



TOWER TALKS
by U.S. Senator for Texas
JOHN TOWER

DAVIS-BACON ACT

WASHINGTON—Consumers in Texas and elsewhere are skeptical about government's ability to hold the line on steadily rising prices, and there is just cause. Solutions to the inflationary cycles we've experienced have even Washington's most renowned economists baffled.

But some of the principal contributors to inflation plainly could be eliminated if Congress and the Administration did not shrink from the hard decisions necessary to bring prices under control.

The 1931 Davis-Bacon Act, which established government's prerogative to set construction industry wages on federally involved projects, represents a case in point. Its enormous inflationary impact on construction has been an unfortunate fact of life since then.

Justification for the Act seemed overwhelming in the depression-beleaguered economy of 1931. Davis-Bacon

outlawed the payment of substandard wages, a common practice among unscrupulous contractors scrambling to compete for the few contracts available. As enacted, the law permitted the government to establish "prevailing" construction wages for a particular area.

In theory, the law served a humanitarian purpose. In practice, it has been a complete contradiction of congressional intent.

The economy of 1977 is a far cry from the one confronting us during the Great Depression years. It's more volatile now for one thing and prone to fluctuations at the drop of a hat. Inflation is the barometer of our economic health today. Yet while recognizing this fact, Congress has stubbornly refused to repeal the Davis-Bacon Act which sends inflation rippling throughout the construction industry. And as any casual observer of economic trends knows, inflation in one segment of the economy inevitably spreads to others, spelling higher prices for all of us and lost purchasing power.

Operating in different economic circumstances, through the Federal government's maladministration, and because of the basic inequities of the law passed in 1931, Davis-Bacon maintains artificially high construction wages on federally involved projects.

If this seems like empty rhetoric, consider these wage inconsistencies: on Federal projects—all under Davis-Bacon provisions—the average construction workers commands \$7.84, while his counterpart in private construction averages \$5.14. In Houston, the 1976 hourly rate for carpenters on Federal projects was \$10.70. The overall manufacturing wage rate amounted to \$5.76.

Congress' watchdog agency, the General Accounting Office, has documented more incriminating evidence. GAO has calculated that Davis-Bacon alone contributes 5-15 per cent to the excess cost of construction, taking a \$1-3 billion bite annually out of taxpayer pockets.

Since it is estimated that nearly one-third of all construction is subject to Davis-Bacon provisions, the inflationary consequences to the economy as a whole are painfully clear.

Unfortunately, Davis-Bacon now works to the disadvantage of the very workers it was enacted to help. The law, for example, does not recognize special categories of workers such as trainee or apprentice. It thus discriminates against those comprising the largest ranks of the unemployed—the young and unskilled—while protecting the higher paid worker whose wages are propped-up by a form of government subsidy.

Outright repeal of the Davis-Bacon Act clearly would be in the best interest of the American economy. Short of that, passage of amendments to the law which I have introduced to correct some of the more detrimental effects to the economy would be a firm indication that Washington is serious about its war on inflation.

Henry A. Waxman, Congressman (D-Calif):
"Auto companies could have already met the tough (pollution) standards if they had wanted to."

Real Problem
A serious impediment to marriage is the difficulty of supporting the government and a wife on one income.

Pesticide Use Certificates Out Soon, Ag Official Says

AUSTIN—Texas farmers who have been waiting for private applicator restricted-use pesticide certificates, being issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture, need not worry that they've been overlooked," Commissioner Reagan V. Brown has assured.

"Recent production problems have caused a delay in getting the certificates from the printers and some people have understandably registered concern about their certificates," Brown explained.

"By June 1, however, we should be able to start mailing out the certificates so that if you haven't received yours yet, don't worry," he added.

Certificates will be mailed to those private applicators who have successfully completed training required by national legislation. Under the provisions of the federal law, after Oct. 21, 1977, a license will be required for purchasing and using restricted pesticides to be identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

By the October deadline, the EPA plans to have categorized pesticide ingredients for either restricted or non-restricted use.

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American, Foreign Cotton Producers Work To Build Stocks

Cotton producers in the U.S. and abroad are responding to continued consumer demand for cotton with major production increases this year, report economists at Cotton Incorporated. As a result, the economists say, the extremely low supplies of cotton—after falling to critical levels this summer and early fall—will be rebuilt to a more adequate level, enabling both domestic and foreign mills to increase their cotton use in 1977-78.

