

FARM BILL L.T. DeLoe mem. Apr. 16 - '56.

The Democrats in Congress <sup>are going to</sup> ~~will~~ try to over-ride the veto of the Farm Bill. The Democratic leader in the House, Congressman McCormack of Massachusetts, declaring - the veto will be the "first order of business", on Wednesday.

However, opinion in Washington is ~~univocal~~ - that the attempt to over-ride will fail. Needing - a two-thirds majority in both House and Senate. <sup>P</sup> Last Wednesday, the Congressmen passed the bill - two-hundred-and-thirty-seven to one-hundred-and-eighty-one. The majority - thirty-seven votes less than a margin of two-thirds. In the Senate - fifty to thirty-three. Seven votes short - of two-thirds. Moreover, we hear that some Republicans who cast their ballots for the bill - will not vote in favor of over-riding the veto.

President Eisenhower's veto message, today, was a strong pronouncement. He said he was acting "with intense disappointment and regret". Declaring that this omnibus, catch-all Farm Bill would, in his words - "do harm to every agricultural region of the country, and also to the interests

of the consumers." ~~And - made new reference to the ruinous,~~  
~~huge surpluses of agricultural products.~~ <sup>→</sup> P But - the farmers  
do need an improvement of their income. They must have -  
immediate price relief. So says the President - announcing a  
White House program to bolster agricultural prices. By -  
"administrative" action. Something apart - from "Congressional"  
enactment. P Price supports to be raised - on five basic crops,  
as well as dairy products, and perishable farm commodities.  
The Department of Agriculture estimates that this  
"administrative" action will pump half a billion dollars  
into our agricultural economy.

Secondly, the President wants Congress to pass another  
Farm Bill - enacting the "soil bank". That administration  
project - intended as an answer to the problem of surpluses.  
The "soil bank" is in the measure now vetoed. But - mixed up  
with numerous other provisos. Like rigid parity - to which the  
President objects. So now he'll ask the lawmakers to pass the  
"soil bank" all by itself. In time - for the ~~1~~ plan to take

effect - before the farmers get started on their crops for next year.

All of which is, of course, of immediate interest to the farmers - not to mention the politicians. Election year - and the farm issue is about as mild and harmless as dynamite. Republican politicians from the farm belt - urging the President to sign. Well, he did sign - not the bill, but the veto. Giving his reasons - and announcing counter-action. *P* But you can hear all about it, from the President, himself, tonight. He'll give a nationwide explanation on radio-TV. ~~You can get it on your Columbia broadcasting station.~~

## FARM BILL REACTION

The <sup>(responses)</sup> ~~reaction~~ in Congress - is what you'd expect.

Democrats - condemning the veto. Republicans - applauding it.

Although - some G.O.P. legislators from farm states express dissatisfaction.

Among the farmers - opinion seems divided. The Farmers Union, which favors high, rigid ~~and~~ price supports - speaks out against the veto. While the American Farm Bureau Federation, which is for flexible supports, describes the presidential action as "based on sound economic principles."



## PHOTOGRAPHY

Here's a sideline <sup>glt</sup> on President Eisenhower's "open sky" proposal, connected with disarmament. People have wondered - how effective could it be, as a precaution against a surprise attack? The President Suggesting - aerial photography, as a means of detection.

Today, Attorney General Brownell, in a speech at Houston, Texas, declared - that the plan depends on the remarkable development of aerial photography. He said the cameras are now so powerful - they could record the "dimples" on a golf ball, from six thousand feet. "In six months," said he, "we could have a picture, mile by mile, of every field and factory in the Soviet Union."

Meaning - that photographic reconnaissance could easily spot the ~~preparations~~ preparations needed for a surprise assault ~~on~~ of major proportions.

We - to have an effective camera check on Soviet Russia. While their photographic reconnaissance, over here - would give them a safeguard.



his own personality a cult. The executed Kostoff - exonerated.

So today's news of Chervenkov's resignation is not surprising. Out goes the "big Stalin" -- out goes the "little Stalin."



PALESTINE - FRANCE

The United States has rejected the French proposal - for a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Big Three.

To discuss the Near Eastern crisis - the peril of war between Israel and the Arabs. The Paris Government made the suggestion last week, but Washington replies - in the negative.

One reason - a Big Three conference might seem like under-cutting the Dag Hammarskjold peace mission. Which the United States - backs in every way. It is pointed out - that tension has relaxed, in some degree, since the U.N. Secretary General began his negotiations with Egypt and Israel.

(Furthermore, Washington thinks that a Big Three conference, discussing the Near East, might give an appearance of the Western powers trying to decide the fate of those Near Eastern countries. So our government suggests - that any such negotiations might well take place during the regular meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Council. Which convenes in Paris - next month.)



## PALESTINE

In Palestine, a military display - guns, tanks, warplanes. But - no shooting or bombing. Today - the Seventh Anniversary of the state of Israel. And, conditions being what they are, it's ~~a~~ not surprising - that the people of Israel took a particular interest in their military power.

At Haifa, a quarter of a million ~~people~~ thronged the port - watching a parade of troops, artillery, <sup>and</sup> motorized equipment. While, overhead, flew a stream of planes - including jets, procured from Britain and France.

That's about the only military news of any consequence - although the Egyptians allege a cease-fire violation on the Gaza front. (Stating - that Israelis fired with machine guns at Egyptians positions, last night. Adding - that Zionists broke the cease-fire pledge, on eight separate occasions, during the past couple of days. Israel countering - with a denial.)

