

FULMER SAYS FARM PROGRAM FAILURE

Myrtle Beach, Aug. 1. — Representative H. P. Fulmer of the Second South Carolina district, says that "agriculture has largely been left on the outside looking in as a result of the failure on the part of our war agencies to work out a well-balanced, coordinated war program."

He made the statement in an interview here.

Fulmer, chairman of the house agriculture committee, said that "failure on the part of the administration and the congress in not advocating and passing resolutions that would draft the manpower of the country is hurting farmers and many lines of business," he continued:

"There are too many unnecessary and confusing rules and regulations for the average man to comprehend, especially the farmers. This confusion is not only destroying proper distribution but is very destructive to proper production of food at a time when our allies who are doing a wonderful job, saving the lives of thousands of our young men, are so badly in need of food supplies."

"Under the rules and regulations governing necessary farm labor, the manner in which labor is being taken from the farms will leave thousands of acres of unharvested crops in the fields to rot and go to waste."

Fulmer said it was impossible, to effect, by legislation or executive order, programs that would be "absolutely satisfactory and meet with the wishes of all the people," but he commented on the war effort:

"I think we have done a wonderful job towards winning this war. I believe that Italy is going to give up and accept our terms. If not, the days will not be many before the Allies will take complete control of that nation. I predict that he will win over Germany between now and January 1, 1944. This will enable us to beat the bound out of Hirohito and his crowd, and I am for utterly destroying Tokyo."

SERIOUS FOOD SHORTAGE LOOMS FOR THIS FALL

The prospect of near-starvation in our land of plenty is the tragic paradox we are facing because of government muddling. This is the contention of Louis Bromfield, author of many books and Pulitzer prize winner, who himself raises food on a 1,500-acre farm. Writing in the August issue of the Reader's Digest, Mr. Bromfield warns that this food scarcity will grow worse this fall, and reach its most desperate stage this winter, especially from February on.

The president, and the men about him responsible or the security of the home front, Bromfield says, did nothing whatever about the desperate food situation until April of this year. Then it was too late—and too little was done, he adds. The greatest blunder, he writes, was to strip the farms of skilled labor by the draft and at the same time cut production of farm machinery to 23 per cent of normal. Besides being left badly crippled by the double blow, the farmer had to waste his more than precious time filling out countless questionnaires that went to Washington in huge bundles which were not even opened, and making trips to various bureaus for permits to buy machinery parts. To illustrate this, Bromfield says that the manager of his own farm was forced to spend two days and drive 185 miles to get a new tractor part—while the tractor stood idle.

Although the government has belatedly taken steps to alleviate some of these unnecessary hardships, the shortage of farm machinery is still acute and selective service is still drafting skilled farm labor, Bromfield writes. In addition, he points out, the erratic price ceilings ordered by OPA helped dislocate the whole field of food production, and he cites the now classic example of a ceiling on beef without compensatory ceilings on livestock. OPA has also set a price ceiling on farm machinery with a resultant black market in used equipment, leading to such farces as a bale of hay or a rooster selling for \$1,200 at a farm sale, so that the auctioneer can throw in a used tractor, worth \$750.

And speaking of black markets, Bromfield says that with the present and growing scarcity of food, coupled with inflationary money, nothing can stop black markets. Food is more vital than alcohol and, as he puts it, more people are addicted to it, and if in spite of an army of agents our efforts at prohibition failed, how can we expect to suppress black markets in food? The only thing that can put an end to them, he contends, is such an abundance of food that rationing will be unnecessary.

Bromfield claims that the United States can produce that abundance with proper planning, necessary farm labor and equipment, and orderly distribution of food; "but we won't have any of those things until we have a food ministry as powerful and independent as food itself is vital to the winning of the war."

SOUTH CLINTON NEWS FOR THE WEEK

Miss Eloise Brown, Correspondent and Representative

Mrs. J. B. Carson of Folly Beach, is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Corrie Duvall.

