

# Predicts No Grave Meat Shortage This Year

**Institute Says Cut in Quota Will Be Slight**

**Fears for Next Year If Rationing Returns**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (UPI)—The American Meat Institute said today that despite gloomy government forecasts there will be no serious meat shortage next spring or summer.

But it added that there may be a shortage in 1948 if Congress restores meat rationing.

R. J. Eggett, spokesman for the institute, said in a statement prepared for the Senate Banking Subcommittee on meat that the per capita meat supply next summer will be about one-half ounce a day less than last year.

**Farrington Testifies**

C. L. Farrington of Indianapolis, speaking for the National Livestock Exchange, told the subcommittee that farmers would not produce meat under rationing but would sell their grain for human consumption instead.

They no longer have to produce meat to live because most have money in the bank, Mr. Farrington said.

"Rural banks are bulging with deposits now like they never bulged before," he said.

"Why should farmers battle disease and the elements to produce livestock for meat when they can sell grain with little effort and at by far the first cost of the winter?" he asked.

**Charles P. Taft Hits Marshall Plan Foes**

Charles P. Taft lashed out at Senate Republicans, including his older brother, who seek to divorce the Marshall Plan from State Department control and cut foreign spending.

He told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the European recovery program would fail if Congress gave only "grudging and half-hearted" assistance to Western Europe.

The younger Taft spoke only a few hours after a Republican "revisionist" group set out to rewrite the Marshall Plan, and Sen. Robert A. Taft (R. O.) once again attacked foreign spending.

**Demands Big Slash in Oil Exports**

Rep. John W. Heseltine (R. Mass.) demanded that the Commerce Department triple its announced 2,200,000 barrel cut in petroleum exports.

The 15% per cent slash in export quotas for the first three months of this year doesn't go far enough, Mr. Heseltine said.

**House Group Votes New Alien Measure**

A House Judiciary Subcommittee has approved legislation which would open the door for quick naturalization of aliens who served in the U. S. armed forces during World War I or II.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Kenneth E. Keating (R. N. Y.), would permit an alien veteran to become a citizen without establishing American residence.

**Senate War Group**

**To Lose Powers**

The Senate War Investigating Committee, which was started seven years ago under the chairmanship of President Truman, loses its investigating powers at midnight.

During its stormy career, the committee investigated the Howard Hughes warplane contracts, the activities of Maj. Gen. Bennett E. Myers, and the connections of former Rep. Andrew J. May (D. K.) with the Garrison munitions combine.

**Truckers Donate \$36 to Family**

Last night, truckers of AFL Local 716 held a business meeting.

President Edward Carlson, who had been reading The Times, said: "Before starting the meeting, let's try to help the Wall family of Ravenswood who lost their home. I'm going to start a fund by contributing the first dollar."

The result was spontaneous. Elbert R. Tompkins, a trucking member, matched it. When the money was counted, \$36 had been collected. In addition, one of the members offered the Wall family two rooms as a temporary home. Mr. Carlson will give Mr. Wall the money today.

**Unable to Work**

For several months, Albert W. Wall, 7202 Fitch Ave., has been ill, unable to work. Then Mrs. Wall contracted pneumonia, had to stop working. With three children to feed and clothe things looked bad.

Then Thursday the \$6000 Wall home burned. Furniture and clothing worth \$4000 went up in smoke. Even grocery money that had been carefully saved was lost.

Then students at John Strange School who knew the Wall children, heard of the disaster, began making a collection among neighbors.

The Wall family hopes it will get a break now.

**Heads Factory Group**

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Jan. 31 (UPI)—E. S. Barnhill of Indianapolis today was the new vice president of the Wirebound Box Manufacturers Association. He was among the new officers elected at the organization's annual meeting here.



**THE ENEMY** — Fire, the enemy of every householder, early today destroyed the home of George Cundiff, 1647 Centennial Ave., a garage at the side, and burned the back part of a neighboring house. City firemen, shown working feverishly to quell the blaze, were unable to save Mr. Cundiff's home, but kept the other house from being a total loss.

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## Vandenberg Reported Open to GOP Bid For Nomination Despite Denial

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licans and Henry Wallace have condemned racial segregation more harshly than Truman.

Some hotheads talk about "fourth party," but couldn't get half dozen members of Congress to join them.

Current epidemic of rebellion is due to Truman's committee on civil rights. Southerners claim it was "stacked" against them.

One-man revolt of Alabama's Gov. Jim Folsom has no support from his state delegation here. They remember he voted for Wallace for Vice President in 1944 convention, ask how he can criticize civil rights committee report now.

**NOTHING'S BEEN** said about it so far, but Munitions Board has set up a foreign trade section. Its job is to voice military's interest in anything we send abroad, make sure we don't send items needed for our own defense, or items which might help possible enemy. Defense chiefs say if such board had been functioning before World War II it would have stopped export of scrap iron to Japan.

It's safe bet this move was behind Soviet Ambassador Panayushkin's complaint last

week that "American regulating trade agencies" are discriminating against trade to Manchuria.

Board has converted our delegation to international trade organization; now meeting in Havana, on two major issues: Protection of our synthetic rubber industry, exemption of stockpiles from ITO regulations.

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