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President Set To Ask Pact With S. Korea

Proposal Discussed With GOP Leaders

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower was ready today to ask the Senate to ratify a mutual security treaty with South Korea.

The President's plans were disclosed by Republican congressional leaders after they had met for nearly two hours with Eisenhower at the White House.

Senator Martin told a news conference after the White House session that the proposed pact with South Korea would go to the Senate later in the day.

Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.), the Senate majority leader, added it was his understanding that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee plans to start hearings on the pact Wednesday.

Many of the House has no legislative business ready for the floor this week, and that activity will be concentrated in the committee.

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Notables Among Victims

Three Crashes Take 50 Lives

By ASSOCIATED PRESS Three plane crashes, two in Britain and one in the United States, took the lives of 50 persons. There were no known survivors.

Many of the victims were top figures in aviation and industry. The largest toll was in the crash of a British Comet jetliner into the icy water of the Tyrrhenian Sea, an arm of the Mediterranean. It was carrying 35 passengers and crew members as it flew from Rome to London.

Another passenger was believed to be Chester Wilmont, 42, an Australian war correspondent and author.

Thomas Braniff, 70, founder of the airline bearing his name, and nine other wealthy businessmen were aboard a private plane which crashed and burned in a swamp near Shreveport, La. The two pilots also died in the crash.

Among the other passengers died in the crash was R. H. Harrower, of Shreveport, president of Texas Eastern Gas Transmission Co. This firm operates the "Big Inch" and "Little Inch" pipe lines to the coast.

Another crash yesterday, an Air Force B-29 medium bomber plummeted into a pasture about six miles from Gainesville, S. C. The plane, carrying a crew of three, was on a training flight from Rome, N. Y., to Donaldson Air Force Base, S. C.

There were no reports of survivors in any of these crashes; but two pilots came out of a crash near Burbank, Calif., with cuts, burns and possible fractures.

A third man was burned critically when the plane, a converted two-engine bomber owned by the Fullerton Oil Co., smacked into his apartment. The craft wrecked two residence buildings and two garages.

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Flexible Price Support Plan Also Requested

Taft-Hartley Law Changes Suggested

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower recommended today that two and a half billion dollars of present farm surpluses be "frozen" from regular markets and that the government move into a flexible farm price support program.

In a special message to Congress the President said the agricultural problem is as "serious and complex" as any confronting the legislators.

"Immediate action is needed," he told them, "to arrest the growing threat to our present agricultural program and to prevent the subsequent economic distress that could follow in our farming areas."

Eisenhower also sent the lawmakers a separate message asking revision of the Taft-Hartley labor law. A major point of his request was for a provision requiring a vote of workers before a strike could be called. He also called for a "thorough study" of union welfare and pension funds.

These two programs—farm and labor—affect the two largest groups of voters in the nation.

As he did in his State of the Union message last week, the President said a flexible price support plan must be the back bone of the program.

Eisenhower also said special emphasis in the future must be placed on efforts to develop foreign markets for agricultural products.

Under his proposal to "freeze" certain surpluses, an excess supply of these commodities such as wheat and corn would be isolated from the market so as not to have a depressing effect on prices.

Such "frozen" stocks could not be sold to commercial users, farmers, exporters or to foreign buyers who ordinarily purchase in regular commercial channels. They could be used only for donation to the school lunch program, public institutions, relief, or earmarked for emergency stock piles.

These surpluses are already in government's hand through purchases under price support programs.

The President said he will ask Congress to increase the price support funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation from the present ceiling of \$4 billion dollars to \$15 billion.

He said that because of the big build up of surpluses in the hands of the corporation, price supports, more money will be needed. Agriculture Department experts have predicted that corporate investments in surpluses may pass six billion dollars by spring.

Under the flexible program, government price controls would be high in time of shortages to encourage production, and low in time of surpluses to encourage consumption and discourage overproduction.

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Heavy Snowfall Covers Northeast

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS into eastern Kentucky. Parts of southern Illinois had four to eight inches of snow.

CAPITOL BLANKETED A fall of 6 to 12 inches was predicted for Washington, D.C. Charleston, W. Va. had more than 10 inches since last night.

Sleet hit much of Virginia and New Jersey, as well as in sections of Tennessee. The first "drinking snow" in three years fell on Memphis with a fall of 4 inches in prospect.

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Driving conditions throughout the snow and sleet belt were hazardous. Four persons were killed in each Kentucky and Pennsylvania on today's session included action on scores of minor bills.

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Birth, Food Study Begun

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The bureau, a private study group, said yesterday present sources of natural foods and the small scale increases in production of food synthetically are not enough to meet the demand.

It called on the United States and other nations to pioneer research and education to deal with the problem.

The bureau study said more than half the world's people now are underfed and that if present trends of more births and fewer deaths continue the population might be seven billion by 2010 and 15 billion a century hence.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Soviet Ambassador Georgi N. Zarubin called on Secretary of State Dulles half an hour today on President Eisenhower's atom-for-peace proposal.

Zarubin was at the state department for 31 minutes and was closeted most of that time with Dulles, he said, and left without talking to newspaper men who met him.

The talk was private, and it was not announced whether any statement would be