Cotton Incorporated, the fiber company of American cotton producers, keeps producers and others in the cotton industry

abreast of market and general economic trends through its monthly publication, the COTTON SUMMARY.

In the latest (June) issue, David W. Cox, vice president for economic research and development, and his staff report that attractive prices, good weather and continued demand for the look and feel of cotton have all combined to bring about significant production increases.

In the U.S., they say, it now appears that a crop as large as 13.5 million bales might be harvested—shifting the availability of cotton in this country

from extremely tight to adequate in late October.

"Much the same conditions will be found overseas," Cox adds, "although in most cotton-importing nations the period of tightness followed by greater availability of cotton will come in November."

On the domestic scene, Cox says the prospects for larger cotton supplies, coupled with increasing synthetic fiber prices and continued consumer demand for cotton, should increase cotton consumption by U.S. mills to about seven million bales in 1977-78, up from an estimated 6.8 million bales this

year. While foreign cotton production also will increase this year, 1977-78 also is expected to bring about increased demand for U.S. cotton abroad, Cox said.

"Many cotton-importing nations must rebuild their stocks of cotton, which will be reduced to critically low levels before new crop cotton can reach them," he points out.

In addition, says Cox, population increases and improvements in general economic conditions around much of the world are expected to boost foreign cotton consumption to some 5 million bales.



MILITARY WEDDING...Muleshoe's first known military wedding was held last Sunday in the First Baptist Church when Cassie Precure and Larry Shafer were wed. Shown with the bride and groom are the honor guard with crossed sabers. They are Lieutenants Bob Mengills, Bob Simmons, Ed Connolly, Mike Ruggerio, Bob Bartholone and Don Luros.

All these factors combined add up to the possibility that 5.2 million bales of U.S. cotton might be exported in 1977-78—a six per cent increase over the strong export level of 4.9 million bales in 1976-77, he adds.

This would mean a total off-take—domestic use plus exports—of 12.2 million bales of U.S. cotton in 1977-78 compared with this year's estimated total of 11.7 million bales.

If U.S. and foreign production estimates hold up—and Cox cautions that they should be considered only tentative at this time—a return to larger carry-over levels is expected for August, 1978, says the Cotton Incorporated economist.

In summary, Cox says the cotton community can look for: --Extremely low supplies of cotton in the United States and worldwide this fall.

--Fair, if not good, consumer demand for textiles for the next year.

--Generally good, but spotty, economic recovery in the United States and less economic strength in Europe and Japan.

--A moderate recovery in cotton supplies in cotton year

1977-78 as cotton production exceeds cotton use.

Continental Leases New Tulia Plant

Continental Grain Company today announced the leasing of a 13-million-bushel grain facility here.

Company officials said the installation will serve as a major assembly point for grain from the Texas Panhandle, northern Oklahoma, Kansas and eastern Colorado enroute to export markets via Texas Gulf and West Coast ports.

Continental Grain will operate a buying office at Tulia. The elevator is equipped to receive rail and truck shipments, and will offer storage for wheat and feed grains.

C.W. Fletcher is Continental's manager at Tulia. Telephone number is 806-995-2311.

View From The Plain

by J.D. Peer
I & E Field Officer

Palo Duro Drama Set

A combination of music, dancing, romance, comedy, history, along with dramatic sound and lighting effects will again reverberate from Palo Duro canyon as the musical drama "Texas" reopens June 15.

Paul Green, a Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright, wrote it all down and West Texans, many of whom are descended from the families that first staked their claim on the high plains, portray those roles in the outdoor drama which plays nightly except Sunday through August 20.

A special one-night performance will be presented on Sunday, July 3rd, during the summer schedule.

The production with a cast of 80 actors, singers and dancers, begins each evening at 8:30 p.m. CDST just as the sun slides behind the canyon rim and twilight settles over the park. The park permit will not be required of persons enroute to the drama after 6 p.m. each evening.

Palo Duro canyon, itself a part of Panhandle history, furnishes a dramatic backdrop as the drama unfolds in the Pioneer amphitheatre. The drama is fast becoming one of the Southwest's major tourist attractions with the help of Margaret Murphy, founder and publicist of the drama.

Advance reservations are recommended for the drama according to Mrs. Murphy as ticket requests come in by phone an mail. Over 98,000 visitors witnessed the drama in 1976 and bookings have already been set for future shows into 1981.

Palo Duro State Park, which hosts the drama, is located 12 miles east of Canyon and 35 miles southeast of Amarillo. The park is a major attraction as visitors are surprised to see the park road suddenly curve downward to reveal brilliantly colored cliffs stretching along the main chasm and several side canyons.

