

INDIA

L.T.-Olds. Wed. May 4 - 60.

President Eisenhower, today, signed a document - that stirs the imagination, ~~As~~ a matter - of mere magnitude. An agreement - to provide India with surplus American farm products. Seventeen million tons of food grains - during the next four years, ~~Including~~ - five hundred and eighty-seven million bushels of wheat, and one million tons of rice. The wheat, alone - more than we consume in this country in the course of a year. Beginning in July, an average of one shipload of wheat will sail from the United States - every day, for four years.

The entire deal comes to one billion, three hundred million dollars. Five hundred and thirty-eight million dollars' worth of grain - a gift from the United States to India. To pay for the rest - we will make loans to the Indian government.

The purpose - to help India build up reserves of food - as a safeguard against famine. The program - an out-growth of President Eisenhower's triumphal visit in India, a few months ago.

MEDICAL

The Eisenhower Administration, today -- presented a program of medical care for the aged. As an answer -- to the Old Age Health Plan proposed by the Democrats in Congress.

Today's proposal calls for the Government and the States -- to join in financing a one-billion-two-hundred-million-dollar project. Washington -- to put up half the money. Individual States -- their share of the other half.

The purpose -- to enable people over sixty-five to get proper medical care, in cases of major illness.

Benefits -- to include hospital costs, medical service, drugs. Individuals ~~ix~~ under the program -- to pay part of the cost. The Federal-State subsidies -- ^(footing) ~~footing~~ the bill ^{for} ~~and~~ the remainder. The plan -- called "Medicare."

The Administration's ~~proposal~~ proposal draws immediate criticism -- from Democrats in Congress, Who say -- they doubt if States could afford it, Each putting up ~~ix~~ its share -- of six hundred million dollars.

~~Half of the One billion two hundred million.~~

The Democratic measure in Congress, the Forand Plan, would operate under the Social Security system. Raising -- ~~Raisingxxx~~ Social Security withholding taxes to pay for it.

Medical care for the aged -- a number one point of controversy in the political presidential campaign.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower threatens -- to call Congress back into special session, After -- the July political conventions, If the Legislators fail to take action on the White House Legislative program.

The President made this ^{intimation,} ~~intimation~~ today, at a meeting with Republican leaders in Congress, Who say -- he was particularly concerned about the Foreign Aid program, Which the Democrats -- are threatening to cut.

In Congress, the Democrats are not taking the threat of the special session too seriously. Speaker Sam Rayburn, ^{that} ~~the~~ veteran of long experience, remarks -- that he's heard similar talk from previous presidents. He said, ~~that~~ ^{had} they ~~had~~ called special sessions -- but nothing ever came from it.

PRIMARIES

That set-back for Senator Kennedy in Indiana is largely -- because of the polls. The straw votes -- having picked him to run ahead of Vice President Nixon. Instead, he trails the Vice President by some fifty thousand votes. Nixon -- four-hundred-and-one-thousand. Kennedy -- three-hundred-and-fifty-one thousand.

P The Vice President -- exceeding the vote President Eisenhower got in the Indiana Primary in Nineteen Fifty-six. But Kennedy, himself, -- ties the number for the President four years ago. Running -- far ahead of Senator Kefauver in Nineteen Fifty-six, when Kefauver set a record for a Democrat.

Actually, the Democrats ran a little ahead of the Republicans, yesterday. Because there were eighty thousand Democratic votes cast for minor candidates, who were hardly considered in the race at all. Lar Daly, an America Firster," who campaigned dressed up as

for someone else, if they don't like the candidate?

The result -- a stand-off. Alabama -- split on that issue.

SOUTH AFRICA

London demonstrations -- against the South African representative, ~~at~~ -- the Commonwealth meeting. Hundreds of people -- ~~shouting~~ ^{raging} against the apartheid policy, Shouting -- "Murderer!" -- at Eric Louw, South African Minister of External Affairs.

This occurred as he was leaving a session of the Commonwealth Conference. A session -- at which he'd had a rough time, In an informal discussion -- of South African racial policies. Other Commonwealth leaders -- in bitter criticism.

In a news conference, the South African defended his government. Declaring -- that, for the European-descended population, South Africa ~~is~~ ^{is} their home. "We cannot return to the countries of our forbears," ^{he said.} ~~to our~~ ~~our descendants~~ ^{we} are determined to remain in South Africa. We are not prepared -- to abdicate.

He argued -- that South Africa was being

condemned because - of untrue reports and a distortion
of news.

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LUCY

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Millions must have thought the marriage - just as happy, in real life. But - not at all. The couple - living a stormy series of domestic arguments. Friends relating - how they'd bark angrily at each other when filming a scene of domestic bliss.

Today a woman friend said: "Every time they wanted to film a funny scene, she'd break down - and cry." Laughing humor on the screen - tears in private Dick. And So long until tomorrow.

ALASKA

Heavy bombing-- sounds like war. High explosive -- raining down for six hours. With a constant thunder of reverberating blasts. That air attack -- in vain. The enemy -- resisting the bombs.

The place -- Alaska. The enemy -- an enormous ice jam in the Chena River. Near -- the city of Fairbanks. A barricade of ice -- ~~dammed~~ ^{daming} up the stream. Causing floods -- far and wide.

The U. S. Air Force -- called on to break up the dam. The bombs -- knocking off huge ice-floes. The barricade, however, holding fast. Result -- large areas of Fairbanks are flooded. Water in some parts of the city -- five feet deep.

The same story -- for a number of Alaskan Rivers. Unusually warm weather -- in the middle of our vast Forty-ninth state. A sudden thaw -- causing the ice ~~to break up~~ to break up, ~~rapidly~~ Frozen masses pouring downstream -- and piling up as ice-jams.