

# U. S. Reports

## 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

## 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 19,280,000 acres, compared with plantings last year of 19,304,000 acres.

### Low Reduction

Corn planting indications point to a 87,500,000-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 11,404,000 to 12,213,000 acres in 1947.

The department said early indications show that spring wheat will drop as acreage for barley and durum wheat increases.

The record-breaking potato crop of last year will not be repeated again this year as farmers have indicated they will turn in many areas to sugar beets, beans and peas.

Indicated potato acreage in 1947 will be 2,310,000 acres compared with last year's 2,625,000 acres.

### Improved Farm Labor

Part of the farmer's optimism for 1947, it was pointed out, can be laid to the improvement in the farm labor and machinery situation. Furthermore, they were able to get much work done in fields last fall so that they are in good position to start spring work as quickly as the season develops.

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.

### Intentions Realized

Although the report of planting intentions is often the basis of changes by farmers, the department said that under the present conditions "it appears quite possible that intentions can be realized" this year.

Other indicated plantings for 1947 compared with last year: OATS—46,620,000 acres (47,044,000); Barley—11,714,000 acres (11,584,000); Rice—1,010,000 acres (1,084,000); Soybeans—12,213,000 acres (11,753,000); Wheat—19,280,000 acres (19,304,000); Corn—87,500,000 acres (90,027,000); Tobacco—1,908,000 acres (1,938,000); DEEY EDIBLE BEANS—1,880,000 acres (1,800,000); Dry acid peas—350,000 acres (338,000); Cow peas—1,116,000 acres (1,216,000); Sweet potatoes—649,000 acres (640,000); Hay—74,337,000 acres (74,332,000); and sugar beets—993,000 acres (996,000).

### U. S. Rubber Controls

Approved in Senate  
WASHINGTON, March 21 (U. P.).—The senate banking committee has cleared the way for renewal of most federal rubber controls.

It approved house-passed legislation continuing until March 31, 1948, the government's authority to stockpile rubber and to maintain allocation, specification and inventory controls.

However, the bill would end exclusive government purchase of imported rubber this March 31.

### Scouts Plan 2-Day

Visit to State Park  
More than 60 members of Boy Scout Troop 83 will visit McCormick Creek state park tomorrow and Sunday.

Transportation will be provided by Claude McLean, Earl Herndon, Howard Sutherland, John Speed, Cleo McLean, Francis Graham, Frank Fyfe, Tommy McClester, Arthur F. G. Gemmer, and Virgil Yancey. Luggage, coats, blankets, and patrol kits will be hauled in a truck driven by Kirby Blevins.

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## Engineers Meet Here Tonight

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



Mr. Wilcox

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

Fred Holt also will speak.

## Ease Non-Housing Building Curbs

WASHINGTON, March 21 (U. P.).—The office of temporary controls has announced these relaxations of a federal limit on commercial and industrial building:

Farm buildings costing up to \$5000 on farms of five acres or more, are exempt and require no permit. The exemption for farm buildings previously was \$1000.

Construction costing up to \$15,000 at-grain, coal, or cement elevators can proceed without permit. The exemption previously was \$1000.

## U. S. Has Surplus Skeleton in Closet

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 21 (U. P.).—Uncle Sam has a surplus skeleton in his closet.

The war assets administration today announced it had a skeleton in its Charlotte, N. C., office for sale.

WAA said just what service the organized collection of bones rendered the armed forces during world war II is not related in the surplus-sales listing.

It was described merely: "One skeleton, male, used—price \$100."

## U. S. Statements

WASHINGTON, March 21 (U. P.).—Government spokesmen at 8 p.m. today compared the current fiscal year with the current fiscal year.

Spoken by Oswald G. Ragatz, director of the American Guild of Artists, the choir will sing music appropriate to Advent and Christmas.

Epiphany, Lent and Holy Easter will include Thomas Merton, Lynch, Marguerite, and others.

## Hogs Prices Unevenly Steady

Little Change  
In Veal Market

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 (500)

130-140 pounds	\$22.75@23.25
140-150 pounds	23.00@23.50
150-160 pounds	23.25@23.75
160-170 pounds	23.50@24.00
170-180 pounds	23.75@24.25
180-190 pounds	24.00@24.50
190-200 pounds	24.25@24.75
200-210 pounds	24.50@25.00
210-220 pounds	24.75@25.25
220-230 pounds	25.00@25.50
230-240 pounds	25.25@25.75
240-250 pounds	25.50@26.00
250-260 pounds	25.75@26.25
260-270 pounds	26.00@26.50
270-280 pounds	26.25@26.75
280-290 pounds	26.50@27.00
290-300 pounds	26.75@27.25
300-310 pounds	27.00@27.50
310-320 pounds	27.25@27.75
320-330 pounds	27.50@28.00
330-340 pounds	27.75@28.25
340-350 pounds	28.00@28.50
350-360 pounds	28.25@28.75
360-370 pounds	28.50@29.00
370-380 pounds	28.75@29.25
380-390 pounds	29.00@29.50
390-400 pounds	29.25@29.75
400-410 pounds	29.50@30.00
410-420 pounds	29.75@30.25
420-430 pounds	30.00@30.50
430-440 pounds	30.25@30.75
440-450 pounds	30.50@31.00
450-460 pounds	30.75@31.25
460-470 pounds	31.00@31.50
470-480 pounds	31.25@31.75
480-490 pounds	31.50@32.00
490-500 pounds	31.75@32.25
500-510 pounds	32.00@32.50
510-520 pounds	32.25@32.75
520-530 pounds	32.50@33.00
530-540 pounds	32.75@33.25
540-550 pounds	33.00@33.50
550-560 pounds	33.25@33.75
560-570 pounds	33.50@34.00
570-580 pounds	33.75@34.25
580-590 pounds	34.00@34.50
590-600 pounds	34.25@34.75
600-610 pounds	34.50@35.00
610-620 pounds	34.75@35.25
620-630 pounds	35.00@35.50
630-640 pounds	35.25@35.75
640-650 pounds	35.50@36.00
650-660 pounds	35.75@36.25
660-670 pounds	36.00@36.50
670-680 pounds	36.25@36.75
680-690 pounds	36.50@37.00
690-700 pounds	36.75@37.25
700-710 pounds	37.00@37.50
710-720 pounds	37.25@37.75
720-730 pounds	37.50@38.00
730-740 pounds	37.75@38.25
740-750 pounds	38.00@38.50
750-760 pounds	38.25@38.75
760-770 pounds	38.50@39.00
770-780 pounds	38.75@39.25
780-790 pounds	39.00@39.50
790-800 pounds	39.25@39.75
800-810 pounds	39.50@40.00
810-820 pounds	39.75@40.25
820-830 pounds	40.00@40.50
830-840 pounds	40.25@40.75
840-850 pounds	40.50@41.00
850-860 pounds	40.75@41.25
860-870 pounds	41.00@41.50
870-880 pounds	41.25@41.75
880-890 pounds	41.50@42.00
890-900 pounds	41.75@42.25
900-910 pounds	42.00@42.50
910-920 pounds	42.25@42.75
920-930 pounds	42.50@43.00
930-940 pounds	42.75@43.25
940-950 pounds	43.00@43.50
950-960 pounds	43.25@43.75
960-970 pounds	43.50@44.00
970-980 pounds	43.75@44.25
980-990 pounds	44.00@44.50
990-1000 pounds	44.25@44.75