Mrs. Rufus Mills and children and Mrs. Maude Green spent the week-end with Mrs. Sue Christian in Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Harrison and daughter of Greenwood, spent the week-end with Mr. Harrison's sister, Mrs. Lillian Lawton, and Mrs. Jessie Harrison.

Misses Belle and Bernice Nelson visited their mother, Mrs. Minnie Nelson, near Mountville, the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Dees and children have returned after a week-end visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Dees in Pineville.

Mr. and Mrs. James McCarron and children spent the week-end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McCarron, near Laurens.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Turner and children and Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Patterson visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fuller in Greenville Sunday.

Miss Mozelle Bryant spent the week-end with Miss Viola Mattison in Laurens.

Misses Evelyn and Margie Moseley visited Mrs. Carrie Nelson in Woodruff the past week-end.

Mrs. Maggie Helms of Pineville, is visiting her son, L. O. Polson, and family.

G. B. Emery of Enoree, visited his son, Floyd Emery, and family, Sunday.

Mrs. Rachel Moseley spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Evie Tinsley, in Goldville.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reece and children have returned to Pickens after spending a few days with the latter's parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Anderson.

Pvt. James E. Polson of Camp Butner, N. C., spent the week-end with Mrs. Polson and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Polson.

Mrs. J. A. Robinson and granddaughter, Miss Joyce Nolan, are spending the week with Mrs. Julia Thrift in Columbia.

Miss Sybil Thompson of Laurens, is visiting Mrs. C. R. Kuykendall.

Cpl. C. B. Sharpton, Jr., who has been stationed in Michigan, is spending a ten day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Sharpton.

H. C. McLendon and son, Clarence, of Columbia, visited Bill McLendon and family and Cecil McLendon and family Sunday.

Ben Anderson of Pickens, and Henry Carson of Folly Beach, visited Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Anderson the past week-end.

Jimmy Hairston and Albert Patterson are spending the week with their grandfather, J. M. White, near Ninety-Six.

Pvt. Sam Elders is now stationed at Camp Swift, Texas.

Mrs. H. H. Dalton is spending the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dalton in Calhoun Falls.

Miss Ruth Sharpton of Spartanburg, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Sharpton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Robinson and daughter of Greer, visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Robinson, Sunday.

Louis Oakley, seaman, 2c, is now stationed at Davisville, R. I.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Todd and children are now making their home at Folly Beach, Charleston.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sparino have returned from New York after spending sometime with the former's father.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kirby of Greenville, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bishop and daughter of Greenwood, visited Mrs. Ida Kirby the past week-end.

Miss Nellie Owens spent the week-end with Miss Bernice Dean in Goldville.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Burts visited the former's mother, Mrs. Walter Burts, in Enoree Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Teague visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Caldwell, Sunday.

Mrs. C. W. Patterson of Spartanburg, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Dorroh Hairston, and Mr. Hairston.

Mrs. Furman Campbell of West Clinton, and Mrs. Joe Johnson of Goldville, visited Mrs. Fred Campbell and Mrs. Lee Caldwell Sunday.

Edward Knight spent the week-end with Rudolph Dean in Goldville.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilson, formerly of Baltimore, Md., are now making their home in this community.

Mrs. Hubert Brown and children of Whitmire, are spending the week with Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Brown.

Harold Hairston is now stationed at Great Lakes, Ill., with the navy.

Miss Mildred and Roy Fuller are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Leo Boozer near Kinards.

Mrs. Ellie Reeder spent the week-end with her brother, Dewey Floyd, and family in Newberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Wilkes, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Harris and Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Jackson visited Mrs. J. H. Roberts in Union the past week-end.

Mrs. Oro Wood of West Clinton, Mrs. M. E. Smith of Laurens, and Pvt. and Mrs. Billy Jones were Sunday guests of Mrs. Pauline Lawson.

Mrs. D. L. Austin and children, formerly of Savannah, Ga., are now making their home in the community.

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Mr. Austin will continue his work in Savannah.

Among the Sick

J. S. Navy is ill at his home.

B. F. Harvey has returned from Hays hospital after undergoing a tonsil operation.

Mrs. T. O. Williams is ill.

