

Nixon has Phase IV meeting

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Nixon conferred with his Cabinet for two hours Wednesday on plans for a Phase IV anti-inflation program which he said he hopes will hasten the eventual removal of wage and price restrictions.

The White House said the newest control effort will be announced "relatively soon" although probably not before the end of this week.

Former Treasury Secretary John Connally, now an unpaid adviser to the President, attended the Cabinet meeting. Nixon then called Connally back to the White House for a private talk a few hours later.

Deputy Press Secretary Gerald Warren said Nixon asked the Cabinet members for their recommendations on Phase IV "as it affects their areas of interest."

Warren said Nixon has made no final decisions on the shape of the next step in the administration's so far un-

successful effort to curb the worst inflation in more than 20 years.

When announced, Phase IV will mark the fifth major change, in economic policy since August, 1971. Phase IV will replace the price freeze which Nixon ordered June 13 for a maximum of 60 days.

In a written statement sent to Congress, Nixon emphasized that he envisions the new wage and price controls as a temporary milestone on the road back to a free economy.

"My ultimate goal the goal I believe we can and must meet—is to return this country to a strong and free market system," Nixon said.

The President's statement, which accompanied the report of the Cost of Living Council's activities during the first three months of the year, paralleled the recommendation made Tuesday by Nixon's Labor-Management Advisory Committee.

The committee, made up of some of the nation's top business and union leaders, said: "We believe all wage and price controls should be eliminated as soon as possible this year in the belief that all segments of the economy will cooperate in such a way as to make the further extension of the economic stabilization act unnecessary."

Farm price trouble seen

Accelerated economic activity early in 1973, coupled with adverse weather conditions in the United States and various parts of the world in both 1972 and 1973, are playing major roles in current and prospective price trends for farm products.

This is the situation as seen by Stephen Marks, Oregon State University extension economist, in the new issue of the *Oregon Farm and Market Outlook* circular, published by the OSU Extension Service.

While prices of many farm products soared to all-time highs earlier this year, farm production costs rose almost as spectacularly, the economist notes.

These events signal mixed blessings and uncertainty to the nation's food producers. Farmers whose production equals or exceeds 1972 levels should realize increased 1973 gross and net incomes. Those who have losses due to weather and a lack of fuel are likely to see their income drop or improve very little, he adds.

Weather conditions between now and harvest, and the availability of fuel, will be important determinants in the ultimate marketable crop tonnage from this year's production, Marks stresses.

In the Pacific Northwest, it appears drought will hold down yields in the major grain and hay-growing areas and in other areas where irrigation water is short.

Nationally, Marks believes rain-soaked and flooded lands, particularly in the Midwest, will limit the output of grains and their availability for livestock and poultry feed. Delays in planting and deliveries of gasoline and fertilizer, coupled with shortages of certain grain seeds for planting, will have an influence on the availability and prices of livestock feeds this fall and next winter.

"Unless Providence smiles upon the U.S. and

world crops, flocks and herds and their growers in the months ahead, food production costs and retail food prices are not likely to come down. Even if demand—pull pressures were to subside, marketing costs will likely continue to increase," the economist observes.

Currently, demand for food in the world and the United States is increasing, while food production seems to be lagging behind population gains, Marks adds. The imbalance appears to be worsening with present world grain crop prospects.

"While present 1973 prospects are for increased world grain production over 1972, the increase may not be enough to offset the draw-down in world grain reserves during the past two years. This will probably hold back needed expansion in the meat animal population," he observes.

The world red meat situation promises to remain one of continuing shortage in relation to increasing human population and demand. World cattle population increased at an average rate of only 1.4 per cent during the past four years, while sheep and hog numbers decreased. At the same time, human population increased 2 per cent, the economist adds.

The 1972 increase in cattle population was limited by drought conditions in Russia and Australia. However, 1973 preliminary figures indicate a further increase in cattle numbers and a reversal in the downward trend in world hog and sheep numbers.

Marks does not expect poultry and egg supplies to increase much, if any, this year, due to high feed prices, particularly for soybean meal and fish meal.

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