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## Robert Cole Wins National Award In 4-H Club Work

Robert Cole has won a trip to the National Club Camp to be held this summer in Washington, D. C., the highest award in 4-H Club work. Announcement was made Saturday of the award by L. I. Frisbie of the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture, state 4-H club leader.

The three other Nebraska youth people who were given like awards are Verlin Livingston of Cheyenne county; Eurice Jensen of Boone county; and Waineta Braithwait of Dawson county.

Entered 4-H in 1938  
Bob entered 4-H club work in 1938 and has been outstanding in his achievements during those years. He started in the Progressive Pioneer Poultry Club and was the state champion poultry judge at the state fair in 1943. He has also done work in forestry, beef and farm shop work.

He has his own repair shop on the farm and does electric welding. He has built a manure and cob loader that mounts on a tractor which he exhibited at the state fair two years ago. This machine attracted more attention than other items in the exhibit. He has reconstructed horse drawn machinery into tractor drawn machines during the period when they were not available. Recently he was called to Lincoln by the extension service to take a special course of study in tractor service and is now organizing 4-H clubs to carry on this type of study.

Public Speaking  
In 1943 he won the statewide timely topic public speaking contest sponsored through 4-H club work. He spoke on 4-H club work and the part they were playing in hastening victory in production of farm stock, feeds and general farm work.

He has also won several other awards, including a trip to Chicago in 1944 and attended the state conservation camp.

Bob graduated from Plattsmouth high school with the class of 1943 where he was one of the highest ranking students, the president of the student council and highly successful in debate as well as the leading character in the senior class play.

Attending University  
During the war he was frozen by the government to his farm work and as soon as possible, he plans to attend the University of Nebraska. In the mean time, he attends the University of Omaha two nights a week for special courses.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy O. Cole, who live south of town and who for many years have been active in farm and civic affairs.

## New C of C Officers Will Be Nominated At Meeting Thursday

Edward Egenberger, president of the Chamber of Commerce, said Monday that the meeting this Thursday noon will be of special interest to all members. The nominating committee will make their nominations for the election of new officers for the Chamber of Commerce. The men on the nominating committee are: Searl Davis, Roy Knorr and Henry Schneider.

Also scheduled for the meeting Thursday is the report of the executive committee on a new budget. Egenberger said the committee will present a budget providing for a paid secretary.

## Postoffice Will Be Closed Friday

Postmaster Edward Egenberger said Monday that the Plattsmouth postoffice will be closed Friday in observance of Washington's birthday.

The postoffice lobby will be open from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. but there will be no window service, Egenberger said. There will be no rural delivery and only the main business section in town will receive delivery.

## COUNTY COURT ITEMS

Helen M. Trotter was appointed administratrix in estate of George W. Trotter.

Final decree was entered in estates of Albert A. Wetenkamp, Glen Carl Baier and Marvin E. Bushnell.

## Marine Hero

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Al Schmidt, a marine who lost his eyesight after killing more than 200 Japanese on Guadalcanal, was listed Monday as a Democratic candidate for state senator. Schmidt will seek election from Philadelphia's Eighth district.



WAINETA BRAITHWAIT  
DAWSON COUNTY



VERLIN LIVINGSTON  
CHEYENNE COUNTY



ROBERT COLE  
CASS COUNTY



EURICE JENSEN  
BOONE COUNTY

The four young men and women shown above will represent Nebraska at the National 4-H Camp to be held in Washington, D. C., this summer for the first time since the war started. The honor is the highest that can come to any 4-H club member in the Cornhusker State. (U. of N. Photo.)

## Hull's Cafe Is Sold Monday

The Hull Cafe, was taken over Monday by Mrs. Elizabeth Wright and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Pruess and is now being operated under the new management.

Mrs. Wright, a long-time resident of Plattsmouth, has cooked in several restaurants locally. Her son-in-law, recently discharged from service in the armed forces, came to Plattsmouth four years ago.

The new operators plan no immediate change in operation, but will continue the same policies as the previous owners.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hull, from whom the restaurant was purchased, will go to Clinton, Mo., where they plan to engage in the same line of business. They have been assisted in the operation of the cafe by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Banning, relatives of Mrs. Hull.