Modern camping and picnicking facilities including water and electrical hookups are available to the park visitor. Horseback riding, a miniature train ride and ample space to just sit

and view the canyon are also available.

Information about the park can be obtained by writing the park, P.O. Box 114, Canyon, Texas 79015 and ticket information and reservations can be made by writing "Texas", P.O. Box 268, Canyon, Texas 79015 or phone (806) 655-2182.

From Forts to Fish

From Indian battles to trailrace rainbows, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department magazine offers the interested reader a variety of informative articles about Texas history, wildlife studies, hunting, fishing, camping and travel.

The popular magazine is read by over 116,000 subscribers as full color pictures takes the reader into the field along with department game wardens, biologists, park rangers, and sportsmen.

The nationally-ranked magazine will feature a comprehensive study of 37 trails proposed for inclusion into the Texas system beginning in July. Fishing, fish studies, and a complete history of dogs in America will also be included.

The magazine, which is published monthly, is available by subscription at \$5.25 for one year and \$9.45 for two years. Prices include five percent sales tax for Texas residents. Foreign subscription rates are \$6 for one year and \$11 for two years.

More information and subscriptions can be obtained by writing the P&WD, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744



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The Sandhills Philosopher

Editor's note: The Sandhills Philosopher on his Johnson grass farm on Sandy Creek thinks he has discovered a way to get the country out of debt.

Dear Editor:
There's an argument going on in Congress on whether mail delivery on Saturdays should be eliminated.

The Postal Service says it could save \$400 million a year by eliminating Saturday deliveries. A prominent Senator favors it, asking "Why do we need six-day delivery? Mail I get on Saturday could very well wait until Monday."

This opens up some far-ranging possibilities. If you can wait till Monday to get Saturday's mail, why can't you wait till Tuesday, or Wednesday, or Thursday? Or one day next week? Or next month?

If the Postal Service can save 400 million dollars by eliminating Saturday delivery, it could save six times that, or \$2,400,000,000 by eliminating the whole week. This would sure throw a kink in mail service, but there are some who claim it wouldn't be noticed.

By eliminating all mail delivery, the Postal Service could thus save about two and a half billion dollars a year. That's just a start in a national economy drive. For example, it now costs about a billion dollars a year to operate Congress. You get the drift.

Or take the courts. The court system in this country has never shown a profit. Neither has the highway system. I don't know of a single public school that's done it. Raising kids is one of the least profitable businesses there is. Show me a penitentiary that's paying its way. Everybody knows that big cities are one of the worst investments a mass of people can make. You ever hear of a weather bureau showing a profit? A public park? Without generous tax support, how many county governments could stay in business? Or state governments?

By eliminating Saturday mail delivery and setting the domino theory of economy in action, this country could get out of debt in no time.

Yours faithfully,
J.A.

Bula News
By
Mrs. J. Blackman

Seven women were in attendance Tuesday at 2:30, when the WMU met for their weekly study. Mrs. E.O. Battles was in charge of the lesson study taken from their Royal Service Magazine, with topic for study "New Song on the ole Spanish Main", dealing with the people of South America. Mrs. Rowena Richardson read the call to prayer, with Mrs. C.A. Williams offering the opening prayer and prayer for the missionaries. Mrs. P.R. Pierce gave the closing prayer. Others in attendance were Miss Vina Tugman, and Mrs. J.R. Teaff.

To visit with the F.L. Simmons for a short while Sunday morning, were his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Oliver, and their son Gene Oliver and family, all from Houston. They were enroute for a vacation in Colorado, and driving a new motor home.

Tim Marshall was back Sunday to preach for the Church of Christ. Tim travels with the Lubbock Christian College ball teams, and had been away with them for several Sundays. He was accompanied Sunday by Miss Patricia Hukle of Lubbock. They were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bryan. Also to be with them were Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Harlan and son John David and Mrs. and Mrs. John Blackman.

Mr. and Mrs. E.O. Battles visited the past weekend with relatives his sister and husband Mr. and Mrs. Terral Holly at Hollis, Okla. Also with her brothers Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Estes at Hollis and Mr. Wayne Estes at Wellington.

Mrs. Cecil Jones met her grandson Kelley Alexander of Fort Worth at the Lubbock air terminal, Sunday morning. Kelley will be spending several weeks here with his grandparents.

Mrs. V.C. Weaver was admitted to the Amherst hospital Friday night and was able to come home Tuesday, feeling much better.

