

Crop Forecast 'Excellent', Report Shows

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 (AP)—The agriculture department reported today that excellent prospects for most crops were maintained during July, promising the nation abundant supplies of most food, livestock feed and fibers.

In its monthly progress report, the department said the crop volume should be 24 per cent above the 1923-32 average and not far below the average of the war and postwar period.

Heavy production of feed grains—the raw material for meat, dairy and poultry products—will make up the greater portion of the total.

Soy beans and sugar beets are the only crops expected to reach record size. But a near-record harvest of grain sorghums—also used for livestock feed—is indicated.

Turns of corn, oats, rice, cane, cherries and hops will be well above the average, with hay, potatoes, tobacco, and apples exceeding average in smaller degrees.

Reduced Production Asked
Crops likely to be below average include cotton, barley, flaxseed, dry beans, peanuts, sweet potatoes, most fruits and pecans. The government had called for reduced production of several crops, including cotton, peanuts, flaxseed and dry beans.

Corn production is now estimated at 3,168,000,000 bushels, indicating virtually no change in prospects from a month ago.

While below last year's crop of 3,377,790,000 bushels, the indicated corn production is nearly 20 per cent above the goal of a government program designed to prevent accumulation of a burdensome surplus.

Wheat was estimated at 996,000,000 bushels, an increase of 39,904,000 over last month's estimates. This compares with 1,146,000,000 last year. But reserves from previous crops will provide the country with ample wheat supplies.

Fruit production is expected to be about 14 per cent less than last year and eight per cent below average.

The production of other crops, compared with last month's forecast, last year's production and the ten-year average, included:

Hops 57,765,000 pounds; 56,112,000; 50,730,000 and 45,816,000.
Cherries 235,000 tons; 225,000; 250,000 and 179,000.

Oregon Outlook
On winter wheat the forecast was for an average yield of 26 bushels an acre in Oregon and a total of 18,590,000 bushels in the state.

For spring wheat other than Durum the Oregon forecast was for 25.5 bushels an acre and 5,738,000 total bushels.

For hops it was 1800 pounds

per acre and production of 24,120,000 pounds in Washington; 1100 and 16,500,000 pounds in Oregon; and 1650 and 15,345,000 in California.

The commercial apple production for Oregon was forecast for 2,890,000 bushels. The Oregon peach total was forecast at 330,000 bushels.

The pear total for the state was forecast at 5,363,000 bushels. The average yield on potatoes in Oregon was set at 300 bushels an acre and 11,700,000 total.

GREEK REDS SENTENCED
ATHENS, Aug. 10 (AP)—A Greek military court today sentenced 12 members of the communist underground to death on charges of having committed assassination, treason, sabotage and subversive activities between 1947 and 1949.

3 More Navy Reservists Get Duty Orders

Three more navy reservists of the Salem organized surface division received active duty orders Thursday.

William Craycroft, ENDFN, 3440 Sunnyview ave., a non-veteran, is ordered to report August 28. Jack D. Bartelt, DCW 2/c, 322 S. 23rd st., is to report September 11. He is a veteran. Both Bartelt and Craycroft have been members of the division since its activation three years ago.

Third man receiving orders

Thursday is Donald Corkrup, FG-SEN, recently moved to Kennewick, Wash., who joined the local reserve outfit this March after two years of active navy duty. He is to report September 6.

U.S. Files New Papers to Keep Bridges in Jail

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 10 (AP)—The U. S. today filed new legal documents to block Harry Bridges' efforts to get out of jail. The government contended in its

latest arguments that the CIO longshore leader is an "enemy agent and propagandist" and, therefore, the right of free speech should not be extended to him.

"Certainly the right of free speech does not protect an enemy agent and propagandist in this time of armed conflict," the government declared.

Ever since the turbulent labor leader's \$25,000 bail was revoked his lawyers have been arguing that bridges was imprisoned for his "opinions."

Bridges had been at liberty on bail pending appellate court action on his conviction for perjury. A jury found he had lied when he claimed, at his 1945 naturalization hearing, that he never had been a communist.

The appeals court is expected to

rule tomorrow or early next week on Bridges' appeal for bail. It also will consider his appeal for a writ of Habeas corpus.

Check Charge Leads to Arrest

Eldon Little, Jr., 2475 S. 12th st., was released to Polk county authorities Thursday following his arrest by city detectives on a charge of forgery.

Little is charged with passing a bogus check at the Amundson garage, 809 Edgewater st. He was picked up by Detectives Wayne Parker and David M. Houser after a complaint had been signed by garage owner George Amundson.

Valley Obituaries

Statesman News Service

Chris P. Westergaard
WOODBURN—Chris P. Westergaard died at his home in Brooks, route 1, near Labish Center, August 9. He was born in Denmark July 4, 1883, and came to the U. S. in 1910 and to Woodburn from South Dakota in 1934.

For the past 14 years he had farmed at Lake Labish. He was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran church of Woodburn. Survivors included his widow,

Minnie, of Brooks, route 1; sons, Vernis, at home and Leroy, Woodburn; daughter, Mrs. Evelyn M. Doland, also of Woodburn; brother, Martin and Otto, South Dakota; sisters, Mrs. Mary Mark, South Dakota and Mrs. Seena Snook, Spokane and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Ringo chapel, Woodburn with the Rev. H. N. Christensen officiating. Interment will be in Belle Passi cemetery.

A. S. COLLEY SUCCUMBS
LA GRANDE, Aug. 10 (AP)—Funeral services were held here today for A. S. Colley, 71, prominent eastern Oregon attorney.



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