They purchased the cafe from Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jacob November 1, 1945 and have operated it since then. They will remain at the restaurant and help the new owners get established during the forepart of this week.

## Judge Collet

WASHINGTON (AP)—Judge John C. Collet, shortly to be replaced as stabilization administrator, Monday formally announced the promised increase of \$5 per ton in the price of all carbon and alloy steel mill products.

WASHINGTON (AP)—There is a machine that squats on a vacant lot like a hen, and lays not an egg, but a house. There is the balloon house, the house with a steel pole for a foundation, the aluminum house, and the house made of cement whipped like cream until stiff.

Or by next year no telling what kind of house you'll be calling home. Few things, perhaps, are more exciting today than the unique schemes to put a roof over your head, now coming off the drawing boards in answer to president Truman's call for 2,700,000 new homes before 1948. As a fellow who has had more housing troubles than most and who, goodness knows, follows all developments, I think I am the one to tell you about them.

## Machine-Made Houses

Take Robert G. Le Tourneau whose machinery had dug more holes in the earth than anybody's. A week from today at Loneview, Tex., he will unveil his gargantuan steel hen, which will, with a minimum of chinking, lay a row of four-room houses.

His invention is a vehicle 30-feet square with a motor in front, traveling on rubber tires twice as tall as a man. It rolls onto a building lot, lays a foundation on the earth, pours the concrete walls, squirts on the roof, and nestles over same for 24 hours, or until the cement sets. Then it chugs away to lay another house while the experts put class in the windows of the first one.

## Balloon Houses

In Los Angeles is an organiza-

## Legion Committee Backs Charges Made By Commander Stelle

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—The national executive committee of the American Legion Monday stood firmly behind national commander John Stelle in his charges of a "tragic breakdown" in the Veterans Administration.

The committee, meeting in an extraordinary session, concluded a stormy all-day session Sunday night by adopting unanimously a resolution citing "substantial failure" in the administration of veterans' affairs.

The statement said an analysis of the fact showed that Stelle "had no other alternative" than to make public his charges and added that "we commend and approve his taking that action."

The resolution, as drafted by a resolutions committee and approved by Legion officials, stated, however, that the veterans' group "has not and does not demand" the resignation of Gen. Omar N. Bradley.

## Plead "Not Guilty"

Charles C. Clark and James Blunt pled guilty Saturday in the county court to a charge of damaging property in the city jail, but pled "not guilty" to a charge of intoxication.

County Judge Paul E. Fauquet set a hearing on the case for 10 a. m. Wednesday and deferred sentence on the guilty pleas until after the hearing. Bail bond was set at \$100.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The secret consistory, the first held since 1937, was the first of a week-long series of rites to complete the investiture of the new cardinals.

The Americans received their formal notification of election in the historic 15th century palace of the apostolic chancery on the Corso Vittorio Emanuele, one of the principal streets of the city.

There they awaited Father Martin Gilligan of Cincinnati who had been appointed their special envoy to deliver their tickets of nomination.

For this ceremony the new cardinals wore trains of purple cloth tied with a violet silken knot and silk tassels, a pectoral cross with a cord and a green and gold tassel, a skull cap and violet biretta. Each American was attended by

## Acheson Says St. Lawrence Seaway Essential

WASHINGTON (AP)—Undersecretary of State Dean Acheson told congress Monday the proposed St. Lawrence seaway and power agreement was essential to national security and a vigorous foreign trade.

The United States, he told a senate foreign relations subcommittee, can no longer afford the numerous waste of wealth involved in our failure to harness the energy of this river.

Urges Approval  
He urged approval of a proposed U. S. Canadian agreement to carry out the long-debated navigation and hydroelectric development. It would open a 2,700-mile waterway for ocean going ships from Duluth, Minn., to the Atlantic and provide for production of 2,200,000 horsepower of energy, half of which would be to Canada.

Acheson said the benefits of the program would greatly offset the cost of \$200,000,000 to the federal government. New York State, which would handle the power facilities as a public project, has agreed to pay an additional \$93,000,000.

The undersecretary said railroads, port cities, power and coal interests who oppose the plan were "unjustified" in saving it would cut their revenue. He cited a 1941 commerce department survey indicating that the freight load will so increase in 15 years that the seaway "will be an absolute necessity to help handle ocean traffic."

