

Food Rules Will Not Be Relaxed.

The food administration is still on the job and will stay on the job until released by presidential proclamation, and there will be no relaxation of regulations that will permit of profiteering or speculation in licensed food products, Dr. E. F. Ladd, federal food administrator for North Dakota, said in a statement.

"It is still very essential that food be conserved very carefully, as reserve stock in the United States is lowest in years," Dr. Ladd said before making his statement public.

His statement follows in full:

"The partial demobilization of the food administration and the withdrawal of many of its rules and regulations have given the impression in some quarters that all its activities have ceased or are shortly to cease.

"This is not the case.

"The act imposes upon the administration certain obligations which continue until the presidential proclamation releases us from the food control act, and particularly the obligation to curb profiteering and speculation in licensed food products. This function must continue to be performed, and there is no intention of relaxing in this direction.

"It has been possible, now that peace is assured, to cancel many requirements for reports and many of the details of the regulations, but the profit margins and rules have been for the most part retained and will be enforced by the revocation of licenses and other appropriate penalties.

"It is expected that it will be possible from time to time to remove certain commodities from the license list, but this will be limited to commodities which do not seem likely to be subject to the possibility of speculation and profiteering."