

# Shaw Is Disturbed Over Press Reports

## Explains Stand Following Return From Trip To Washington

R. Flake Shaw, Executive Vice-President, North Carolina Farm Bureau, said this week on his return from Washington that he is "disturbed at the attempts being made by the administration to influence the public press on the false relationship between price supports and price ceilings in dealing with our problem of inflation."

Shaw made it clear that "in my seventeen years of experience in dealing with the farm program, it has taught me that there is a fundamental difference between price supports and price ceilings. What some people don't seem to understand is that price supports guarantee production, which curbs inflation. Price ceilings destroy the incentive to produce, thereby adding to inflationary principles."

The Farm Bureau official, who has attended recent hearings on the Defense Production Act, said that most Congressmen felt that they should do something about our inflation problem, recognizing its unsound values and destructive influence on the American way of life, but in taking this stand against the Administration and OPS it would tend to "weaken their political stability."

He pointed out that most Congressmen "attempt to bypass the issues and deal with the symptoms of inflation rather than its causes, thus deceiving the public with the so-called cover-up law which has proven to be so impractical and completely unworkable."

Shaw said that the North Carolina Farm Bureau and the American Farm Bureau "have a clear record of opposition to government price fixing and have been for moderate level price supports which would insure farmers against unreasonable price decline and at the same time permit free markets to operate."

He called attention to the Farm Bureau's recent resolution concerning the price support issue which reads:

"... it is not the responsibility of the government to guarantee profitable prices to any economic group. Instead, we view farm price support as appropriate and necessary protection against unreasonable price declines... Price supports should be flexible. The level of support should be related to farm supplies and market requirements and should be used as one of the important factors in guiding farm production."

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advancing Reds who purchased dearly with dead and wounded every inch of ground they gained. American lines here were shielded by miles of barbed wire.

tors in guiding farm production."

Shaw made it plain that "moderate-level farm price supports are justified because (1) there are rigidities in our economy which place agriculture at a relative disadvantage under certain conditions and (2) agricultural production fluctuates much less than industrial production, whereas agricultural prices respond to changes in business conditions much more rapidly than do industrial prices."

Shaw said that it was a well-known economic fact that demand for many agricultural commodities is such that a relatively small increase in supply will cause a more than proportionate decline in farm prices.

"Moderate level price supports," he said, "are justified as an assurance to farmers that they will not bankrupt themselves by their own productive efforts. Furthermore, it is in the interest of the general public for agriculture to have a brake against a complete price collapse."

Shaw explained price supports as being a counterpart of minimum

wages. "No one has suggested," he pointed out, "that it is inconsistent to be for a minimum wage law and against wage ceiling."

## Chemicals Used On Tobacco Suckers

### Three Demonstrations In Progress In Chowan County

The use of chemicals for controlling suckers in tobacco proved very successful in three demonstrations conducted in Chowan County this season, according to County Agent C. W. Overman. A small plot of about 120 plants was treated in each of the three farms. The tobacco was topped during the early stage of blooming. At the time of topping 60 plants were

treated with oil emulsion and 60 plants were treated with mineral oil. Results of these demonstrations were checked last week.

On the Chamber's Ferry farm, operated by Bristoe Perry, in the Macedonia Community, it was possible to get a definite check on the number of suckers that appeared after topping where no treatment was used. The plants treated with oil emulsion showed an average of 5.9 suckers per plant and the suckers averaged 6.5 inches in length. Plants treated with mineral oil showed an average of 6.0 suckers per plant and the suckers averaged 6.3 inches long. In adjoining rows where the tobacco was topped at the same time and no

suckers had been removed the average was 15.9 suckers per stalk and the suckers averaged 4.0 inches in length.

The grower and the agent believe that what few suckers appeared on the treated plants were not sufficient to do any damage to the crop. The demonstrations conducted with Everett Ashley in Macedonia Community and with A. C. Boyce of Yeo-

pim Community gave similar results but on these two demonstrations all other tobacco was suckered and no check was left. There appeared to be no damage to the plant or to the tobacco resulting from the treatment.

Could it be that the failure of some officials to maintain a high standard of ethics is due to an ignorance of ethics?

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