



Fur Farmers Make Headway With Loan Plea

Plight of 900 Getting Congress' Attention

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The congressional "fur block" is making progress in its attempt to keep 900 fox farmers in business by loaning them on a long-term basis up to \$8 million from the U. S. Treasury.

Bill authorizing the Agriculture Department to make these loans already have been approved by the Republican-controlled Senate and House agriculture committees.

The Senate bill is ready for consideration but the House bill is still before the rules committee where it is being opposed by Rep. James Wadsworth (R. N. Y.).

Sees Dangerous Precedent

"I think these loans would establish a dangerous precedent," said Rep. Wadsworth. "It would mean that any time any industry got in trouble it would come running to the government and get it to pay its losses."

He said he had supported the wartime loan and subsidy programs to spur production of products needed in the national interest.

"But the fur industry was not regarded as necessary in wartime and it certainly is not now," he said. "Silver-fox fur can scarcely be called necessary."

Sen. Harlan Bushfield (R. S. D.), who voted against the bill in the Senate Agriculture Committee, said that any industry that had been losing ground as rapidly as the domestic fox industry did not seem to him to merit loans of up to \$8 million from the government.

Fur Farms Decreasing

The number of silver fox farms in the U. S. has decreased from 3000 before the war to about 900 today.

The industry has been hard hit by a fashion trend away from silver fox. Industry spokesmen blame the importation of foreign short-haired furs. They say foreign governments, including Russia, have been dumping furs here to get much-needed dollars.

Principal supporters of the fox-loan bill are from Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin. Republican Sen. Edward Thye of Minnesota and Homer Ferguson of Michigan are authors of the Senate bill.

Legion Housing Group To Meet PHA Director

The American Legion sub-committee on veterans' housing will attend a meeting with Orville Olmstead, director of the Public Housing Authority District 3, tomorrow in Chicago.

Mr. Olmstead has asked for the conference between the Legion committee and the purchasers of the Knox housing project as a result of the Legion's protest to the Indiana congressional delegation last week. The American Legion has announced its intention to make every effort to see that the houses at Knox are actually sold to veterans.

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The Indianapolis Chapter of the American Society of Chartered Life Underwriters, the Indianapolis Association of Life Underwriters, the General Agents and Managers' Association and the college of business administration will present the program.

Speakers will include President M. O. Ross of the university; Guy E. Morrison of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co., and Fitzhugh Taylor, agency manager, Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States.

Gets Position at Butler

Miss Phyllis Hollar has accepted the appointment of secretary in the office of the Butler University Evening Division. Miss Hollar is president of the Delta Delta Delta Sorority and the Butler Panhellenic Society and a candidate for an A. B. degree.

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Recruit 100 Aids for Fund Drive

The 1948 Red Cross fund-raising campaign's 10 industrial divisions today launched recruitment of approximately 100 assistants to canvas Marion County plants Feb. 26 to March 25, for the 1948 goal of \$396,000.

Group leaders are Frank Hoke, Holcomb & Hoke Manufacturing Co.; Carl Klein, Travelers Insurance Co.; Michael Fox, Fox & Fox insurance agency; F. M. Ford, National Cash Register Co.; F. W. Baron, Weirton Steel Co.; Roscoe Clark, Eli Lilly & Co.; A. C. Cran dall, Indianapolis Power & Light Co.; Leo W. Shumaker, Indiana Bell Telephone Co.; Harry W. Drago, Central Press Clipping Service, and Charles Sargent, Diamond Chain Manufacturing Co.

Stresses Coverage
Each of the 10 group leaders will appoint 10 committeemen, each of whom will be assigned to five plants.

Harian J. Hadley, chairman of the 1948 campaign, stressed importance of thorough coverage of industrial plants.

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