

Senator Umstead Opposes Drastic Slashes In Appropriations For Agricultural Programs

Protesting House-approved slashes in agricultural appropriations, Senator William B. Umstead has urged the Senate to restore the funds and prevent action "which will seriously cripple and may well destroy the efforts of a generation in building a sound, helpful and sensible agricultural program."

In a speech delivered on the Senate floor last week, Umstead led a Democratic attack on Republican efforts to reduce agricultural appropriations for 1948 by \$341,000,000. The Senate appropriations committee was scheduled to consider the measure this week.

Umstead told the Senate that he was raised on a tobacco farm and had first-hand knowledge of the hardships and problems of farm life. "I was a farmer when we had no real farm program," he said. "I know by experience and observation what these things have meant to the rural people of North Carolina and to the nation. It would be a tragedy to this generation and an utter disregard for the generations to come for this program to be destroyed."

While Senator Clyde R. Hoey and other Democratic senators listened in agreement, Umstead attacked the following reductions in agricultural appropriations made by the Republican-controlled House:

1. Agricultural conservation program was slashed from \$300,000,000 to \$165,000,000. Congress authorized the Department of Agriculture last

fall to develop a \$300,000,000 program. A reduction in these funds will cut payments already promised farmers and will curtail administration of the law.

2. Soil conservation service, including the agency's land utilization program, had its budget figure of \$44,860,000 reduced by about \$6,000,000.

3. Agricultural research's budget request was reduced sharply from \$19,000,000 to \$9,000,000.

4. Rural electrification suffered a reduction of about \$26,600,000.

5. U. S. Forest Service received \$3,332,109 less than its budget request.

6. The Farmers Home Administration requested \$35,000,000 for purchase loans, all of which was denied. The budget estimate of \$90,000,000 for production and subsistence loans and administration expense was reduced about \$42,000,000.

7. The school lunch program, which provides surplus commodities for school lunch menus, had its budget request of \$75,000,000 cut to \$45,000,000. This sum will provide only \$35,000,000 for food assistance.

WILLIAM H. WORSLEY

Funeral services for William H. Worsley, 84, who died in a Rocky Mount hospital Monday afternoon, were held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Falls Primitive Baptist Church, with Elder A. E. Denson

in charge. Interment was in Pineview Cemetery.

Mr. Worsley was born near Rocky Mount in Edgecombe county. He and his wife, the former Lola Braks, recently celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary.

Surviving are his wife, six sons,

SEEK TO INCREASE FARM FUNDS



North Carolina's Senator William B. Umstead (right) and Representative Harold D. Cooley (left) discuss Tar Heel farm problems with Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson prior to Senator Umstead's maiden floor speech in the Senate, in which he sounded a warning against the drastic House slashes in the Agriculture Appropriation Bill. Cooley, high-ranking member of the House Agricultural Committee, recently appeared before the Senate sub-committee on farm appropriations to urge that the House reductions be restored.

R. C. Worsley of Balboa, Canal Zone, James R. and Francis H. Worsley of Greenville, Daniel G. of Portsmouth, Louis of Wilson and Guilford C. Worsley of Rocky Mount; five daughters, Mrs. Annie De La Mater, Mrs. Jack Clark and Mrs. Gus

State Leads Nation In Furnishing Aid For Overseas Use

During the first six months of 1947 North Carolina contributed more material aid for overseas relief than any other state in the nation, it was announced at the Church World Service Center, New Windsor, Maryland, this week.

New Windsor warehouse is the largest of nine such shipping centers operated by the Protestant churches of America for aiding the distressed peoples of the world.

Pennsylvania, rating second largest in poundage collection, shipped one-third pounds per person the amount shipped by North Carolinians.

Each of the nine regional collection centers located throughout the nation serve five or more states. The North Carolina collection alone of clothing, bedding and shoes sent to New Windsor amounted to more than the total amount received at any one of the other eight collection centers.

The North Carolina collection under the sponsorship of the North Carolina Council of Churches was organized by county and community groups. In Farmville, the Rotary and Kiwanis club members backed the project, with the help of Scouts.

In addition to all the materials collectively gathered and sent through the New Windsor shipping center thousands of pounds of clothing and food were shipped through other relief agencies operated by individual church groups and private organizations.

The goods collected in North Carolina were of an unusually high quality, so said the officials at the New Windsor Center. Many garments were new and the used ones cleaned and repaired. A conservative estimate of the value of the North Carolina materials had been placed at one and one-half million dollars.

The collection of materials such as clothes, shoes and bedding is a part of the total program of the Protestant churches in aiding people of the war devastated areas. Cash contributions are raised by the individual denominational groups, but the collection of the material aid has been done on a cooperative basis with all church groups participating. As a result of the successful efforts in North Carolina, representatives of Councils of Churches of the mid Atlantic states and officials of Church

World Service Headquarters in New York met at Baltimore this week to map plans for the enlargement of relief efforts throughout the entire nation.

The North Carolina collection continues, according to Rev. Ernest J. Arnold, executive secretary of the North Carolina Council of Churches, and the need makes it imperative that our efforts be doubled within the next six months. Individual churches are urged to send boxes every week, and individuals who wish to make direct shipments to New Windsor may secure shipping tags without cost from the North Carolina Council of Churches, College Station, Durham, N. C.

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