibility ever given to me, and I am dedicating myself to this task of helping to find the answer to the air defense riddle.

55 Consumption Of Dairy Foods Up 4%

Americans consumed 411 pounds of dairy foods per person during 1955, 4 per cent more than in 1954, it is announced.

Fluid milk consumption rose to 140 quarts per person; ice cream and dry milk hit new all time highs; butter added to its gains, continuing an upward trend in sales begun in 1953; and cheese, cream and evaporated milk held their own.

These facts were revealed recently in the 1955 issue of "How Americans Use Their Dairy Foods," a special report issued annually by the National Dairy Council, the non-profit, nutrition research and educational agency of the dairy industry.

Price-wise, American consumers paid less for dairy foods during 1954 and 1955 than at any time since 1950, less in fact than the all-foods average. For example, while the all-foods price index stood at 110 as compared with the 1947-49 average of 100, the dairy foods index for both 1954 and 1955 was only 106.

Total Loss Vicar—Ah, Mrs. Tompkins, we never realize the value of anything until we've lost it.

Widow—No sir, but I shan't realize anything—my 'usband wasn't insured.



STRIFE IN SILHOUETTE—Brooding sky and bomb-torn ruins of a police outpost at Khan Yunis highlight the sense of urgency expressed by silhouetted figures of Egyptian troops as they race for cover in the disputed Gaza Strip, site of many clashes between Egypt and Israel in recent months.

Saturday, May 19th Armed Forces Day

President Invites Citizens to Visit Military Installations

President Dwight D. Eisenhower who has proclaimed Saturday, May 19, as Armed Forces Day for 1956, has issued an invitation to all Americans to visit military installations holding open house during the day long observance.

In his proclamation, the President said, "It is appropriate that the Armed Forces of this nation dedicate a special day each year to the demonstration of their operations and capabilities."

The President urged all Americans to view the Armed Forces of the United States engaged in tasks which demonstrate to the world our free way of life. He said the Armed Forces "have steadfastly served as champions of the security of our country."

He has also directed the Secretary of Defense and the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force as well as the Secretary of the Treasury on behalf of the Coast Guard to mark May 19 with appropriate ceremonies. He urged them to arrange for demonstrations and displays at Armed Forces installations, to invite participation by representative of all religious faiths, and the Governors of the States, Territories and possessions of the United States.

He further stated, "Not only do I call upon my fellow citizens to display the flag of the United States on Armed Forces day, in manifestation of their recognition of the sacrifice and devotion to duty of the members of the Armed Forces, but to avail themselves of the opportunity to further their knowledge of our defense posture and of the men and women who constitute our real national strength, by attending and participating in the local observance of the day."

This Armed Forces Day will be the seventh annual exposition of America's "Power for Peace."

Some Hay Claimed To Be Poor Quality

Livestock losses caused by drought-induced vitamin deficiencies may continue through the early spring months unless livestock producers are on guard against them, the American Foundation for Animal Health warns.

"Hay from drought-stricken areas may have poor quality and may be low in vitamin 'A,'" the Foundation says. "Feeding of this low quality hay over an extended period may result in poor health for stock."

Vitamin A deficiency is especially important in cattle, but can also be a problem in swine, sheep and horses. Weak, blind calves that often die shortly after birth, and breeding failures, may result from this deficiency—even though the cows appear normal.

Cattle fed on hay or ranges low in vitamin A may show signs of shipping fever when shipped to feedlots. Those signs actually are caused by the vitamin shortage, the Foundation reports.

Rapid breathing, swollen legs, loss of appetite and emaciation are symptoms of both shipping fever and vitamin A shortage. Officials of the Foundation point out that because the two conditions require different treatment, a veterinary diagnosis is needed to determine the real cause.

Night blindness is another of the first symptoms of vitamin A deficiency. Cattle affected by this condition cannot see in dim light. The condition may progress into permanent blindness in young cattle because of damage to the optic nerve.

"Corrective rations and proper supplements, under veterinary guidance, can help prevent losses from this cause in areas where the drought has damaged the vitamin content of feeds," the Foundation says.

NO COMMENT

By JAMES W. DOUTHAT

Washington—House Labor Committee Chairman Barden (D-N.C.) is far too conservative to suit the amalgamated AFL-CIO and he's to be purged, according to reports reaching Washington.

Labor's political arm is out to defeat him in the May Democratic primary, and insiders say there will be plenty of outside union money thrown into the fight.

Barden has been a staunch defender of the Taft-Hartley law and has opposed many of union labor's social welfare grabs. His defeat, some observers claim, could assure

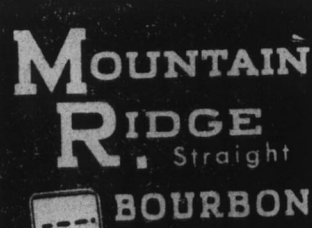


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union control of the House Labor Committee if the House should remain Democratic.

Tax Talk—An estimated \$2 billion surplus for the current fiscal year, forecast by the staff of the Joint Economic Committee, has kicked off a new wave of tax-cutting talk on Capitol Hill. Republicans and Democrats are dusting off their old tax reduction proposals and coming up with new ones.

Actually, some members have indicated their belief that the growth in revenues will be such as to provide a surplus in the fiscal year 1956 of as much as \$4 billion with an even higher surplus in the fiscal year beginning July 1.

Most of this talk centers around the next fiscal year—not this—and is based on continuation of the present growth in revenues.

Treasury Secretary Humphrey was still firmly opposed to tax reduction after top Administration officials reviewed the outlook.

A sobering note is also being injected by some members of Congress who agree that revenues are increasing rapidly—but point out that expenditures are not being held down in this election year. For example, the House of Representatives in passing six appropriation bills thus far, has exceeded the President's January budget by over \$120 million.

President Eisenhower has asked for an additional \$500 million for the military. Passage of the postal rate increase—involving \$350 million—is in doubt. The \$200 mil-

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lion surplus for fiscal 1956 and the \$400 million surplus for fiscal 1957—forecast by the President in January—were based on getting the postal rate increase enacted into law this year.

Continuation of the trend toward greater election-year spending could quickly wipe out any prospective surplus and even produce another deficit. And the optimistic forecast of the Joint Economic Committee staff may become an open invitation to Congress to approve new spending projects.

I.L.O. Rebuffed—The senate (43 to 40) refused to approve increasing the American contribution to the International Labor Organization so long as Communist delegates—masquerading under the false claim that they are representatives of free employers and of free employees—are permitted to sit in I.L.O. conferences.

The Senate decision was made on a bill which would have raised the ceiling on I.L.O. contributions from \$1,750,000 to \$3,000,000.

Senator Bricker (R-O) offered an amendment stating that the ceiling should not be raised if delegates from the Soviet Union—or other Communist countries—are

permitted to participate as genuine representatives of employers and employees—when in fact they actually represent government.

Adoption of the Bricker amendment maintains the status quo in the I.L.O. while the Eisenhower Administration makes a promised investigation of Communist participation. The Senate decision could be reversed by the House—but sponsors of the Bricker amendment will be prepared to fight any such attempt.

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