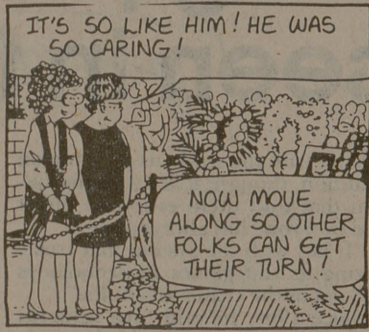


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by Jeff MacNelly **Florida citrus growers fear onset of flies**

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Inspectors have discovered two more Mediterranean fruit flies, signaling an infestation of the citrus menace in the Miami area, Florida Agriculture Commissioner Doyle Conner said Wednesday.

A female medfly was discovered in North Miami Feb. 25, prompting an intense trapping program which Conner expanded with the latest find.

"Unfortunately, this latest find signals that an infestation does exist in Miami," Conner said. "We had hoped that female medfly found last February was a lone invader, but apparently a population of this super pest is trying to get established."

Conner said efforts were already underway to determine how far the destructive flies have spread.

"The crucial step is now to determine just where the core of the infestation is," he said. "Medflies can fly two miles or more in search of protein or a mate. It is very important to intensify trapping in this new area to see if other medflies are out there, and if they are, where."

The most recent flies were trapped in a calamondin tree, a miniature citrus variety, about two miles southeast of Opa-locka Airport near Miami.

The two flies appeared to have recently emerged from the pupal or non-feeding, worm stage, said Dr. Howard Weems, an entomologist with the Division of Plant Industry.

Weems confirmed that the specimens were male medflies Tuesday night at the division's lab in Gainesville.

Medflies, which attack mostly citrus crops, burrow into fruit to lay their eggs, causing the fruit to shrivel and drop off trees.

After the fly was found in February, an 81-square-mile area was canvassed with extra traps to monitor the insect's progress. Conner ordered the trapping zone increased to a 110-square-mile area.

Funky Winkerbean

by Tom Batiuk



U.S. and Third World trade

Bentsen: deficits increasing

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States is focusing so much on its trade deficit with industrialized nations such as Japan, it is ignoring an increasingly lopsided balance of trade with the Third World — a U.S. deficit of \$29.5 billion last year, U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen said Wednesday.

Bentsen, chairman of the Senate Democratic Working Group on Trade Policy and a member of the Senate Finance Committee, said the U.S. trade deficit with developing nations, increased \$23.5 billion between 1981 and 1984, according to tables supplied by the Library of Congress.

This figure doesn't include nations that are members of OPEC. "The study demonstrates clearly

that the U.S. market is far more open to the imports of developing nations than the markets of countries like Japan," Bentsen said in a prepared statement.

He said that in 1983, people in the United States bought \$29 billion more from the developing nations than they bought from the United States. The same year, he said, Japan sold \$13 billion more to the developing nations than it bought from them.

He said Japan, which is about half the size of the United States, buys less than one-third of what the United States does from Brazil, about one-ninth of what the United States does from Mexico and about one-tenth of what the United States buys from Hong Kong.

"Worse than that, though," Bentsen said, "the larger developing countries seem to be following Japan's example of managed trade rather than our example of free trade. More and more, these countries are blocking our exports into their markets while expanding their imports to our market."

The U.S. trade deficit with Japan was \$36.8 billion last year.

Vice President George Bush told a group of bankers on Tuesday that the trade deficit is, in part, a by-product of U.S. prosperity.

He said the United States' share of world exports has remained almost constant, but its purchases of other nations' goods have increased.

Gorbachev says it's time to 'thaw' relations

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Mikhail S. Gorbachev spent nearly four hours with an American congressional delegation Wednesday, twice the usual time allotted, and said it was time U.S.-Soviet relations emerged from a dangerous "ice age."

The time has come for talking, the Soviet leader said, and one of the Americans predicted he would be a "very formidable adversary" in a summit with President Reagan.

Members of the first U.S. delegation to meet Gorbachev since the funeral of Konstantin U. Chernenko, whom he replaced March 11, said they brought the new leader a

letter from Reagan. They would not discuss its contents.

The congressmen said Gorbachev reaffirmed an interest in a summit, but did not say when it might be possible.

On Sunday, Gorbachev said the Soviet Union was freezing deployment of medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe until November. The White House said that was public relations.

Tass, the official news agency, quoted Gorbachev as telling the delegation:

"The time is such now that people shaping the policy of the two countries should by all means converse

with one another. The world situation is disquieting... and a kind of ice age is being observed in relations between the U.S.S.R. and the United States. At least this was so until the most recent time."

House speaker Thomas P. O'Neill told a news conference the meeting covered arms control, human rights, trade, regional issues and cultural exchange.

"From our talks, it is apparent that real opportunities for expanded trade and cultural contacts exist," he said.

Gorbachev received O'Neill, a Democrat from Massachusetts; House Republican leader Robert

Michel of Illinois; Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., and Silvio Conte, R-Mass.

The four are the senior members of a 13-man House delegation visiting the Soviet Union.

State television broadcast a lengthy report on the meeting between Gorbachev, 54, and the congressmen, including a videotape of the preliminaries.

Asked about the nuclear-freeze statement, O'Neill said: "I like to believe (Gorbachev) was speaking his mind, his heart and his feeling for world peace..."

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