

Enemy Negotiators Yield To U. N. Demands

REDS, ALLIES EXCHANGE PRISONER LISTS

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Steel Union Threatens Strike

Ultimatum Follows Flop Of Conference

Government Mediators Attempt To Avert Blow To U. S. Defense Program

PITTSBURGH — (AP) — A strike ultimatum by the CIO United Steelworkers put up to the government today the next move to stave off an economically crippling nationwide steel strike New Year's day.

Philip Murray, president of the million-member union, says a strike is unavoidable unless the industry grants his men a 15-cent hourly pay boost and other concessions.

Hanging in the balance is the steel industry's contribution to the defense program.

Government sources say present wage ceilings would permit an increase of only eight to nine cents an hour.

Steel industry spokesmen say they can't absorb the increase Murray demands without increasing prices.

That puts it right up to the government — how to head off a strike and keep the nation's economy on an even keel.

If the situation drifts steadily toward a certain steel strike, Mr. Truman could invoke the Taft-Hartley act, he could refer the case to the wage stabilization board for settlement recommendations, or he could make an 11th hour personal appeal to Murray for a strike delay.

Invoking Taft-Hartley would likely mean an 80-day court injunction against a strike. No Contract, No Work Murray was grimaced as he emerged from a meeting of his policy makers Monday to tell a news conference: "We will not work without a contract."

The government already has started its race against time to stave off a strike which if continued long would be a body blow to the nation's defense program.

Two federal mediators came here a few days ago to confer with Murray and U. S. steel negotiators.

Price director Michael V. Dillard summoned five steel industry representatives to another conference today, Monday he outlined proposed steps by which the industry might apply for price adjustments under the Capehart amendment to the economic controls act.

The Capehart amendment allows manufacturers to add cost increases through July 26 to pre-Korean prices in setting new ceilings.

What Murray Demands Until Monday's meeting of the steelworkers' executive committee and its 170-man policy committee, Murray had not publicly revealed just how much of a wage boost he is asking.

In addition to a 15-cent hourly hike, Murray wants a half-cent (Continued on Page 2)

SPELLS MORE REVENUE

Benefits To Be Attained By Timber Access Roads Pointed Out By Forester

A network of access roads into large timber stands will increase competitive bidding for stumpage and guarantee a larger financial return, R. T. Titus, executive secretary, Western Forest Industries Assn., said Monday.

He addressed members of the Roseburg chamber of commerce in the civic room of the Umpqua hotel during a noon luncheon.

Titus bolstered his contention by predicting that the higher price paid for stumpage would eventually cover the original outlay required for road construction.

"It is now the policy of federal and state timber administrators to award large tracts of timber to justify road building," the speaker explained. "An adequate transportation system would reduce the tendency and at the same time insure competitive bidding."

Titus, an expert forester, maintained that adequate roads would serve a twofold purpose: In addition to increased prices and competitive bidding, a complete sustained yield program could be inaugurated.

Citing one of the principles of the association, which is to fight against monopoly, the speaker said roads would also give the small operator an equal chance in the buying of logs.

"We contend that the present big timber industries started small," he said, "and with equal opportunity, the small operators of today should be allowed to expand."

The scarcity of private timber and the increased demand for federally-owned logs were other reasons Titus gave for building access roads.

Ownership Lacks Balance In the Douglas fir region 65 percent of the timber is owned by the federal government; five percent by the state, and 30 percent by private companies.

But, the forester noted, 32 companies own more than one third of the private stand, leaving the balance to be shared among 19 operators.

"If federal timber is available to all, this quasi-monopolistic balance could be reduced," he said.

The association also opposes the cooperative sustained yield agreements entered into by private operators who control timber adjacent to government lands.

Government Loses Money Titus said the agreements whereby the government sells to the owner who governs land in accordance with federal regulations is costing the government thousands of dollars.

"There is no competition for the timber, and the privileged owner buys at appraisal price, which is far below the amount paid when bidding is allowed."

Utilization of waste products, especially when raw materials are scarce, is more complete and thorough under a free enterprise system, Titus added.

