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## House Goes To Restrict Meat Price Controls

### Emergency Plans Readied

### St. Louis Bracing For Flood

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (AP)—Emergency crews worked feverishly today to bulkhead dikes and check rising water that already has caused a loss of nearly \$1,000,000 to factories and rail yards in the immediate vicinity.

Four hundred residents of West Allen, Mo., and vicinity, ignored warnings to evacuate their low-lying homes as Army engineers, Coast Guardsmen and other workers abandoned efforts to strengthen dikes to the point where they could hold back the torrents.

At St. Louis was bracing for the flood, already the nation's official, President Truman made a first hand aerial survey of conditions, and the Federal Government rushed efforts to rehabilitate steel areas of Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.

The situation at St. Louis was becoming more hourly as the mighty Mississippi continued to pour its tremendous volume of flood waters into the Mississippi.

A stage of 40 feet was forecast for St. Louis by Saturday.

St. Louis city officials said there appeared to be no danger to the city of St. Louis, where there are

### President Signs Flood Relief Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman today signed a bill providing \$25,000,000 for relief work in the flood-ravaged Middle West.

The money will be used to help state and local governments to ease suffering and damage, with stress on health measures.

Mr. Truman originally asked for a \$15,000,000 relief fund, but the House tacked on \$10,000,000, and the Senate went along on the bill yesterday.

Army engineers have estimated the damage from rampaging flood waters will run more than \$120,000,000.

There has been an estimated loss of \$750,000 in the immediate area.

Nevertheless, they and Red Cross officials met to prepare emergency flood plans just in case. Nature of the plans was not disclosed but they were believed

to cover an emergency water distribution system in case the city's plants are put out of commission.

Even as St. Louis prepared for the onslaught of the mighty torrents, thousands of persons still were homeless in the Missouri-Kansas flood area upstream.

Water has inundated at Kansas City, but the major portions of the flooded industrial district were still under water—eight to ten feet of water at some places.

The same was true at Topeka, where nearly 8,000 persons still lived in refugee centers because of deep flood waters pouring over their homes.

The crest of the Missouri is approaching Jefferson City, the state capital in the center of the state.

Most of the damage through Missouri is to farm land, although there is some flooding in smaller communities. A portion of Jefferson City may be inundated, although most of the city is on a high hill an apparently safe.

President Truman made a 300-mile tour of the flood area.

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### 'Reasonable' Profit Would Be Allowed Setback Suffered By Administration

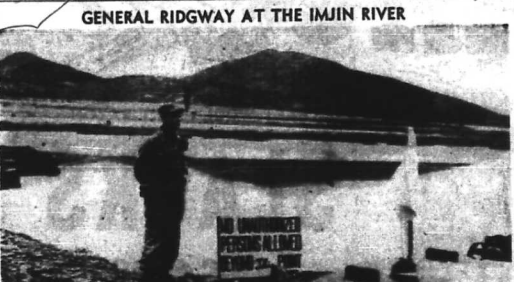
WASHINGTON (AP)—The House voted today to forbid price controls on most which do not allow packers and processors a "reasonable" profit.

The vote was 160 to 144 on an unrecorded roll call.

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### Big Issue Still Blocks Full Accord Work Continues Toward Agenda

By ROBERT EUNSON  
SEOUL, Korea (AP)—Allied and Red envoys agreed today on two points of the cease-fire agenda but a dispute over "at least one major point" is blocking the start of actual Korean war armistice negotiations.

The United Nations announced this tonight after negotiators returned from their longest session this week. It was the first report of agreement on any part of the agenda.

Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy, head of the U. N. cease-fire team, accepted Communist wording for two agenda items at the close of Tuesday's conference, the announcement said.

When he did so, "the entire Communist delegation seemed to show gratification, perhaps mixed with a certain element of relief," said Gen. William Nichols of the U. S. Air Force. Nichols attended the session in Kaesong.

Adm. Turner Joy presented the Allied view on the major unresolved question, Nichols said. The "Chinese" members of the Communist delegation nodded and appeared to appreciate the United Nations viewpoint.

Neither Nichols nor the formal headquarters announcement disclosed the points agreed upon in the session.

But General Matthew B. Ridgway, supreme Allied commander, described the Communist position as "a peace offensive."

The U. N. command said: "At least one major issue remains to be resolved."

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### Split With Britain, France

### U.S. Asks Defense With Spain

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson announced today that the United States has opened talks with Spain's Franco Government over its possible role in the defense of Europe. He conceded that this country is split with Britain and France on the question.

Acheson declared in a statement read to his news conference that "military authorities are to be given an agreement that Spain is of strategic importance to the general defense of Europe."

Acheson said he understands the Spanish Government may make an announcement tomorrow that it has changed its policy with respect to the defense of Europe.

Referring to Adm. Forrest Sherman's talk with Franco on Monday, Acheson said it was "natural" that talks should be started to find out

what Spain "might be willing and able to do" to build up the common defense against possible aggression. Sherman, chief of naval operations, is a European tour concerned mainly with Atlantic Pact defenses. Spain is not a member of the defense alliance.