Packing Sows

Good to Choice	23.50@24.00
270-300 pounds	23.25@23.75
300-330 pounds	23.00@23.50
330-360 pounds	22.75@23.25
360-390 pounds	22.50@23.00
390-420 pounds	22.25@22.75
420-450 pounds	22.00@22.50
450-480 pounds	21.75@22.25
480-510 pounds	21.50@22.00
510-540 pounds	21.25@21.75
540-570 pounds	21.00@21.50
570-600 pounds	20.75@21.25
600-630 pounds	20.50@21.00
630-660 pounds	20.25@20.75
660-690 pounds	20.00@20.50
690-720 pounds	19.75@20.25
720-750 pounds	19.50@20.00
750-780 pounds	19.25@19.75
780-810 pounds	19.00@19.50
810-840 pounds	18.75@19.25
840-870 pounds	18.50@19.00
870-900 pounds	18.25@18.75
900-930 pounds	18.00@18.50
930-960 pounds	17.75@18.25
960-990 pounds	17.50@18.00
990-1000 pounds	17.25@17.75

Slaughter Pigs

90-120 pounds	16.50@17.00
120-150 pounds	16.00@16.50
150-180 pounds	15.50@16.00
180-210 pounds	15.00@15.50
210-240 pounds	14.50@15.00
240-270 pounds	14.00@14.50
270-300 pounds	13.50@14.00
300-330 pounds	13.00@13.50
330-360 pounds	12.50@13.00
360-390 pounds	12.00@12.50
390-420 pounds	11.50@12.00
420-450 pounds	11.00@11.50
450-480 pounds	10.50@11.00
480-510 pounds	10.00@10.50
510-540 pounds	9.50@10.00
540-570 pounds	9.00@9.50
570-600 pounds	8.50@9.00
600-630 pounds	8.00@8.50
630-660 pounds	7.50@8.00
660-690 pounds	7.00@7.50
690-720 pounds	6.50@7.00
720-750 pounds	6.00@6.50
750-780 pounds	5.50@6.00
780-810 pounds	5.00@5.50
810-840 pounds	4.50@5.00
840-870 pounds	4.00@4.50
870-900 pounds	3.50@4.00
900-930 pounds	3.00@3.50
930-960 pounds	2.50@3.00
960-990 pounds	2.00@2.50
990-1000 pounds	1.50@2.00

CATTLE (500)

Choice	24.00@24.50
Good	23.50@24.00
Medium	23.00@23.50
Low	22.50@23.00
Very Low	22.00@22.50
Worst	21.50@22.00
Good to Choice	23.50@24.00
270-300 pounds	23.25@23.75
300-330 pounds	23.00@23.50
330-360 pounds	22.75@23.25
360-390 pounds	22.50@23.00
390-420 pounds	22.25@22.75
420-450 pounds	22.00@22.50
450-480 pounds	21.75@22.25
480-510 pounds	21.50@22.00
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570-600 pounds	20.75@21.25
600-630 pounds	20.50@21.00
630-660 pounds	20.25@20.75
660-690 pounds	20.00@20.50
690-720 pounds	19.75@20.25
720-750 pounds	19.50@20.00
750-780 pounds	19.25@19.75
780-810 pounds	19.00@19.50
810-840 pounds	18.75@19.25
840-870 pounds	18.50@19.00
870-900 pounds	18.25@18.75
900-930 pounds	18.00@18.50
930-960 pounds	17.75@18.25
960-990 pounds	17.50@18.00
990-1000 pounds	17.25@17.75

HEIFERS

Choice	23.50@24.00
Good	23.00@23.50
Medium	22.50@23.00
Low	22.00@22.50
Very Low	21.50@22.00
Worst	21.00@21.50
Good to Choice	23.00@23.50
270-300 pounds	22.75@23.25
300-330 pounds	22.50@23.00
330-360 pounds	22.25@22.75
360-390 pounds	22.00@22.50
390-420 pounds	21.75@22.25
420-450 pounds	21.50@22.00