W. P. McClendon is ill at his home.

Birthdays

Leon Abercrombie will observe a birthday August 6.

Mrs. Cora Elders observed her birthday August 4.

Mrs. Valdie Patterson observed a birthday July 21.

Jot Abercrombie observed his birthday July 30.

Wayne McLendon was seven years old August 2.

Mrs. Annie Lawson and Miss Evelyn Knight observed their birthdays August 1.

Little Jimmy Abercrombie was one year old August 2.

Jimmy Reeder will be six years old August 9.

L. R. Campbell, Jr., will celebrate his 10th birthday August 9.

Jimmy Hairston will observe his birthday August 10.

Little Bruce Austin observed his fifth birthday August 3.

Corinne Campbell is six years old today.

Harold Hairston observed his birthday August 3.

Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Deitz observed their 10th wedding anniversary July 29th.

Birthday Party

Little Patsy Fuller entertained 12 little friends Saturday afternoon at 5:30, celebrating her fourth birthday.

Mrs. Charles Sparino served refreshments to the little folk. Patsy received many attractive gifts from her friends.

Harvey

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Harvey announce the birth of a daughter, Nancy Elaine, August 1.

Cobb

Mr. and Mrs. John Cobb announce the birth of a daughter, Ruth Johnette, July 28.

W. M. U. Meets

The Woman's Missionary union will hold its regular monthly meeting Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mrs. W. A. Tinsley, the program chairman, will have charge of the meeting. All women interested are urged to be present.

Picnic Enjoyed

The primary class of the Lydia Baptist church enjoyed a picnic Thursday afternoon at the scout cabin. Mrs. C. R. Kuykendall and

Mrs. S. S. Oakley chaperoned the group.

Marlar-Milam Rites

Miss Sybil Marlar and Joe B. Milam of Laurens were quietly married Saturday afternoon in Goldville by Rev. C. F. Allen.

Mr. Milam is the brother of Mrs. James McCarron of this community.

Sharpton Completes Course

Friends of Cpl. Charles B. Sharpton, Jr., will be interested to know he has been graduated from an army air forces technical training command school in the Detroit, Mich., civilian school area, where he has completed a course of instruction as an aircraft technician.

HULL SAYS MILITARY SHOULD GET CHANCE TO FIGHT THE WAR

Washington, August 2. — Secretary of State Hull, asked about reports of apprehension in England over American policy toward Italy and the Badoglio government, suggested today that it would be better to give attention instead to the actual fighting.

The main purport of what he has been hearing from United Nations quarters, he told his press conference, is that the military should be given a chance to fight the war without being hamstrung by other considerations.

Hull previously had indicated that he relied on the judgment of General Dwight D. Eisenhower in the Italian situation and President Roosevelt said today that when surrender time comes he does not care with whom we deal, so long as he is not a member of the Fascist party. Asked how he so regarded Premier Badoglio, the president said he was not going to discuss personalities.

Badoglio, who fought Benito Mussolini's Ethiopian war, and the royal

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house of Savoy now constitute the Italian government.

What prompted the press conference question today was a reported desire among Englishmen for assurance that an Italian ruling class must not emerge of the type which Lord Vansittart, former chief diplomat adviser to the British foreign office, described in a week-end broadcast thusly:

"Sort of a backstop, half-repentant, semi-benevolent totalitarianism, a leopard that has changed its spots and manicured its claws in a beauty parlor."

Vansittart's speech, which Hull said he had not seen, added this advice

to American policy-makers:

"The old order must go altogether. The ultimate sweep must be clean if we are to have a clean earth."

"If we take this decision for a guide we shall not go wrong in Italy. You will forgive me for saying that for lack of such a guide you have already gone wrong in France and have taken us along with you."

Such criticism of American policy toward the French, generally that it dealt with some men not cleansed from the taint of Vichy—has drawn statements from Hull similar to the one he made today—that military matters and the saving of soldiers' lives should get first consideration.



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