



TOWNSMEN TAKE TO BOATS — Residents of Great Falls, Mont., take to boats for rescue work after the rampaging Sun River broke a 300-foot gap in a dike, spilling six to 10 feet of water on the city. Red Cross officials estimated at least 500 residents were evacuated from a 30-block area. The Sun River joins the Missouri at Great Falls.

Alaska Fire Uncontrolled

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — The Division of Forestry reported Thursday a huge forest fire was burning out of control in the area southeast of Fairbanks.

The blaze is estimated to have covered nearly 10,000 acres. The flames were roaring through timber and brush in an area noted for its value in producing wildlife.

Officials said crews at the scene have been unable to control the blaze which is reported to be jumping fire lines as much as a quarter

China Assured Continued Help

TAIPEH, Formosa (AP) — Adm. Arthur W. Radford, future chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, Friday assured Nationalist China of continued U.S. support after a truce is signed in Korea.

Asked if he considers it in the permanent strategic interest of the U.S. to have Formosa in friendly hands, the outgoing U.S. Pacific Fleet commander said:

"I certainly do."

There is no reason to fear, he said in an interview, that a Korean armistice would cause the U.S. to relax in any way its measures to insure stability of the Far East and its measures against further Communist aggression elsewhere.



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Ag Department Proposes 62 Million Wheat Acres

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department Thursday proposed a minimum national wheat acreage allotment of 62 million acres for 1954.

Howard H. Gordon, production and marketing administrator made the recommendation to the House Agriculture Committee.

The committee is considering legislation which would change present law governing wheat marketing quotas. This bill would set the 1954 quota at 66 million acres, meaning that if production controls are applied in connection with price supports, total plantings of 66 million acres must be allowed.

Gordon said the Agriculture Department would offer no objections if the committee feels that the 61 million figure should be adopted, but that it favored the lesser 62 million amount.

Present law calls for a 55 million acre minimum. However, there have been no quotas on wheat growing since 1941. Since then the size of the American crop and the surplus have grown.

Agriculture Department author-

ties have indicated that, because of the large amount of carry-over wheat now on hand and the prospective planting, it likely will be necessary to impose marketing quotas, for 1954. The secretary of agriculture will determine by July 1 whether quotas will be required.

Then farmers will vote as to whether they will go along. If they support the plan by a two-to-one vote the 1954 wheat crop will be eligible for price support at 90 per cent of parity. If farmers reject the acreage allotment proposal,

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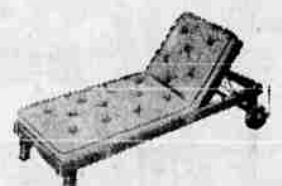
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