## Reads Letter

Acheson read a joint letter by Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson and Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal to secretary of State James F. Byrnes, wholeheartedly endorsing the agreement and outlining its advantages.

Forrestal and Patterson said the project "in the event of a national emergency" would provide:

1. Shipbuilding and repair facilities in a relatively secure area.
2. An additional supply line for ocean shipping which would ease the wartime strain on rail and port facilities of the east and gulf coasts.
3. A large source of "cheap, dependable power" generated without the use of coal or other items in critical short supply available in an area which during World War II was a "power deficit area."

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## 4 American Archbishops Become Cardinals in Secret Consistory

ROME (AP)—Four American Archbishops became cardinals of the Roman Catholic church Monday when their nominations by Pope Pius XII were approved along with 28 from 18 other nations by the sacred College of Cardinals in a secret consistory.

The new American cardinals, in the order of their seniority, were: John Joseph Glennon of St. Louis; Edward Mooney of Detroit; Samuel A. Stritch of Chicago; and Francis J. Spellman of New York. The inaugurations, accompanied by all the color of old world pagentry, ushered in a new era in Catholic church history, resulting for the first time, in an Italian minority in the college.

## First Rites

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## Chinese Press Opens Bitter Attack on Russian Activities

CHUNGKING (AP)—The Chinese press opened a vehement attack on Soviet Russia Monday, declaring that red army actions in Manchuria had killed the Sino-Soviet treaty signed last year.

Droning their previous reticence, six of the 12 daily newspapers in Chungking printed editorials in a heavy anti-Russian tone. They called the treaty with Russia meaningless and a "very grave diplomatic debacle."

The attack on Russia appeared shortly after the official national quarters confirmed that the Chinese civil war has broken out again in southern Manchuria.

Official reports said that American-armed nationalist armies drove 20 miles in one day to seize the important rail town of Liachun, 50 miles southwest of Mukden, after brief communist resistance.

The nationalist operations by the armies of Gen. Tu Li-Ming were said to be intended to solidify the nationalist flanks and secure north China communications links against communist marauders. Fighting thus far has been positional skirmishes, it was thought.

## Steel Workers Go Back to Jobs Today

Steel workers began streaming back to their jobs in the nation's mines, mills and hoppers Monday four weeks to the day after walking out in support of demands for higher wages.

At 12:01 a. m., the vanguard of 355,000 striking CIO steelworkers returned to their jobs at the U. S. Steel Corp. and 12 other companies under agreements granting them wage boosts of \$1.48 a day.

The steel settlement reduced the number of striking American workers to 1,118,000 (M), lowest in nearly a month.

Other steel companies rapidly were falling in line with the wage settlement reached as a result of the administration's wage-price policy, and the remainder of 750,000 striking steel workers, was expected to be called back by the end of the week.

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## Chester Bowles Warns Congress Price Controls Must Be Extended

### Army Aroused by Multiple Leaks Of Atom Secrets

WASHINGTON (AP)—Army experts Monday expressed grave concern at what they termed "multiple leaks" of closely guarded atomic bomb secrets.

Maj. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, chief of the bomb project, declared that the nation has lost more security on the bomb during the past four weeks than during the entire war time development period, but declined to specify source of the leaks.

Other army sources warned that hitherto top secret information is "constantly slipping out," and contended that the leaks endanger this nation's supremacy in the atomic field. They said no adequate legal protection for the vital information was now available.

## Annoying Russia

Columnist Drew Pearson said Sunday night that atom bomb secrets did constitute the "confidential information" supplied Russia by a Canadian spy ring, adding that a Russian agent was permitted to sail from Seattle with a suitcase containing the data. He said in his weekly radio (APC) broadcast that the incident had brought a "show-down" in U. S.-Soviet relations and convinced many officials that "we cannot go on appeasing Russia."

## Chief Sources

Army sources cited what they considered two chief ways in which bomb information has slipped out. These are:

1. Loosely guarded public talk by those connected with the bomb's development.
2. Testimony of witnesses in the current hearings on atomic energy before the special senate atomic energy committee.

In these hearings, army sources say, witnesses cannot discuss atomic subjects or even their own views without inadvertently releasing valuable information.