Clyde Hogue has recently been a patient in the Littlefield Hospital suffering from a virus.

Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Adams drive to Morton Sunday afternoon and had a visit with friends, Mr. and Mrs. Chat Baird.

Dutch Young from Big Springs, spent two days visiting this week with Mrs. Quinel Young and Mrs. C.A. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Price and children Timmy and Becky from Plains visited Monday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Withrow.

Mr. W.B. Newsom from Dallas was a guest Wednesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. V.C. Weaver and also attended to farming interest around Bula.

Mrs. Cecil Jones, Mrs. John Hubbard and Mrs. Nolan Harlan attended a wedding shower given for Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Watson, Monday evening, in the fellowship hall of the Assembly of God Church in Muleshoe.

Mrs. Pearl Walden spent Sunday night and Monday with her son and wife Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Walden of Littlefield.

Advertising is an old custom that is observed by most successful businessmen.

Legislation Good Boost

Senator Lloyd Bentsen Monday said legislation recently approved by Congress will encourage foreign countries to buy more U.S. farm products by allowing them to store some of their purchases in empty storage bins here in America.

The legislation proposed by Bentsen is included in an extension of the 1969 Export Administration Act, which has been sent to the White House. The President is expected to sign it. "There is one major problem that has kept many foreign countries from buying more of our food and fiber, and that is their lack of storage capacity," Senator Bentsen said.

"By allowing them to store a portion of their purchases here, we will be enabling them to increase the amount they can buy, as well as making it easier for them to plan more carefully for future needs."

"This bill will in effect give our farmers a valuable trading edge over competing exporting nations," said the Senator.

Bentsen pointed out that under his bill, once foreign-bought commodities are stored, they will be considered exported, and cannot be resold in this country. This will protect the domestic market from being depressed by the resale of the foreign-held

reserves, and is an essential part of the legislation.

The Bentsen bill will also allow foreign storage only if there is space left over after commodities produced for use in the U.S. are stored.

"With the passage of this

San Antonio Woman Advances To National Chicken Contest

AUSTIN—Using a recipe adapted from a dish enjoyed during a Mexican vacation, a San Antonio woman, Kay Grizzard of 5111 Slayden Dr., was named first place winner of the Texas Chicken Cooking Contest.

She will advance to the national competition to be held July 27 in Jackson, Miss., according to the Texas Department of Agriculture.

"The participation of all of the 1,500 cooks throughout the state who submitted recipes for consideration is certainly evidence of the popularity of Texas chicken," commented Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown. "We would certainly like to see Mrs. Grizzard return from the national contest with the \$10,000 first place prize."

The winning chicken dish,

legislation the United States can help many foreign countries that are physically unable to maintain adequate food reserves attempt to meet their long-range food needs," Bentsen said.

"Besides helping to ease critical food shortages throughout the world, the American farmer will benefit greatly from an expanded export market."

"Chicken Yucatan," was sent to the judges "without even a chance to taste it," Mrs. Grizzard said.

The five state finalists competing for the top prize in the event, sponsored by the Texas Department of Agriculture and the Texas Broiler Council, included Lynda Castro of 3206 Iola St., Houston, second place; Diane Stallings of 1521 Rosemont, Amarillo, third place; Helen Longmire of 1721 East 38 1/2 St., Austin, fourth place; and Olga Jaacks of 2204 Harrison Ave., Fort Worth, fifth place.

Judges for the event were Carolyn Bengtson, food editor of the Austin Citizen; Linda Farrell, Agricultural Extension Agent, Austin; and Jane Ulbrich, food editor of the San Antonio Express.

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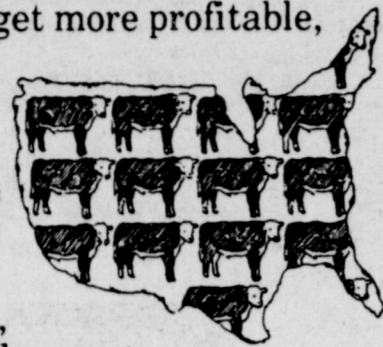
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What it is.

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It's producer-controlled. The plan will be run by a Beef Board made up of cattlemen who have been recommended by their fellow cattlemen. Every state or region will be represented in proportion to its beef production.

It's fair. The investment needed for the program is provided by a collection of just 3/10's of 1% on the sale of each animal. It's based on a "value added" system that guarantees each person pays only his fair share.

