

# GRAIN, STOCK MARKETS CONTINUE DECLINE

## Rep. Mundt Asks Action On Communists

### Urges Communists Forced To Register As Foreign Agents

Washington, Feb. 5.—(UP)—The question of what to do about Communists in the United States was back with congress today.

Rep. Karl E. Mundt, R., S. D., said it's time to make them stand up and be counted as agents of a foreign power.

Attorney general Tom Clark wasn't so sure that would work because, he said, it would be hard to prove. He thought it would be better to tighten up the espionage laws, deport subversive aliens, drive subversive citizens off the government payroll and educate the public that Communism is not the thing for this country.

He is against outlawing the Communist party or denying it a place on the ballots. He told the house un-American activities committee, which has such a bill, that it would only drive the Communists underground and make them harder to keep track of.

With the senate continuing debate on the proposed St. Lawrence seaway and power project and the house considering a number of minor bills, committee sessions highlighted congressional activity for the day. The big developments:

ERP—The senate foreign relations committee wound up four weeks of public hearings on the proposed European recovery program (Marshall plan). It will sit down Monday to begin writing a bill on the basis of testimony submitted by more than 100 witnesses.

One of the last witnesses was Walter Reuther, president of the United Automobile Workers (CIO). He suggested that congress should think about raising, instead of lowering, the administration's request for \$6,800,000,000 for the first 15 months of the program.

Grain — An administration spokesman used rising food prices as an argument for government controls on the amount of grain used to make whisky. Charles F. Brannan, assistant secretary of agriculture, asked the joint congressional economic committee to approve government powers to allocate grain to distilleries until Oct. 31.

Budget — Taxes—Senate Democratic leader Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky conceded that the Republican tax bill has a 50-50 chance of becoming a law. But Sen. Walter F. George, D., Ga., said GOP

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## Eisenhower To End Army Life Saturday

### To Retire At Noon As Chief Of Staff

Washington, Feb. 5.—(UP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower announced today he will retire as army chief of staff at noon Saturday.

Eisenhower told a national press club luncheon he will take a vacation before assuming his new job as president of Columbia university. He is expected to take his new position in May or June.

Gen. Omar N. Bradley succeeds Eisenhower as chief of staff.

Eisenhower did not say where he will vacation or for how long. He said he would like to give the same answer as Gen. Brehon Somervell, former chief of army supply, who upon retiring said he would like to "go some place and find a cottage with a rocker on the porch and sit there for six weeks, after which I will start rocking slowly."

Eisenhower, who has taken himself out of consideration as a presidential possibility, made one observation.

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## Plan Campaign On Saving Of Foods

### National Campaign To Fight Inflation

Washington, Feb. 5.—(UP)—The government was getting ready today to invade the kitchen and tell housewives how to plan their meals in a nationwide campaign to fight inflation by voluntary means.

Secretary of agriculture Clinton P. Anderson was to work out details of the program at a meeting this afternoon with representatives of producer and consumer groups.

Anderson's aides foresaw a campaign in which the government will advise housewives what foods to buy and may even suggest how much of the family budget to spend on food. They said an effort will be made to get shoppers to pass up scarce items, like some meats, in favor of cheaper, more abundant foods.

The new anti-inflation drive will be backed by such slogans as "beat high costs with food budgets."

"What we need," said one agriculture official, "is a little more business administration in running the kitchen. A lot of housewives have been doing just that for years. Now we hope to get a lot more of them to do it."

The labor department reported today that average retail food prices hit a new all-time high during December. They were nearly 10 percent above the 1935-39 average.

The department said overall food prices increased slightly more than two percent between mid-November and mid-December continuing the upward trend halted only once since last May.

Meanwhile, Sen. Ralph E. Flanders, R., Vt., said he may dust off an old bill to sponsor "voluntary rationing" by restaurants, public institutions and housewives "if the administration doesn't come up with some voluntary plan for meat saving."

