

# BRAZIL MAY BURN COFFEE

NEW YORK, March 25. — (AP)—Brazil may burn six or seven million bags of coffee this year to keep the price up, a Brazilian coffee exporter said tonight.

The higher figure would amount to nearly a billion pounds of coffee.

Abrahaio Jabour told a news conference that a decrease in present prices would ruin many producers.

A year ago coffee prices reached an all time high in the United States. The best brands sold for \$1.30 a pound or more.

Coffee drinking Americans protested. A delegation of club-women went to Brazil to check for themselves the Brazilian claim that the high prices resulted from a frost damaged 1953 crop.

Prices have slacked off since then. Chain store brands now sell below 80 cents a pound here, though some premium brands still are more than \$1 a pound.

Jabour said the 1954-55 crop promises to produce a "surplus" of six or seven million bags in Brazil, which produces the bulk of the world's coffee.

He said the surplus bags will be withdrawn from the market—and may be burned—when the 1955-56 crop starts next July.

## Rhee Marks 80th Year; Hits Japan

SEOUL, March 26 (Wednesday).—(INS)—President Syngman Rhee today observed his eightieth birth anniversary with a wistful assertion that his greatest birthday gift would be an American go-ahead for South Korea to "push up north" and drive out the Communists.

The elderly chief executive also took the occasion to accuse Japan of trying to cause "general disturbances" in South Korea and of flirting with "the Communist side."