

WHEAT REDUCTION PLANS POSTPONED

U. S. Officials Halt Plans On Reports of Rust and Crop Deterioration.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—(AP)—Reports of rust damage and crop deterioration in the winter wheat belt caused federal officials today to hold in abeyance a drastic reduction in the 1939 wheat planting program.

Although the June 1 estimate of the federal crop reporting board forecast the largest wheat crop on record, AAA officials said the July estimate might lower the amount considerably. The June estimate was 1,020,000,000 bushels.

Under a bill passed by congress this week, the 1939 acreage allotment could not be less than 55,000,000 acres. About 79,000,000 were planted for this year's crop. One high WPA official said that if the July report forecast a crop of 800,000,000 bushels or less—a development he considered unlikely—the national acreage allotment probably would be raised above 55,000,000 acres.

Recent advances in wheat prices resulting largely from crop scares left the agriculture department free to withhold loans until after the July crop report if it desired.

A provision of the new farm act required establishment of a loan program if the farm price on June 15—today—was 52 per cent or less of the theoretical "parity" price of \$1.15 a bushel. Officials said the farm price was considerably above this mandatory loan level.

Loans would be mandatory should the July report estimate a

crop of 750,000,000 bushels or more.

Should the 1939 planting program be fixed at 55,000,000 acres, the allotments by states compared with the acreage seeded for the 1938 crop would be approximately as follows:

Idaho, 890,211 and 1,293,000; Oregon, 763,715 and 1,174,000; Washington, 1,683,065 and 2,295,000 and California, 623,620 and 815,000.

ALASKAN FISHING BANNED TO ALIENS

WASHINGTON, June 15.—(AP)—The house passed today a bill to prohibit aliens from fishing in waters off the coast of Alaska.

The bill provides only citizens, persons who have declared intentions to become citizens, companies authorized to operate in the United States, or employees of such companies may fish in the Alaskan waters.

A further provision directs that fishermen shall be "natives of Alaska," and that sections prohibiting aliens from fishing shall not apply to any person who has been a resident of Alaska for three years and has been continuously or seasonally engaged in fishing for commercial purposes, until three years after the effective date.

PORTLAND, June 15.—(AP)—The state fish commission demanded a thorough study of the effect on fish life today before government approval of dam construction and flood control projects.

"It is essential to study the effect upon established industry," said Merle Chessman, commission-

er from Astoria, "rather than limiting it to the visual benefits of the future."

Hugh Mitchell, hatchery supervisor, predicted an excellent egg take for salmon this year because limited catches permitted fish to reach upriver stretches.

A preliminary study of the spring run by Mike Hoy, master fish warden, said the migrations this year were about average despite the complaint from various sources that the run was late or absent.

HUSBAND DROWNED IN TRIANGLE CASE

BARTLESVILLE, Okla., June 15.—(AP)—Murder charges alleging a farm woman directed her lover to drown her husband so they could be free to move to a city together was filed against the pair here today.

Neighbors of Benjamin Franklin Matthews, 52, had been told he drowned Sunday while attempting to swim a flooded slough on his farm.

County Attorney Harris said he had oral statements from Essie Matthews, 37, the widow, and Leonard Overcast, 37, Oklahoma City, admitting they plotted the death of the middle-aged farmer.

Harris said the widow told him that the children, Gene, 9, and Rose Lee, 6, had been witnesses to the drowning. She said she threatened to whip the boy if he told.

Suspicion turned to the couple Harris said, when they came here to sell Matthews' goats. Under-

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