The witnesses, they say, have gone into technical aspects of the work, which have contributed little to congressional attempts to establish a control policy—but which have jeopardized security.

### Ten Million Man Days of Work Were Lost During January

WASHINGTON (AP)—Strikes cost the nation around 10,000,000 man-days of work in January, the largest such loss on record, according to government estimates Monday.

The loss of work reflected the impact of the steel General Motors, electrical and other strikes.

It dimmed an otherwise generally bright economic picture. A employment and unemployment United Press survey showed that (disregarding strikes) both gained somewhat. The fact that both increased at the same time was due to the expanding size of the labor force as more servicemen sought civilian jobs.

The industrial production index in January was off five points as strikes in the steel and auto industry forced shutdowns in other lines. The retail price index made a fractional gain. The farm price index took a small seasonal setback after several months of upturn.

Treasury spending continued to fall lower. Receipts almost equaled those of the previous month, and exceeded those of January last year. The deficit was lower.

The weekly average wage for the latest month for which figures were available was off slightly but average hours of work likewise showed a decline.

### Also Asks for Food Subsidies

WASHINGTON (AP)—Chester Bowles, newly designated economic stabilizer, warned congress Monday that the nation's economic system would be smashed "beyond hope of repair" unless it extends price controls to keep the lid on the present "inflationary dynamite."

In his first trip to Capitol Hill in his new role, the retiring OPA chief urged the house banking committee to approve speedily a pending bill to continue a year after the present June 30 expiration date.

Food Subsidies  
He also urged continuation of food subsidies and establishment of price ceilings on homes. Continued inflation in the real estate market, he warned, will "undermine the construction industry just as it did after the last war."

Bowles said extension of the stabilization statutes—promptly and without amendment—was vital to making President Truman's new wage-price stabilization program effective until increased production makes it safe to remove all government controls.

Streamline Procedures  
He said he expected to announce within a few days a series of "streamline procedures" for putting the new wage price policy into effect.

In the meantime, he said, it should be "emphatically" understood that the policy means neither a wage freeze nor general price increases throughout industry. Prices will be raised, he said, where wage boosts make it necessary to assure an industry the minimum level of near-time earnings during the coming year.

Bowles said the government was now aware that it started too soon after V-J day in easing controls—some have to be reimposed and others may have to be. But if food subsidies and price controls are not extended beyond June 30, he said, nothing can prevent present inflationary pressures from going off "in an explosion that will smash our economy system beyond hope or repair."

Speculative Fever  
He said a "speculative fever" reminiscent of 1929 was now showing up in the stock and real estate markets and was also manifesting itself in demands by "irresponsible" groups for removal of price ceilings on this or that item.

Bowles said that he, like Mr. Truman, regarded the new stabilization policy as a "holer" in the sense that it was not a general retreat from it.

But beside the holer, he said, there is a threatened break-through. The government's new policy is simply to "stop the break-through, pull off the holer and continue to hold the line where it is."

Bowles gave the following picture of this "important" front:

Food—food prices represent 40 percent of the total cost of living as reported on the government index. If congress continues the food control program, prices can be held at roughly present levels.

Rent—represents 30 percent of the cost of living. This too must be held by extending price control.

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## James Curley Is Sentenced to Jail For Mail Fraud

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. James M. Curley, D. Mass., Monday was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to a jail term of six months to one year and half years following his conviction last month on mail fraud charges.

District court Justice James M. Donohue said he would allow Curley to remain free on his \$2,500 bond while an appeal is taken. Curley's attorneys have indicated that they would appeal the case at once.

"Frankly, I want an appeal in this case," Donohue said when he had imposed the sentence. Donohue said that while he had noted to the best of his judgment and ability, there was some evidence "on which justice may differ."

"I want others as competent or more so than I am to take the record and see upon it before any punishment is inflicted," he said.

WEATHER  
Nebraska Forecast: Partly cloudy Monday, Monday night and Tuesday little change in temperature, except cooler extreme west Monday low Monday night 20 to lower 30's.



This is the Vatican's Consistorial Hall, below the Pope's apartments, where the actual creation of new cardinals occurs at a secret consistory before the public ceremony. In photo above, the throne is flanked by Noble Guards, who with the papal gendarmes and the Swiss Guard share the duty of policing the Papal State.