## PAINTING

At the Irish Embassy in London, today, an unknown caller walked in and left a ~~heavy~~ parcel, for Ambassador Frederick Boland. When the package was opened, lo and behold - "Summer's Day!" The painting - which Irish students had "liberated" from the Tate Gallery. The Irish claim being that, "Summer's Day", together with some other masterpieces, belong in Dublin and not - London.

Anyway, there it was, "Summer's Day", in full glory. A couple of young women in a scene of bright weather  $\frac{1}{2}$  painted in the French impressionistic style of the Nineteenth Century.

The government in Dublin had supported the claim for the pictures in London. But - had blamed the students for swiping "Summer's Day". So, right away, His Excellency, the Irish Ambassador, sent the canvas back to the Tate Gallery. Where, in the morning, it will be seen hanging in its former place.

LABOR

Trouble in the ranks of Labor. The AFL-CIO in<sup>a</sup> dispute  
with one of its member unions, the huge Teamsters'  
organization. President George Meany announcing - that he is  
calling a special executive meeting. To determine - whether or  
not the Teamsters have violated the AFL-CIO Constitution.

The Teamsters' Union has an alliance with the  
International Longshoremen's Union. The latter - ousted from  
the AFL on racketeering charges.

There <sup>has</sup> been a long argument about this, and it  
could bring about - a suspension of the Teamsters' Union from  
the AFL-CIO.



Another disconcerting incident - at the big wedding party. Thieves - stealing the jewels of one of the bride ~~and~~ maids -- ten to twenty thousand dollars worth. Mrs. Moree Pamp reported this afternoon that her hotel room at Monte Carlo was robbed. Her collection of gems - carried off. The second jewel robbery thus far. Over the weekend ~~came~~ <sup>came</sup> the story of how thieves robbed a wedding guest, stealing forty-five thousand dollars worth of jewels from <sup>Mrs.</sup> Mathew McCloskey, <sup>wife of a</sup> Philadelphia publisher and Democratic National Treasurer of the Democratic Party.

~~will, at any~~ <sup>At any</sup> <sup>as gala as this</sup> festivity, thieves are likely to be around.



PROWLER

I don't like to express admiration - when the law is being foiled. But, if you are looking for an acrobat - there is a prowler in the city of ~~Nigara~~ Niagara Falls, who should fit the bill.

A policeman, today spotted the prowler climbing a fire-escape to the top of the State Theatre Building. The alarm was given, and the cops closed in - trapping the prowler on the top of the three story building. There seemed no escape - until an astonishing display of agility was witnessed.

The prowler jumped from the roof, onto the top of an adjoining apartment building - seven feet below. Then he leaped - fifteen feet, onto the roof of a garage. There ~~was~~<sup>^</sup> another jump - down onto another garage. After which - the prowler took a drop of twelve feet, to the ground. And - away he ran.

One jump after another - descending the height of three stories. ~~And~~ <sup>And all the while</sup> the cops ~~were~~ shooting at him - and missing. Acrobatics - under fire.

## PROHIBITION

Here is one of those - "now it can be told" stories. Twenty-five years ~~later~~ is a long enough time<sup>later</sup> - to tell a tale of prohibition; And - the Spanish Ambassador.

In New York's Greenwich Village, El Chico is - exceedingly Spanish. The proprietor - Senor Benito Collada. So he relates the following to United Press Reporter Bob Zimmerman.

One evening, back in those prohibition days, two dangerous looking characters walked into El Chico, and told Senor Collada: "You gonna buy liquor from us, see?"

"But," responded the Spanish proprietor, "I do not sell alcoholic beverages in my place." Always - a prudent thing to say back in the dry era.

"Well," replied the tough character, "you'd better start selling liquor - quick."

He opened his coat a little, and Senor Collada could see - a gun in a shoulder holster. A murderous racketeer - and the Senor had to think fast.

"Yes," he replied "I will be delighted to sell liquor. But, first, I will have to get permission from the Spanish Ambassador in Washington."

"What?" exclaimed the gangster.

"Don't you know," Senor Collada explained glibly, "that this place is a front for the Spanish Government? It is - a propaganda for Spanish food."

"Okay," said the racketeer, "call the Spanish Ambassador."

There was nothing else for Senor Collada to do. As it happened, he knew the Spanish Ambassador. Don Juan Francisco de Cardenas, a good customer, when in New York. So, with the mobster beside him, he put in a phone call to the Spanish Ambassador in Washington. And, as it happened, Don Juan Francisco de Cardenas was in his office. And - got on the wire.

"Ah, Don Juan," said the Senor, "there is a gentleman here who wants me to sell liquor, and I am calling - to get your approval."



Today, twenty-five years later, Senor Collada still expresses his astonishment - that the Ambassador caught on so quickly. He said: "Let me talk to this gentleman."

Whereupon the Senor put the racketeer on the wire, to talk to Don Juan Francisco de Cardenas. Who - was most agreeable.

"This is a good idea," the Ambassador told the racketeer. "It would be well to serve liquor. But first, I would have to clear it with the United States government."

*At*  
this the gangster grunted in alarm, and the Ambassador concluded:

"If you will wait a few minutes, I will have it all arranged. I will telephone my friend, J. Edgar Hoover."

*Henry,* Today, Senor Collada says: "You should have seen those two mobsters get out in a hurry!"