Copco Forced To Cut Power For Sawmills

Increase In Demands, Failure To Receive Aid Expected Cause Slash

Because of unprecedented increase in use of power during the pre-Christmas season, California-Oregon Power company has been forced to curtail the sawmill load during peak hours for the present week, and possibly longer.

A memorandum issued by the company today states: "During the month of December, 1951, load on the system of the California-Oregon Power company has exceeded that of a year ago by 48,000 KW."

"Due to the unprecedented increase it has been necessary to curtail demand during the peak hours which extend from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m."

The company announcement stated: "Prior arrangements were made to carry this load but three potential sources of energy, any one of which would have been sufficient, all failed to materialize."

An Interconnection was completed with the Bonneville Power administration system at Goshen in October, 1951, but power is not available from this source in the anticipated amount.

The Pacific Gas and Electric company has been unable to furnish power in the requested amounts because of rapid growths in its system. Shortage of materials and other factors have delayed the completion of the Soda Springs and Fish creek hydroelectric developments on the North Umpqua river, both of which were scheduled for operation prior to Dec. 1, 1951.

"For these reasons it has been necessary to curtail sawmill load during the present week and it may be necessary to continue the curtailment during peak load hours until one of the three additional sources of power become available."

LEGAL TENDER

Raw Gold Pays For Purchase At Local Store

An unidentified miner walked into Knudtson Jewelers Monday and asked for a new automatic toaster.

He selected the one he wanted and plunked down payment — nearly all in gold dust and nuggets contained in a small glass vial. It was the second or third such transaction in 25 years, a store employee reported.

The miner, who is now living in Roseburg, said he took the gold while he was prospecting in Montana. Gold contained in the tube was valued at \$23 — considerably less than an ounce, which sells for about \$35.

When the store was founded in 1886, most of the purchases were made with raw gold, but it has been a long time since this has again occurred, the employee said.

"Most unusual was the fact that he traded his gold for a modern appliance, entirely automatic and employing the latest scientific principles," he commented.

Hubbard Creek Fire-Hit Timber Sale Scheduled

PORTLAND — (AP) — The bureau of land management announces it has planned to sell 53 million board feet of timber in the coming year.

Roscoe E. Bell, regional administrator, said much of the timber would be salvaged material from windstorms and fire in the past year.

Best said the storms that recently damaged costly damage in the coast caused timber sale in the woods. The salvage "will not only minimize the waste of timber, but will help prevent the Douglas fir bark beetle and other tree killing insects," he said.

Bell listed the planned sales by district: Salem 111 million board feet; Eugene, 100 million; Roseburg, 95 million; Coos Bay 118 million; Medford 106 million.

Communist Information Includes Maj. Gen. Dean, Captured 17 Months Ago

American Total Of 3,198 In Full Allied POW Number Of 11,559; Notice To Kin Awaits Check-Up

MUNSAN, Korea — (AP) — The Communists turned over to the United Nations today a list of 11,559 prisoners, including 3,198 Americans.

They said the list includes all prisoners of the Korean war in their hands. The U.N. gave the Reds a list of 132,474 Chinese and North Korean prisoners.

General Matthew B. Ridgway's headquarters in Tokyo said it understood the Communist list includes Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, lost commander of the U.S. 24th division. Dean has been missing since the fall of Taejon in July 1950.

Communist newsmen at Panmunjon said Associated Press photographer Frank Noel was also listed.

Lists were exchanged Tuesday when Communist trade negotiators suddenly capitulated to U. N. demands. The prisoner subcommittee recessed until Thursday. Rear Adm. R. E. Libby, U. N. member of the committee, said the purpose was to study the lists.

Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckolls, U. N. spokesman, elaborated: "The communist lists have not yet been verified. They probably include errors, omissions and possibly fictitious additions.

"Every effort humanly possible will be made immediately by the U. N. command to check the list. The respective arms of services in the United States will notify the next of kin immediately on verification.

"I cannot emphasize too strongly that this is a Communist list. "Any information on prisoners received from the Communists is questionable due to their continued refusal to allow international committees of the Red Cross to inspect their prisoners of war facilities and operations."