The bill was introduced last year by Flanders and Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R., Wis., long before the Vermont Republican offered his standby meat rationing bill. That measure was voted down 3-2 by a subcommittee on Tuesday.

The Flanders - McCarthy bill would appropriate \$250,000 to sponsor volunteer local programs of meat saving. The campaign would encourage restaurants, schools, hospitals and housewives to buy less meat, serve smaller portions, and make better use of leftovers.

## Fort Wayne Man Fatally Injured

Fort Wayne, Ind., Feb. 5.—(UP)—Harry Chappell, 37, of Fort Wayne, was fatally injured in a traffic accident on Ind. 427 five miles north of Fort Wayne early today.

State police said the victim was a passenger in an automobile driven by James Downing, also of Fort Wayne. The car crashed into the rear of a semi-truck driven by Gerald Griffith of Logansport.

## Highways Reported In Good Condition

### County Roads Are Still Hazardous

Police officials today reported state and federal highways in good condition, despite a temporary hazardous time for driving yesterday.

Practically all snow has been melted or worn off main arteries by the flow of traffic, officials reported, and traffic has returned to a normal routine.

Numerous county roads, however, are reported to be slippery, with the mercury remaining at sub-freezing levels, and motorists have been urged to drive with caution on these roads.

Despite the temporary hazardous driving conditions, no accidents were reported late yesterday or last night, according to sheriff Herman Bowman and city police chief James Borders.

Temperatures here early today ranged above the 20-degree mark and the weatherman promised no decided change in temperature for tonight and Friday.

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## Recovery For World Depends On U. S.—UN

### UN Survey Shows World Dependent On United States

Lake Success, N. Y., Feb. 5.—(UP)—A special United Nations economic survey warned today that any serious drop in production, income or employment in the United States would result in "devastating deflationary effects" almost everywhere in the world.

The conclusion was advanced in a global UN economic report, covering virtually every area of the world except Russia.

The UN economists suggested that "drastic governmental action," including peace-time consumer rationing and direct investment controls, might be necessary to check the inflationary spiral in the United States.

The UN survey did not, however, make any forecast as to whether there would be a drop in American production, income or employment.

It emphasized, however, that the whole world is suffering from retarded production and swelling population and is dependent as never before on the United States.

While world production has dropped below the level of 10 years ago population has grown 200,000,000.

Not enough information was available to include Russia, according to UN officials.

But Russia's A. A. Arutinian, delegate to the economic and social council, commented that there was "a hundred times more" information about Russia available than was included in the report.

He expressed belief that the UN had no Soviet economist to help with the report and therefore did not want to risk issuing a distorted picture of the Soviet economic situation.

Deputy foreign minister Andrei Gromyko also said that Moscow has issued periodic economic reports, which should have been adequate for the report.

The report's big message was this: the United States holds almost all the chips and world recovery depends on how she plays them.

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## Call Docket Today In Circuit Court

### Actions Are Taken In Several Cases

The docket for the February term of the Adams circuit court was called today by Judge Earl B. Adams with members of the Adams county bar association in attendance.

Numerous cases were to be set for trial, some left off the docket, some dismissed and others set down for various action throughout the court term.

Attorneys present this morning included: H. R. McClanahan, Myles F. Parrish, Severin H. Schuriger, Ferd L. Litterer, D. Burdette Custer, Nathan C. Nelson, G. Remy Bierly, Robert S. Anderson, and John L. DeVoss.

Other court actions late yesterday and early today:

In the estate of Malena Liby the appraiser's report was filed. The estate of Moses Myers was opened, listing personal property at \$2,500 and no real estate. The widow, five sons and a daughter are listed as heirs. Elmer Myers was named administrator.

An answer in two paragraphs was filed by the defendant in the damage suit of Harry Frauhiger against Carl Bucher. An alias citation was ordered issued in the divorce case of Ruth against Herbert Bailor, returnable February 11.