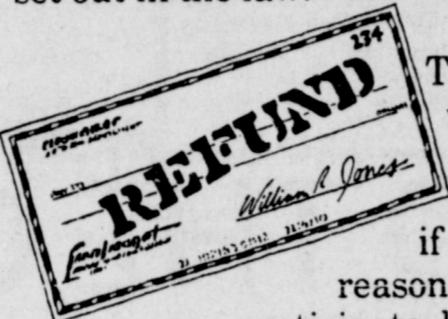
It's needed. The beef industry's present research and information effort is inadequate by any standard. We spend a small fraction of what many other, smaller commodity groups spend (e.g. cotton, citrus, dairy, soybeans). The referendum will generate the \$30 to \$40 million a year needed to solve our problems and strengthen our markets.

It's accepted. Nearly 90 producer organizations endorse the program. During a series of six public hearings held by USDA, 150 beef and dairy leaders spoke out in favor of the program; only 6 against.



What it isn't.

It's not a government program. This is a producer program. Producers wrote the law. Producers are paying for the referendum through voluntary donations. And producers will run the program from day one, once the referendum passes. The government's involvement is limited: The Secretary of Agriculture formally appoints the Beef Board members, who are nominated by producer organizations; he is also responsible for seeing that the money is spent according to producer wishes, as set out in the law.



It's not a tax. The program is voluntary. The collection is automatic. But if anyone, for any reason, doesn't want to participate, he can ask for a refund and get it promptly. With no red tape. That's the law.

It's not just an advertising program. The program is comprehensive. Some of the money will go for consumer education. Some for foreign market development. Some for production research. Some for new product development. Some for improving marketing and distribution.



And some for advertising and promotion—whatever producers, through the Beef Board, decide they need.

It's not just for the big guy. Beef Board members will be both big producers and small, from all across the country. Cow-calf operators. Farmer-feeders. Stocker operators. Feedlot people. Dairymen (dairy cattle account for 20% of beef production). This program will help everybody.

Now, it's up to you. Register at your ASCS office. Then, vote "yes" in the beef referendum.



Registration Deadline June 17, 1977

Beef Development Taskforce



WORKING TO "KEEP BEEF KING"... Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe and Mrs. Briscoe (left) accept a replica of the lapel button worn by thousands of cattle producers around the nation. Presenting the button is Mrs. Neal Collier, Wichita Falls, president of the Texas CowBelles. Briscoe, a widely-known rancher, has endorsed the upcoming Beef Referendum. He urged all Texas cattle producers to register between June 6-17 at their county ASCS offices and then return to vote "Yes" during July 5-15. The Referendum, if passed, would authorize a self-help program of beef research, education and promotion.

On Wall Street By Bob Hill

President Carter is trying to figure out where to bow his neck in what could turn out to be a year-long confrontation with Congress over spending. That step would have to take the form of a veto—not unusual during the years when we had a Republican President and a Democratic Congress facing each other. But, it's certainly not the weapon of choice for a President who commands a big majority in both houses. Still, President Carter will use the veto if he feels he has to. First of all, he is getting fed up with being regarded as a "pat-sy" for congressional interests

whenever he backs off an official position. But, more importantly, the President wants to emphasize his determination to balance the federal budget before the next Presidential election.

Since Carter, like his predecessor, Gerald Ford, has chosen to take a stand over budget-busting, the most likely candidates for his veto are the \$65 billion appropriations bill for the Labor, Health, Education and Welfare Departments, and the \$10 billion public works appropriation. The latter includes the water projects Carter wants halted.

The Labor-HEW money bill is a perennial headache, which has been vetoed five times in the last seven years. In each case, the vetoes have been sustained.

This year the House version of the HEW portions of the bill runs some \$1.4 billion more than Carter says he will stand

for. The Senate version, which hasn't traveled as far through the legislative process, is \$2.4 billion over. In short, the bill is an inviting target for a veto.

Obviously, the veto Carter would relish most would hit not HEW but the water projects. Of the 18 dam and flood-control projects on Carter's original "hit list," 17 are alive and well in the public works appropriations bill. They have a total cost of about \$3.5 billion over the life of the projects. Vetoing this bill would be acknowledged in Washington as a dangerous political maneuver, since it is the only bill that faces a genuine threat of override. With Carter, it's a matter of money and principle.

But the water bill is a prime candidate for a veto because it's too late for the President to back down. He may well choose to lose a test of wills with Congress over the water issue, hoping for an offsetting win in the public opinion polls for setting his position against pork barrel projects.

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