

Grange Opposes Plan Offered by Agriculture House Committee

Dear Congressman Cooley:

The North Carolina State Grange is opposed to the proposal of the Committee on Economic Development to reduce the production of surplus agricultural commodities as outlined in their report entitled "An Adaptive Program for Agriculture" and published in July, 1962.

The opposition of the State Grange is based upon the policies of our organization which call for programs that will preserve and strengthen the traditional family farm system of American agriculture and provide the farm family with income from agriculture comparable with other segments of our economy with equal investments of labor and capital.

We believe it to be in the national interest to preserve the family farm system. To accomplish this will require that farmers receive a reasonable and equitable income to maintain a standard of living enjoyed by labor and industry.

To provide a reasonable and equitable standard of living will require a program of commodity support prices with measures to balance supply with demand of agricultural products. Such a program must also, in the national interest, reduce government costs caused by storage of surplus commodities under our present program.

The proposal of the Committee on Economic Development to remove two million farmers from agriculture by deliberately reducing farm income and abandoning all farm programs would have a disastrous effect upon the economy of North Carolina, to say nothing of the hardship placed upon the family farmers of our State.

The success of North Carolina's agriculture has been largely brought about by the success of the tobacco, cotton and peanut programs. Our State is composed of small farms averaging only ninety-two acres per farm, the lowest in the Nation as compared with a national average of three hundred thirty-six acres. Land on the average farm in this State was valued at \$12,634 at the beginning of 1962, and the buildings were valued at an additional \$6,477 per farm.

North Carolina also has many small towns, villages and cross-roads stores that depend upon a healthy agricultural economy. The plan of the Committee on Economic Development would not only

eliminate the tobacco, cotton and peanut programs but would bankrupt thousands of North Carolina farmers and small businessmen. It would create whole areas of economic depression around many of our small towns. Land values would decline. It would sever the deep roots that our rural families have with their communities, their churches, their schools, and their neighbors.

Further, those farmers displaced under the plan would find it most difficult to compete in today's labor market. They do not have the skills and, since many are over middle age, they are not adapted to training in our industrial and vocational training programs. They would merely join the ranks of the unemployed in our cities.

The proposal of CED is the plan that big business has for the American farmers. It should be crystal clear to all of us in the field of agriculture that, unless we speedily adopt a sound program that will (1) balance supply and demand, (2) reduce government costs and (3) maintain farm income, then special interests outside of agriculture will write a program to their own liking. Farmers, farm organizations, commodity groups, and agricultural leaders must remember that we constitute only 9 per cent of the Nation's population. The other 91 per cent will not continue to tolerate our failure to agree on a sound and constructive program to bring about the needed adjustments in agriculture. If we do not do the job, they will do it for us, and quite likely, at our expense.

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Social Security News

"Paying social security benefits to 17 million people involves the Government's largest check-writing operation," Robert L. Hocutt, Field Representative for Lenoir County says "and we strive constantly to improve our check-writing and mailing procedures."

"But, no matter how much we improve, no matter how modern our equipment is, we still need the cooperation of the person who receives the check," he said. "Too often we get a phone call saying, 'My social security check didn't come today and I need it badly.'"

They usually come in during the first of the month, Hocutt explained. "Usually the person has changed his address and we haven't been notified."

Hocutt urged any person receiving a social security check who plans to move to report his new address as soon as it is known. Changes reported early in the month will be shown on the next check. Otherwise the check will go to the old address and there may

Grange and the National Grange supported the principles embodied in the Administrations' farm bill introduced this year. The State Grange, based upon the policy adopted by our members at its annual conventions, feels that this approach is much to be preferred over the plan of the Committee on Economic Development.

We are grateful to you and the members of your committee for your efforts to develop a workable program for agriculture. Our organization will continue to work with you in any manner possible to get such a program adopted.

With kindest regards,
Sincerely,
Robert W. Scott, Master
North Carolina State Grange

and show your full name, the social security number, and new address. For your protection, the Social Security Administration requires that changes of address be signed by the person who receives the check. The report should be mailed to the Social Security Payment Center, or to the District Office, 311 E. Walnut Street, Goldsboro.

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