## New Serial

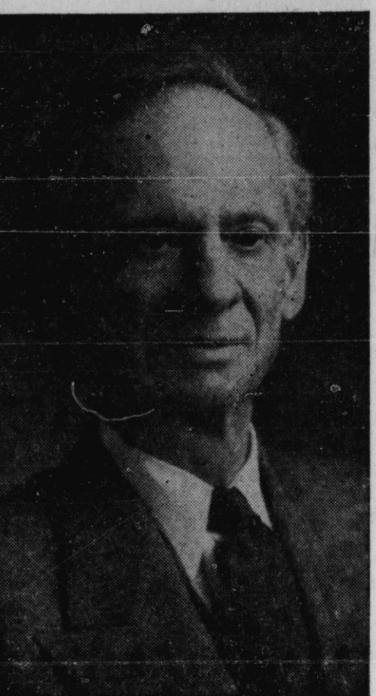
A new mystery novel, "Silver Leopard," by Helen Reilly, will begin in the Daily Democrat's Saturday edition. Christopher McKee, detective hero of a dozen Reilly stories, is at his best in solving this great mystery. Don't fail to read every installment starting Saturday.

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## French Quinn's Life of Service Ends in Death

(By Arthur R. Holthouse)

The final chapter of "A Short, Short History of Adams County," was concluded today with the death of its author, French Quinn, historian, civic leader and beloved citizen, whose discipleship of community service embraced a half century of his life.



French Quinn

## Revises Forecast Of New Cold Wave

### East Coast States Blanketed By Snow

By United Press  
The weather man changed his signals today. He decided that the latest cold wave moving down from Canada won't amount to much after all.

Yesterday the U. S. weather bureau said that a cold front was forming in northwestern Canada and would carry storms and possibly the coldest weather of the winter as it swept across the United States.

H. L. Jacobson, forecaster at Chicago, said today, however, that the new cold front probably would do little more than reinforce the sub-normal weather already gripping the northern portion of the nation from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic coast.

The mid-Atlantic coast states yesterday with 18 inches reported at Blairsville, Pa.

At New York, still suffering the effects of a record last month, five inches covered the city yesterday.

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## Early Registration Is Urged On Voters

### April 4 Deadline For Registration

County clerk Edward Jaberg today called attention of voters in the county to the fact that they must be properly registered to cast their ballots in the approaching May primary.

Clerk Jaberg reminded citizens that only two months remain before the April deadline for registering or transferring registrations.

Persons who have failed to vote in the last two elections, women whose names have been changed by marriage and persons who have become 21 years of age must register.

Those who have moved into the county, or have moved from one precinct to another will be required to transfer their registrations.

Clerk Jaberg stated that under the election law, the registration clerks will handle the task of transferring registrations of those whose precincts were changed by the recent redistricting movement.

It will not be necessary for persons affected by the redistricting to transfer their registrations, if they are properly qualified otherwise.

Although two months remain for registering, clerk Jaberg urged voters to call at his office at the earliest possible convenience and avoid the customary rush of the last few days.

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# Major Price Drop Sweeps Big Grain Exchanges As Truman Warns Of Crash

## Truman Warns U. S. Faces Crash Unless Congress Moves To Halt Price Rises

Washington, Feb. 5.—(UP)—President Truman said today that unless congress acts to stop rising prices, this country faces the dangerous prospect of an economic crash.

At his news conference the president reiterated in strong words his desire for legislation to curb inflation.

Waving a chart which showed a continuous rise in the price of cost-of-living items, the president told reporters that unless some way is found to stop what he called this awful spiral, the inflationary trend will proceed to its logical conclusion.

This logical conclusion, the president said, would be a crash. And that, he added, we don't want to see.

Mr. Truman also expressed the belief that Republican efforts to cut his budget would get absolutely nowhere.

This followed a reporter's inquiry for the president's reaction to efforts in congress to slash \$2,500,000,000 from his \$39,700,000,000 budget request for the fiscal year starting July 1. A cut of that amount was recommended yesterday by a senate - house subcommittee.

