



MILITARY MANPOWER AVAILABLE IN EUROPE—Map lists manpower available in the Atlantic pact nations of Europe for use in carrying out plans for western European defense being discussed by U. S. joint chiefs of staff in a series of talks with European military representatives. The European partners in the Atlantic pact already have, on paper at least, more than 2,000,000 men in all their armed forces. They hope the United States will supply the arms and equipment they need. Figures are based on an Associated Press survey, with only estimates available in some cases because of security restrictions. Russia and Soviet-dominated nations are shaded. (AP Wirephoto)

Renovation, Not Replacement, Is Decision On White House Work

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—(AP)—The White House is going to be renovated instead of replaced.

Senator McKellar (D-Tenn.), chairman of an official commission on the project, made the announcement following a session in the White House.

Congress has appropriated \$5,400,000 to do the work.

In one report to Congress, President Truman conceded that it might be cheaper to rebuild than to try to repair the ancient structure on Pennsylvania avenue.

However, he said that the American people would like to preserve the present building insofar as possible for sentimental and historic reasons.

The commission decided to retain the mansion in its present form rather than build an entirely new structure as had been advocated by some congressmen and others.

The commission, which McKellar heads as chairman of the Senate appropriations committee, is the final authority in the controversy.

The reconstruction will involve the residential part of the White House. The Truman family is now living in the Blair house, across Pennsylvania avenue from the old State department building.

The executive offices in the west wing have not been disturbed.

It has been estimated that the remodeling work will require 18 months or more.

The residential part of the present structure has been declared unsafe by building engineers.

10-Day Limit in Bancroft Act Not Mandatory

CORVALLIS, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Oregon cities no longer will have to wince at the state Bancroft act which regulates assessments against property for city improvements.

Attorney General George Neuner has ruled for Corvallis that the 10-day restriction during which property may be condemned is directive rather than mandatory. City Manager J. O. Conville said. Cities will probably have the power to set their own time limits during which applications for bonding will be accepted, he said.

Because of the 10-day limit formerly believed in force, many cities were unable to contact some property owners in time and thought they had to either collect in full or foreclose.

Conville said the interpretation of the law had not been received here yet officially, but was understood to be on the way.

Wage Boost, 5-Day Week Granted AFL Teamsters

PORTLAND, Aug. 4.—(AP)—A pay increase of 7 1/2 cents an hour was granted Wednesday to AFL teamsters employed by retail furniture companies here.

The new contract also provides a five-day week.

Settlements with teamsters working for other types of firms are expected shortly.



MOTHER'S AMNESIA ENDED—Mrs. John W. Norton, 26, whose mind has been a blank about her past since 1940, happily talks with her husband in their home at New Rochelle, N. Y., after breaking through the mental wall and learning her true identity. With them are their children, Robert, 3, Melanie, 1. A psychiatrist, Dr. Nathaniel E. Selby, credited hypnotic therapy with her return of memory and her identification as Emily Kobalanski of Braddock, Pa., who disappeared in 1940. The Nortons met in New Rochelle and married four years ago. (AP Wirephoto)

Young Brothers Drown in Tillamook Millpond

TILLAMOOK, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Two young brothers drowned in a millpond here Tuesday, the older apparently in an attempt to save the younger.

Coroner Allen Lundberg said it appeared that Benny Charles Cloud, 11, slipped from a log on which he was playing, and that Ernest Edward Cloud, 13, tried to rescue him. Benny couldn't swim.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. Cloud, said the boys often watched while logs were being unloaded in the Staben brothers millpond, seven miles east of Garibaldi. They left home for there yesterday afternoon. When they did not return by dinner time, two older brothers looked for them. They found Ernest's boots on a log. The bodies were snagged by grappling hooks. The water was about 16 feet deep.

The parents and the older brothers, Billie L. and Victor E., survive.

By an ancient superstition for testing a lover's faithfulness, girls used to pierce a lighted candle with a pin, then let the flame burn down around it. If the pin remained in the charred wick, the boy friend was faithful. If the pin fell from the burned wick, he was a two-timer.

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Wheat Subsidy Rates Set By United States Government Under 44-Nation Agreement

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—(AP)—The government is offering a subsidy ranging from 23 to 34 cents a bushel today on wheat bought for export under the international wheat agreement which went into effect Monday.

Drafted early this year by 44 wheat exporting and importing nations, and by maintaining a schedule of maximum and minimum prices in the world markets.

The United States share of a 454,000,000-bushel annual world market is 168,000,000 bushels.

The subsidy is made necessary by the fact that the maximum price set by the pact is below current domestic prices of the grain.

The maximum price is \$1.80 a bushel for No. 1 northern wheat at Fort Williams and Port Arthur, Canada. The equivalent maximum price at any other particular point reflects the difference in transportation rates between that point and Fort Williams, on the one hand, to major consuming areas on the other.

In other words, the maximum price for wheat which is closer to Europe—a major consuming area—than Fort Williams would be higher than the \$1.80 Fort Wil-

countries than are eastern and gulf ports.

The subsidy on wheat shipped from any of these ports must be enough to enable exporters to buy it at the higher domestic prices and lay it down at the ports abroad at the maximum prices set by the agreement.

The subsidy for today for eastern ports is 23 cents a bushel. That means that grain supplying eastern ports is priced 23 cents a bushel above the \$1.96 maximum agreement price at such ports, including cost of transporting such grain from inland centers to the ports.

Assuming it cost 10 cents a bushel to ship wheat from Chicago to New York, an exporter could pay as much as \$2.09 at Chicago for grain there and sell it under the agreement price at New York.

Rates To Be Set Daily

The subsidy rates will be set daily so as to take into account changing market prices. The subsidy rate for eastern ports will be based on prices at Chicago, those for gulf ports on Kansas City prices, and those for the Pacific Northwest on prices at Portland, Ore., and Seattle, Wash.

The subsidy rates will go up as domestic prices advance, and go down as they go down.

Officials expect prices to climb the near price support loan rates soon after most of the grain has been harvested. Thus a 20-cent advance in prices at Chicago would require a similar increase in the present 23-cent export subsidy rate for eastern ports.

On the other hand, should domestic prices fall below the maximum prices set by the agreement, no subsidy would be necessary.

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