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and its two most powerful European allies, Acheson declared that any understanding which may be reached will be a European tour concerned mainly with Atlantic Pact defenses. Spain is not a member of the defense alliance.

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### BACKED BY COALITION

The amendment was offered by Rep. Cole (R-Kan.) and had all-day support of the House Democratic Caucus.

Democratic House Leader McNamara denounced the proposal as "a middleman's profit," not in interest of the farmer or the consumer.

Yesterday the administration forced the rollback with a vote of 160 to 144 on an unrecorded roll call.

The rollback is a decision possibly today is a proposal to curb the large disparities powers of the Agricultural Board, and to review the one-half mile net of the war to place a public market in the majority over labor and industry. Most unions oppose the rollback.

OUTCOME UNCERTAIN  
Administration leaders were frankly uncertain of the outcome of the wage board amendment. At best, they predicted a close vote.

The vote to keep the beef roll-back left the door open to similar rollbacks of some other agricultural products and would place restrictions on the government's power to turn industrial prices back.

It was a last-minute win for administration Democrats and big losers for the Republican members and those Republicans and Southern Democrats who want to roll back the rollback.

SUBJECT TO ROLLBACK  
The unrecorded vote was 207 to 121. It is subject to a later roll call on the House action on the bill taken so far.

"The consumer won a victory today as the interpretation of the House action by Rep. Spence (D-N.Y.), house manager of the bill and chairman of the banking committee.

Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston also said the rollbacks vote was a victory for the consumer.

But he called, in a statement, for the House to reverse itself and approve the planter quotas and also to leave the wage board as is.

As the House bill now stands, the planter quotas and Johnston's request for stronger price control authority.

### Correspondents Acheson Warns Of Are Restricted Red 'Peace' Moves

MUNSON, Korea (AP)—By JOHN H. HIGHTOWER  
WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson said today that he would be stupid and dangerous to listen to Russian "peace propaganda" designed to cause the Western powers to slacken their buildup against Communist expansion.

Acheson was asked at his news conference for an evaluation of the new Soviet magazine "News."

His stated purpose is to develop friendship between the Soviet and Western people and in its first issue, published last Saturday, it emphasized a slow-down or disruption of Western nations could live peacefully together.

Acheson advised realism in dealing with this Russian publication. He said:

1. It must always be remembered that the Russian "News" is published in English and not in Russian and is therefore for foreign consumption.

2. The line taken by the articles is quite contrary to the line taken in Russia's internal propaganda.

Obviously Acheson said, the "News" is part of Russia's peace propaganda operation which he described as a Russian lullaby.

They are singing to get the West to relax. He said he could not imagine anything more stupid or more dangerous than to listen to this kind of propaganda and to ease off the efforts to build strength in the West.

A major Soviet diplomatic proposal is looked for in the next few weeks to promote the current Russian "peace offensive."

One possibility foreseen in speculation here is a proposal for a big power meeting including Red China, to settle Far Eastern questions. This would logically follow the signing in Korea.

SLOWDOWN EFFORTS  
This government's experts in Soviet maneuvering say the Kremlin now apparently intends to try to gain by demonstrations of friendliness a slow-down or disruption of the free nations to strengthen their power.

One obvious specific objective for such Kremlin tactics would be to delay or discredit the signing of a Japanese peace treaty which is expected to be signed in the next few weeks.

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### Bombers Pound Red Rails, Roads

U. S. EIGHTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Korea (AP)—Fighting almost vanished from the Korean war fronts today. But U. S. bombers hammered steadily at highways and railways to prevent Communist reinforcements from reaching the front.

Only one Allied patrol found any Communists.

It bumped into a Red patrol in the mountain-land northeast of Seoul.

### Truman Would Link Relief Hike With Social Security

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman today announced any increase in relief payments through the use of Federal funds should be linked with raises in Social Security benefits.

Mr. Truman gave his views in a letter to Vice-President Barkley in the Senate proposed to take a bill to hike the Federal share of welfare payments by \$140,000,000 a year.

Federal contributions to the states for relief grants to the aged, blind and disabled would be raised

to a month and for dependent children about \$1.00 a month.

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### OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy and not quite so hot today and tomorrow. Few widely scattered afternoon showers.

High yesterday, 94 degrees. Lowest this morning, 72 degrees.

Sunrise, 5:22 A. M.; sunset, 7:36 P. M.

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AP Wire Service Reporter  
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### Wholesale Food Prices Decline

NEW YORK (AP)—Wholesale food prices as measured by the D. W. Bradstreet index, this week continued their steady decline which began in mid-May, and were at the lowest average level since December 1949.

The index at \$4.28 compared with \$4.32 last week and was 7.1 per cent above the year-ago level of \$3.99. The year's high was \$7.31 on Feb. 26.

The index represents the total wholesale cost of one pound each of 31 foods in general use.

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