The president said he had heard much the same talk last year when he requested \$37,500,000,000. The budget actually ended up at \$37,700,000,000, he said.

This showed, the president said, that he had submitted a pretty tight budget. The same, he added, is true of his budget this year.

His discussion of the need for anti-inflation controls began when his opinion was sought on the current necessity for the power to control meat prices and revive rationing.

Mr. Truman said his opinion is just what it was Nov. 17 when he asked the special session of congress for standby wage, price and rationing powers to be used if necessary.

Then the president picked up a price chart prepared for him by the budget bureau. It showed that all cost-of-living items, including food, clothing and rent, have gone up since his Nov. 17 message.

The president said he found the situation alarming.

## Central Soya Plans To Honor Employees

### Veteran Workers Guests At Banquet

Sixty-two Decatur employees of the Central Soya Co., Inc., will be among those honored at a special banquet to be held at the Hotel Van Orman in Fort Wayne on February 12, it has been announced by C. I. Finlayson, plant manager.

The banquet will be in tribute to 91 10-year employees of the organization representing almost half of the 204 total personnel of the company of a decade ago.

The Decatur group comprises the largest delegation, with 28 from the Fort Wayne executive offices also being presented the 10-year service pins by D. W. McMillen, chairman of the board and founder of the company 13 years ago.

Decatur employees receiving the citations are:

Thurman Baker, Dovie Bedwell, Fred Bittner, Chalmers Bollenbacher, Kenneth Bollenbacher, Arlie Bollinger, Lavern Bowman, Joseph Brennan, Walter Buettner, Luther Clase, Sam Cottrell, Augustus Daily, Carl Daniels, Lloyd DeBolt, Frank Drake, Jesse Essex, C. I. Finlayson, R. M. Fritzinger, Frank Garcia, Adrian Girard, Thurman Hagerty, Otto Hake, Jr., George Harding, Wilmer Harmon, George Harris, Wilbur Hawkins, Everett Hutter, Harold Idlewine, Robert K. Johnson, William Keller, Harold Kelley, Paul Kirchenbauer, Rufus Kirchhofer, Harold Kreisler, Ben

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## Gov. Gates Scores Housing Expediter

### Lashes Policy Of Refusing Increase

Indianapolis, Feb. 5.—(UP)—Gov. Ralph F. Gates of Indiana today scored the administration of national housing expediter Tiche E. Wood for its "apparent policy of turning down any and all recommendations for rent increases."

He also revealed that an administration representative had tried unsuccessfully to get Gates to "supplement" local rental boards whose personnel appeared to be "pro-landlord."

The governor said in a prepared statement that the administration's rejection of rent increase recommendations was making it hard for the local boards to function.

"This apparent policy of turning down any and all recommendations for rent increases is making the job of the local boards extremely difficult, if not impossible," Gates said.

He said a representative from Wood's office had called on him recently, "suggesting that the boards throughout the state be supplemented wherein it appeared from their past voting records that they were pro-landlord as a board in those instances where rent increases had been recommended."

Gates said he refused the suggestion on the grounds that Wood appointed the boards on the governor's recommendation of nominations which he said mayors of cities in the rental areas had made "in good faith."

"Because of the attitude of the national office, it was almost impossible to secure membership to several of the boards," Gates said, "and resignations have been numerous and are increasing."

Gates pointed to a situation at Auburn, Ind., as an example of problems relating to local rent board functions. At Auburn, three Republicans and two Democrats who made up the board personnel resigned in a body because Wood's administration turned down their recommendation for a 15 percent rent increase for landlords in Decatur county who had received no previous authority to raise their rents.

The Auburn board quit in a letter of resignation to Wood dated Jan. 29, which said:

"It was our understanding that any recommendations we might make as a board would be approved because of our close contact and familiarity with the rent situation in the area over which we were to have had jurisdiction."

