

Wirtz Won't Bring Back Braceros

Associated Press
Secretary of Labor W. Wirtz gave farmers who are foreign workers no encouragement yesterday in their fight to have the so-called bracero program re-instituted.
Wirtz testified after spokesmen for western growers told the Senate Agriculture Committee that sufficient qualified domestic labor is unavailable.
Wirtz said any action by the government to reinstitute the program would, under existing conditions, be morally, economically and legally wrong. He reminded the members of the Committee that Congress had considered but failed to pass legislation that would have kept the Mexican program from expiring Dec. 31.
He said three Committee members who attended yesterday's hearing had predicted the program would die. Thus, he said, farmers have had to adjust their operations accordingly.
Wirtz declared that to the best of his knowledge there was no

shortage of qualified domestic labor.

Senate GOP Approves Thurmond Assignments

United Press International
Senate Republicans approved committee assignments yesterday that permitted South Carolina's Strom Thurmond to keep at least some of the seniority power he had gained as a Democrat.
The committee lineups were approved without objection at a conference of GOP Senators lasting less than a half hour. All the dickering had been resolved earlier by the GOP Committee on Committees.
Thurmond, who quit the Democrats last September to become a "Goldwater Republican," won the position he wanted most. He kept his seniority on the Armed Services Committee.

Connor, Carver Win Senate Confirmation

United Press International
The Senate confirmed President Johnson's nomination of John T. Connor, former head of Merck & Co., as Secretary of Commerce yesterday. Connor

succeeds Luther H. Hodges of North Carolina.

Connor, whose drug industry holdings were carefully reviewed by the Senate Commerce Committee before it recommended his confirmation, was unopposed in the voice vote by the Senate. Connor has agreed to put his holdings in a trust.

The Senate also approved the nomination of John A. Carver of Idaho as Under Secretary of Interior and of four ambassadors.

The ambassadors were: Ben H. Brown Jr. of South Carolina, Ambassador to Liberia; William A. Crawford of the District of Columbia, to Rumania; Ralph A. Dungan of Pennsylvania, to Chile, and William H. Sullivan of Rhode Island, to Laos.

Mansfield, Aiken Ask Funds for Rural Water

Associated Press
Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) and Sen. George D. Aiken (R-Vt.) proposed a \$100 million Federal program yesterday to aid development of water distribution systems in rural areas.
The legislation they introduced would use the government's Rural Electrification Administration for grants and

loans to cooperatives for establishing water distribution systems in 15,000 rural areas.



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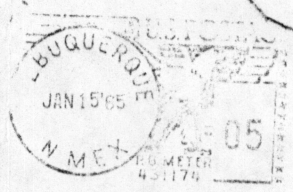


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