

# U. S. Reports Farmers Planning Largest Crop Since '44

## Labor—

## Union-Control Bills Will Be Tougher in House

**'Master Bill'** by Reps. Landis and Gwinn Has 'Everything in It but Kitchen Sink'

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WASHINGTON, March 21.—First sign from the house and senate labor committees of actual work on writing union-control bills are that the house group will be tougher and quicker.

Chairman Fred A. Hartley Jr. (R. N. J.) says the house committee will not wait on the senate and should have a bill ready by April 1.

This committee will have for guidance and probable dissection a "master bill" that is being prepared by Reps. Gerald W. Landis (R. Ind.) and Ralph W. Gwinn (R. N. Y.). The measure is reported to have "everything in it but the kitchen sink."

Disagreement is reported in the house committee on proposals to outlaw the closed shop and industry-wide bargaining, and these two features may not be in the bill when it reaches the floor. But both restrictions, according to members favoring them, will be urged in the committee and in the house.

## Balance of Power

The senate committee's work will be slowed and its product will be moderated by the fact that there is less unanimity of opinion than in the house committee.

In contrast to strong sentiment in the house committee in favor of a restrictive labor bill, a group of three Republican "moderates" on the subject wield a balance of power in the senate committee.

They are Senators Wayne Morse (Ore.), George D. Aiken (Vt.) and Irving M. Ives (N. Y.).

Combining with Democratic members they can water down the sweeping proposals of Senator Joseph Ball (R. Minn.). However, as has happened before, the senate version can be strengthened on the floor, and some authorities predict that.

## Will Consult Truman

Another reason for delay is that Chairman Robert A. Taft (R. Ohio) and others still plan to consult with President Truman before they report a bill. They hope to get the President's ideas on what form of legislation he would not veto.

Senator Ball has expressed doubt that any agreement can be reached with the White House, and other members say they are sure of

## R. A. F. Crash Kills 2

LONDON, March 21 (U. P.)—A R. A. F. Lancaster bomber crashed into the Atlantic ocean off the Irish coast today while on training exercises with the British navy. Two of the nine crew members were picked up by a naval vessel, two were killed and five were missing.

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The department said that with spring weather conditions about normal the soil is in good shape in most parts of the country except the southwest.

The aggregate acreage of crops now planned would exceed the acreage of last year by 2,300,000 acres and that of 1945 by nearly 1 million acres. It would, however, be 7,400,000 acres below the war-time peak in 1944.

## Wheat Output To Be Lower Than Last Year

## Shift to Soybeans, Beets, Other Foods

WASHINGTON, March 21 (U. P.)—The agriculture department reported today that farmers are planning the largest acreage of crops this year since the war-time peak in 1944. There is a shift in emphasis from wheat, corn and potatoes to soybeans, sugar beets and other crops, the department says.

Under present normal spring weather conditions, the department said: "It appears quite possible that intentions can be realized."

Indicated acreages of spring wheat plantings, the department announced, point to a slightly smaller crop than last year's record harvest.

On the basis of reports from farmers in all parts of the country, the department said indicated plantings for spring wheat would be 19,260,000 acres, compared with plantings last year of 19,304,000 acres.

## Low Reduction

Corn planting indications point to a 87,599,000-acre crop compared with last year's record planting of 90,027,000 acres, a reduction of less than 3 per cent.

But the department said that, with the farmers optimistic about the season's prospects in most areas, this year's total acreage of principal crops will be slightly larger than in the last two years.

With a near-record acreage of winter wheat crop sown last fall the department said indications are that there will be a shift in emphasis to planting of such oil crops as flaxseed and soybeans.

On the basis of indications, the 1947 flaxseed plantings will total 4,488,000 acres compared with last year's plantings of 2,639,000 acres.

## Over 6 Per Cent

Soybean acreage will go up more than 6 per cent according to the pre-planting estimate from a 1946 acreage of 11,494,000 to 12,213,000 acres.

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## Engineers Meet Here Tonight

Carl C. Wilcox, assistant on the mechanical engineering staff of Michigan state college, will address a dinner meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers at 6:30 o'clock tonight in the Athenaeum.

Mr. Wilcox will speak on the canal project—a U. S. Army oil refinery and pipeline project from Alaska to Canada to Alaska to supply with gasoline on the shortest route from U. S. to China during the war.

Fred Holt also will speak.

## Hogs Prices Unevenly Steady

## Little Change

Hog prices were unevenly steady to 50 cents lower at the Indianapolis stockyards today.

Cattle trade was generally steady with little change in the veal market. Sheep were too scarce to test the market.

## GOOD TO CHOICE HOGS (8000)

	Butchers	Bidders
120-140 pounds	\$27.75 @ 22.25	25
140-160 pounds	27.00 @ 22.25	25
160-180 pounds	27.00 @ 22.25	25
180-200 pounds	27.00 @ 22.25	25
200-220 pounds	27.00 @ 22.25	25
220-240 pounds	27.00 @ 22.25	25
240-260 pounds	27.00 @ 22.25	25
260-280 pounds	27.00 @ 22.25	25
280-300 pounds	27.00 @ 22.25	25
300-320 pounds	28.25	25
320-340 pounds	28.25	25
340-360 pounds	28.25	25
360-380 pounds	28.25	25
380-400 pounds	28.25	25
400-420 pounds	28.25	25
420-440 pounds	28.25	25
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