DEFER FARM STRIKE ON ROOSEVELT PLEA

Holiday Leaders Decide at St. Paul to Delay Plans Until New Program Is Tried.

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Minnesota Governor Asks Backing for the President—Wisconsin Milk Group to Go Ahead.

ST. PAUL, May 12.—Officers of the National Farmers Holiday Association announced after a long conference this afternoon that the nation-wide farm strike planned for tomorrow had been indefinitely postponed.

Milo Reno of Des Moines, president of the organization, explained that the postponement had been taken in view of President Roosevelt’s signing of the farm-inflation bill and his statement urging holders of mortgages to be lenient toward their debtors.

He said that telegrams would be sent to all state holiday associations informing them of the postponement.

"The President’s statement," he continued, "should be respected by all Governors and all courts. It is a patriotic duty of the Farmers Holiday Association to see that it is respected."

"We have, in deciding to extend the time of declaring our holiday, in no way receded from our fundamental demand for production costs. This action is taken out of respect for the President and a regard for the opinion of the general public. We believe in giving the Federal administration an opportunity to redeem pre-election promises to farmers."

Earlier in the afternoon Mr. Reno had asserted that the President’s statement made no difference in the farm holiday plan. He declared that the recommendation of leniency was insufficient, and that he would have been better satisfied had the Chief Executive made a demand of no farm foreclosures.

FARM RELIEF-INFLATION MEASURE BECOMES LAW.

The President signing the bill. Others in the group, left to right, include Representatives Doxey, Mississippi; Fulmer, South Carolina; George Peek, Illinois, who will administer the farm enterprise; Jones, Texas; Louis J. Taber, head of the National Grange; Senator Smith, South Carolina; Harry Morgenthal Jr., farm credit director, and Secretary Wallace, of Agriculture.

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