"Our recommendation was based upon our knowledge and careful

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## Service Clubs Plan For Joint Meeting

### Rotarians, Lions Meet Next Tuesday

A joint meeting of the Decatur Lions and Rotary clubs will be held Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock at the Knights of Pythias home.

Members of the program committee of the host Lions club are arranging an interesting program and have announced that a prominent speaker will be secured for the meeting.

Both clubs will observe ladies night at the dinner meeting and wives and sweethearts of club members have been invited to attend.

Members of both clubs have been asked to notify their respective secretaries by Saturday noon if they will be unable to attend, to assist the committee in making arrangements for the affair.

The regular Rotary club meeting on Thursday night will be cancelled next week in favor of the joint dinner session.

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## Grain Prices Drop Full Limit Allowed Second Day In Row; Industrials Plunge

Chicago, Feb. 5.—(UP)—A major price decline swept the big grain exchanges today and industrial stocks at New York plunged to their lowest level since June 2.

The price of corn, wheat, oats and soybeans dropped the full limit allowed for the second day in a row at Chicago, Minneapolis and Kansas City.

At Washington, government officials were wondering whether it was a temporary decline or whether inflation had reached the peak and the sharp downward trend had begun.

Traders disagreed on the cause of the break. Some said corn, the nation's basic crop, had "over-priced itself." They said farmers had curbed drastically their use of corn in fattening livestock.

The stock market apparently was reacting to the downward plunge of grains.

President Truman declined to comment on the tumbling prices of the last two days. At Washington news conferences, he said the nation still faces the dangerous prospect of an economic crash unless congress curbs rising prices.

The price of almost all wheat and corn for future delivery dropped the full limit on the Chicago Board of Trade, and at the Kansas City and Minneapolis exchanges.

Chicago soybeans also fell the permissible limit for a single day's trade.

At Chicago, all wheat futures were off the full 10 cents except December, which sold 9 1/2 cents lower. March wheat sold at \$2.75 a bushel.

All Chicago corn futures were off the full eight cents. Lard, too, dropped sharply.

Kansas City wheat dropped the full 10 cents, and corn was off the maximum eight cents. At Minneapolis wheat generally lost 3/4 to 9/8 cents and oats dropped six cents.

The New York cotton market fluctuated erratically.

On the New York stock exchange, rails were at their lowest level since Dec. 16 and utilities averaged the lowest since May 20 last year.

New York bonds moved lower in moderate trading, but most declines were less than a point. New York curb stocks moved lower in a moderately active market.

After dropping \$2.75 a bale, New York cotton prices moved upward again to within 15 to 30 points of yesterday's closing price.

A wave of selling engulfed the markets yesterday, touched off by fears of new credit curbs and an international ceiling on grain prices to control world-wide inflation.

Reports that world crop conditions were improving also aided in depressing grain prices. All grains for future delivery plunged the permissible limits for a day's trading on the Chicago Board of Trade. Wheat and corn futures also hit the limit of drop at Kansas City and Minneapolis.

Stocks cracked sharply on the big board in the final hour of trading yesterday after slipping downward all day. Some stocks dropped as much as \$5 a share with chemical listings the hardest hit.

It was the biggest break in the Chicago grain exchange since mid-October and the worst on the New York stock market since last May.

## Abbie Stoneburner Dies Wednesday Night

Abbie Emenhiser Stoneburner, 85, died at 9:45 p.m. Wednesday at the home of a niece, Mrs. John Colter, of Hoagland. She had been an invalid for nine years. A former resident of Berne, she taught school in Allen county and later worked under civil service among the Indians in California and Idaho.

Only near survivors are a number of nieces and nephews. The body was taken to the Aake funeral home at Poe and will be returned to the Hoagland Methodist church at noon Saturday to lie in state until funeral services at 2 p.m., the Rev. James Richardson officiating. Burial will be in the Antioch cemetery.

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Cloudy. Snow or sleet southwest and extreme south tonight and Friday. Snow central portion Friday over-spread extreme north at night. Little change in temperature.