

Shortage Of Domestic Pickers Perils Maine's Bumper Apple Crop

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The drought won't keep Maine's apple harvest this year from being a good one, but the lack of labor may.

This is the view of George H. Chick, deputy commissioner of agriculture, who estimates a yield of more than two million bushels, "one of the better in recent years."

But too much of the crop — which totally represents \$3 million to \$4 million — may stay on the trees to rot, because of restrictions on Canadian labor.

Last year Labor Secretary W. Willard Wirtz ruled that U.S. labor should be given pri-

ority over foreign labor in seasonal agricultural work.

For the state's apple crop this means a loss of about 400 Canadians who have annually crossed the border to help in the harvest.

Without the Canadians, as Chick put it, "I don't think they'll get the apples picked."

Another state agency, the Maine Employment Security Commission, hopes its recruiting campaign will find enough domestic labor to offset the loss of the Canadians.

Merton J. Gribbin, director of MESCC's bureau of employment, said Tuesday his people are trying to tackle the problem in two new ways.

Two five-man recruiting teams have been sent out into parts of the state remote from MESCC offices to sign up pickers.

"They're going into outlying areas and ringing doorbells," said Gribbin.

The teams have been on the job for a week.

Gribbin said he didn't have figures on how well the teams have done, but said his bureau has had 224 persons register their interest in apple picking as of last Friday. Another 290 said they would pick part-time.

The MESCC annually recruits about 1,100 full-time

U.S. and Canadian pickers. Growers also recruit.

The other approach is a request for labor from Atlantic seaboard states, something that hasn't been done in the past.

"We now have other states — as far south as North Carolina — looking for pickers," commented Gribbin. "But we don't know how this is going until the first reports come in Friday."

In the agriculture department, deputy commissioner Robert G. Gribbin said he would work with the labor shortage, too, in these states," he said. "I don't think many will want to come up here."

WHAT HAPPENS if there isn't enough labor? Obviously, apples won't get picked and prices will go up.

Chick said this might be something that wouldn't severely hurt the growers. In many cases the price increase will offset the yield decrease, with the consumer, in effect, footing the difference.

"What we feel, though," he explained, "is that we have to see a crop grown and not harvested. This isn't the way it should be treated."

All this is something the growers can only worry about now. The critical period isn't until after the first of September.

It's then they start asking the MESCC for definite labor commitments. And the MESCC hopes by then it'll have what's asked.

SAID GIBBIN: "I think we'll be getting more and more people each week and we'll continue recruiting until we've reached the demand."

The peak of the demand is from Sept. 10 to 25 when the crop is at its best. The growers will have two, possibly three weeks at the most to get the apples picked and crated before they begin to spoil.

The harvest season begins roughly the first week of the month in York County and

advances to the 15th in Kennebec, the northern limit of apple growing country in the state.

About three-quarters of the crop — the McIntosh variety — falls into this growth period. The other quarter — made up of several "winter" varieties — isn't ready for harvesting until October.

According to Gribbin, the pickers can make up to several hundred dollars if they work the full three-week season.

ALL PICKERS, domestic or Canadian, are paid a minimum \$125 an hour. The average is around \$21, 4th Col.



Summer Campers Depart

By Staff Photographer Donald E. Johnson

It was unusual to see passenger trains at the West End Tuesday. They were there briefly to take hundreds of campers to New York and Philadelphia. In photo at left, a group of boys from Camp Winnebago, at Fayette, appear happy at the prospect of

going home. Lyntette Susberg, 9, of New Rochelle, N.Y., hugs her pal, Lollipops, in a Pullman compartment as she prepares to leave Maine after an active summer at Camp Woodlands, Bridgton.

Senate Passes Foreign Aid Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — With J. W. Fulbright, D-Ark., "We may have laid the groundwork for more thorough reforms next year."

To this, Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., protested that passage would be a Senate surrender, "a capitulation" to the House and the administration, and "another compromise measure, said Sen. Fulbright, as it was passed Tuesday.

Foreign aid program that has produced little or nothing" but "slonins, burnings and assaults on American property in many parts of the world."

The Senate finally dropped its fight to keep two amendments aimed at foreign aid reform after 14 conferences with the House to resolve differences in the version passed by each body.

The arguing extended over two months.

Fulbright, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and floor manager of the bill, was the author of one amendment and Morse sponsored the other.

Voicing his unhappiness over the compromise, Fulbright said a review of the foreign aid program is long overdue and "should be started now."

The legislation authorizes \$1.17 billion in military assistance, the remainder economic.

Fulbright's amendment proposed extending the program for two years. Morse's would have ended the program in 1970. (Continued on Page 17; 3rd Col.)

Steel Industry Sweetens Offer To Steelworkers

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The steel industry sweetened its contract offer to the United Steelworkers union Tuesday on the eve of an important meeting of union directors and eight days before a scheduled nationwide steel strike.

