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## National Body to Work for Stabilization Committee Formed to Handle Fight at National Capital for Fixing of Adequate Prices for Farm Products

The rise of May futures is only a gamblers' promise of better prices for next summer and fall. See Baer's cartoon on the cover of this issue. That tells the story. Farmers must not be lulled to sleep by this bait of the gamblers. Keep pounding on congress for revival of the grain corporation and stabilization of prices at living levels for producers. Write your congressmen AGAIN. Circulate the petition if you haven't already—or circulate ANOTHER and get MORE names. If you quit now nothing will be done. Don't send petitions to the Leader. Send them to congress, but tell us how many names you got.

**T**HE move for revival of the grain corporation and stabilization of farm prices was started by Mr. Townley. Since then the Leader and its readers have been carrying on the fight almost single handed. It is true that a number of Farm Bureau locals, local Farmers' unions and other county organizations of farmers have indorsed the plan, as have a large number of farmer leaders in all parts of the country. But the Leader and its readers, outside of the work done by the Farmers' National council, have been carrying on the only SYSTEMATIC fight.

We are now to have substantial aid from a newly formed national organization to be known as the Farmers' National Stabilization committee, with headquarters at 1731 Eye street, Washington, D. C. The committee contains members of a number of farmer organizations and is representative of the farmers of the whole country. It will be on the job at the national capital to work for the passage of the Sinclair-Ladd stabilization bill.

Let's back up this committee with continued working and fighting as we have been doing—only let's put EVEN MORE PUNCH in our efforts!

W. J. Mozely of the Farmers' union of North Dakota is the acting chairman of the Farmers' National Stabilization committee. The officers and executive committee of the committee are as follows:

J. S. Wannamaker, president of the American Cotton association, vice chairman; Vernon Campbel, vice president and general manager of the Co-Operative Canneries of California, secretary and treasurer; John Simpson, president of the Farmers' union of Oklahoma, chairman of the organization committee.

The executive committee is composed of C. J. Osborne, president of the Farmers' union of Nebraska, chairman; Charles S. Barrett, president of the national Farmers' union; Milo Reno, president of the Farmers' union of Iowa; W. M. Burlingame, president of the Montana Society of Equity; G. S. Woodcock, Steamboat Springs, Col.; Dr. G. L. Sands, president of the Farmers' union of Arkansas; John Quincy Adams, Spokane; J. M. Anderson, general manager of the Equity exchange, St. Paul; J. W. Batcheller, president of the Farmers' union of South Dakota; William H. Lyon of Sioux Falls, S. D., and Dallas H. Gray, Harmona, Cal.

As will be seen, this is a strong committee of big men of American agriculture. It is remarkable that it contains no representatives of the national Farm Bureau federation. The Farm Bureau leaders are against

price stabilization legislation, and have done much to discredit the plan. Now, the farmers forced these same national leaders of the Farm Bureaus to reverse themselves on two of their moves in the interests of big business. The federation leaders originally indorsed and lobbied for the infamous Esch-Cummins transportation act. They also at one time came out for abolition of the excess profits tax on profiteers and for the unspeakable sales tax. But they were forced by farmer members of the Bureaus to back up on both these matters. Can Bureau members force them into line for stabilization of farm prices? It is worth trying. If you are a Bureau member get busy.

Leader readers in all parts of the country are continuing their work. Hundreds of petitions are being circulated, resolutions passed at meetings and letters written to United States senators and congressmen.

Below are some of the reports we have received from readers as to their activities since our last issue:

A. H. Freie, Dodson, Mont., writes that every farmer in the county seen signed the petition; 170 names sent to congress; also two petitions were sent to congress from Waleston, Mont., with 40 signatures; he writes farmers will quit raising wheat unless congress does something to assure cost of production.

C. O. Berquist, Willmar, Minn., reporting progress on several petitions in circulation in his county, says 1,200 names have been sent to congress and many petition circulators still to hear from.

A. G. Peterson and wife, Avondale, Mont., reports petitions and letters sent to senators and congressmen and non-committal replies received, showing the need for more pressure by Montana farmers on their representatives.

Mrs. C. A. Frier, Woonsocket, S. D., sends copies of effective letters she has written to members of congress.

Ludvig Larssen, Galata, Mont., reports non-committal letters from Montana members of congress and is passing them around to farmers to encourage more pressure from "back home."

Mike Nilson, Deep, N. D., reports indefinite letters received from Senator McCumber of North Dakota in response to petitions. All the other North Dakota members of congress are for revival of the grain corporation. McCumber better get busy.

R. E. Snogross, Musselshell, Mont., reports a further petition of 15 farmers sent in, and one signed by townspeople, still in circulation, which will be sent to congress later.

A. C. Neffger, Vida, Mont., reports 107 signers on two petitions sent to Congressman Riddick and Senator Walsh. "These explosive shells ought to help get results," he writes.

Andrew L. Erickson, Conrad, Mont., reports big petition sent to congress, and that local paper has printed the facts. A town merchant is one of a committee to crystallize sentiment in the county for congressional action.

Elmer W. Hinkston, Battle Lake, Minn., reports indefinite letters to farmers from Senator Nelson, in response to petitions and letters

Lack of space in this issue prevents publication of the blank petition to congress asking the revival of the grain corporation. Cut the petition out of any previous issue of the Leader for the last few months.

sent. Nelson is against the plan and not honest enough to say so, but several Minnesota congressmen are working for stabilization.

I. W. Buchanan, Poplar, Mont., reports 85 names on petition and that numerous farmers are writing members of congress.

Wesley White of Des Lacs, N. D., is writing follow-up letters to members of congress, and letters of encouragement to members who are helping in the move.

H. P. Foster, Dooley, Mont., reports he not only circulated and sent in a petition himself, but has placed petitions at places in town and is getting lots of support for them.

C. H. Pederson, Marmon, N. D., reports 114 names on a petition sent to congress.

Theodore Kroshus, Spring Grove, Minn., sent petition and letter to Congressman Sydney Anderson of Minnesota, chairman of the joint congressional committee to investigate agriculture, which committee failed to back up the price stabilization plan. Anderson is against it but he writes non-committal letters to farmers who send him petitions. More should bring pressure on him.

Claude Holt, Clear Lake, S. D., writes that he sent a petition with 89 names to Senator Norbeck of South Dakota and received in reply a circular letter which Norbeck has had to get up to answer all his constituents who are sending him letters and petitions on the revival of the grain corporation. In spite of the fact that he knows what the farmers want, he is against the plan. More farmers ought to keep at him.

Frank W. Stedman, Berg, N. D., has written his senator and congressman.

E. L. Shires of Mack, Col., reports a petition of 57 names sent to congress.