An informed union source said the offer was more than the nine cents an hour the industry had said was its ceiling, but "noters near" the 13 cents the union negotiators had expected.

"It was an offer, if you can call it that," said the source, indicating that the 35-member executive board probably would reject it at its meeting Wednesday, unless the industry goes still higher before then.

The union has been demanding wage and benefit increases of 17.9 cents an hour for its 450,000 members in basic steel who now earn an average \$4.40 an hour in wages and benefits. An interim contract signed last April expires at midnight Aug. 31 and the union has said if there is no new contract there will be no work.

The industry's offer was made at two meetings of the 16-man union-industry negotiating committee that includes union President I.W. Abel and the chief industry negotiator, R. Conrad Cooper. (Continued on Page 17; 3rd Col.)

Today's Chuckle

Woman to bridge club members: "I have the most marvelous recipe for goulish — all I have to do is mention it to my husband and he says 'Let's eat out.'"

Cooper Sets World Mark For Most Time In Space

MANNED SPACE CENTER, Houston, Tex. (AP) — America's Gemini 5 crew excelled in a huge military rocket fired from California on Tuesday as Lt. Gordon Cooper Jr. set a world mark for most time in space.

"I see it!" Charles Conrad Jr. cried. "There! It's coming. See it, Gordon? It's going through the atmosphere! There he comes, bigger 'n' back."

"Got him," said the laconic Cooper.

Spotting the launch of the Minuteman intercontinental ballistic missile, perfectly timed so that the astronaut could see it while whizzing along at 1,200 miles an hour, was really the highlight of this fourth day in space.

By 8:44 p.m. EDT Gemini 5 had completed 32 orbits.

In an afternoon news conference at Houston, the flight director, Christopher C. Kraft, said early hints of a computer problem on the spacecraft turned out to be false.

There was no serious problem aboard the spacecraft at present, he said. A few minutes later, including a set of crossed wires, had been taken into account and allowed for.

With each orbit Cooper whizzed closer to the title of world champion spaceman.

Already the first man to be put in orbit twice, Cooper set his endurance record at 10:47 p.m. EDT on Tuesday.

Here's the way the mathematics works: Add the 34 hours and 20 minutes of Cooper's first flight to the time accumulated on this one and you come up with 119 hours, 7 minutes.

That's a minute more than the time racked up by the Russian Valery Bykovsky, on his five-day flight in 1963.

But surpassing that Soviet record for a single flight is still the major goal of Gemini 5, and although there still is a daily go-ahead only for another 24 hours, the clocks are set for eight days, or 121 orbits.

The record-breaking would come early Thursday morning.

The Minuteman was launched at 11:05 a.m. EDT from the Vandenberg Air Force Base on the Pacific coast. At 6 seconds after 12:38 p.m. EDT.

At this time the Gemini 5 was near the low point of its orbit, and although the huge missile never came closer than 200 miles below the planet, it clearly "We can see him real good," Conrad said.

The Minuteman roared on to sea and plunged into the Pacific about 15 minutes later, 5,750 miles away.

It was the first time U.S. astronauts had ever spotted each other in space. The excitement in their voices was matched with faster breathing and heartbeats.

During the day Cooper and Conrad did their photographic chores. They took pictures of Conrad said.

Heavy Air Strikes Hit Viet Cong Installations

SAIGON, South Viet. (AP) — U.S. B-52 bombers hammered a Viet Cong installation 31 miles south of Da Nang Tuesday. Other U.S. planes struck at targets in both North and South Viet. Nam; one B-52 was shot down but the pilot was rescued.

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the South. A spokesman reported that U.S. Air Force planes hit 215 Communist sites in a 24-hour combat action at 6 a.m. Tuesday, destroying or damaging more than 200 buildings. A number of sampans were sunk and several secondary explosions were observed from his on ammunition or petroleum stores, officials added.

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They applauded again when he added, "No one again, we must say to the other side, 'This you will not be permitted to do.'"

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New Greek Premier Opens Crucial Parliament Debate

ATHENS (UPI) — Premier Elias Tsirimokos opened a crucial confidence debate Tuesday in Parliament, as the Greek leader warned that any attempt by his opponents to trigger renewed riots would be crushed without mercy.

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The fact that it broke up the riotous session was considered a hopeful sign that the rioting and bloodshed may be over—at least for the time being.

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Prayer For Today

O Thou who art life of our life, we would draw from Thee fresh sustenance for the needs of this day. Mindful that we walk by faith and not by sight we reaffirm our confidence in Thee. Guide us in the ordering of our interior life with all its weaknesses and in the ordering of our exterior life with all its perplexities and demands. In every evidence of the day enlighten and lead us, that we may walk as children of Thine, adorning the gospel of Thy Son, our Lord.

—John Martin Rief, Columbia, S.C., Methodist religious columnist.

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