Of the 11,559 names on the Communist lists a U. N. command communiqué reported: 7,142 are South Korean, 3,198 American, 919 British, 234 Turkish, 40 Filipino, ten French, six Australian, four South African, three Japanese, and one each from Canada, Greece and the Netherlands.

Discrepancy In Totals The Communist lists fell far short of previous public allied estimates of perhaps 100,000 or more. The 3,198 Americans listed as prisoners compare with approximately 12,000 Americans officially listed as missing in action.

But a reliable source in Tokyo said there probably was "no great disparity" between the official U. S. army estimates of the number of prisoners the Reds hold and the number announced by the Reds. He said that probably many of those listed as missing actually died in battle.

Col. James M. Hanley of the U. S. Eighth army recently reported that 5,500 Americans were slaughtered by the Reds after being taken prisoner.

Sudden Communist capitulation in turning over the names of prisoners they hold is the most hopeful break in talks since a provisional cease-fire line was created last month. The buffer line will become effective if other truce terms are agreed to by Dec. 27. Otherwise it will be changed to conform to changes in the battle line.

Dean's Ordeal Detailed The reported listing of General Dean among the prisoners eliminates a long series of reports that James M. Dean, general was wounded — was killed — was taken prisoner.

One Red prisoner told Allied interrogators that Dean had traveled south 33 days after the fall (Continued on Page 2)

Cold Wave Death Toll Rises To 151

By The Associated Press More snow fell over the already white-covered Midwest today and a fresh blast of sub-zero cold was on the way. Meanwhile, the nation's death toll from last weekend's severe wintry weather mounted.

The snowstorm, borne on winds of 20 to 25 miles an hour, moved eastward. The cold weather also was expected to follow the storm to the eastern seaboard.

The double dose of snow and severe cold appeared following the pattern of the storm and icy weather which walloped the eastern half of the nation last four days.

The snow and frigid cold struck at the height of the Christmas shopping season. The snow and ice-covered streets and highways made the shopping tour an extra hard task.

Deaths attributed to the storm and cold rose to 151 today. Indiana, battered by sleet, snow and rain, reported 20 persons dead from causes attributed to the weather.

There were 26 storm deaths in Ohio and 19 in Illinois. The toll in other states: New Jersey 10; Massachusetts 8; Alabama 8; New York 6; Wisconsin 6; Iowa 5; Maryland 5; Michigan 5; Kansas 4; Nebraska 4; Tennessee 4; Missouri 3; Pennsylvania 3; Colorado 2; Connecticut 2; Delaware 2; Georgia 2; Maine 2; Nevada 2; North Carolina 1; Virginia 1; Wyoming 1.



MRS. DANIEL R. DIMMICK is shown seated at the Douglas county Tuberculosis and Health association's Christmas seal booth located in the lobby of the U. S. National bank. Funds realized from sale of the seals are used to combat TB. The association also aids in the chest X-ray programs inaugurated to detect TB. (Picture by Paul Jenkins)

Guard Accused Of Dynamite, Gun Smuggling To Convict

SALEM — (AP) — Francis L. McConnell, 25, a guard at the Oregon state prison, has been accused of smuggling dynamite and a gun to a convict.

Warden Virgil J. O'Malley said the equipment was to be used in an escape attempt and that the prisoner, who is serving a life sentence for murder, was to pay the guard back with money gained from robberies.

McConnell admitted taking two sticks of dynamite, some bullets and a .22 caliber revolver into the prison for Dupree Poe, O'Malley reported.

Poe, convicted of killing a Silverton, Ore., policeman, now is in segregation for leading an unsuccessful prison break in October.

O'Malley said that two other notorious lifers, John Omar Pinson and William Benson, were to join in the escape attempt with Poe. Benson and Pinson escaped once before and were recaptured after a nationwide search.

Capt. Ray Howard and Lt. Farley Mogan of the state police tipped him off on the escape plot, O'Malley reported.

Santa Claus Condemned By Cardinal In France

TOULOUSE, France — (AP) — Santa Claus was condemned today by Jules-Geraud Cardinal Salliege, archbishop of this southwestern French city. In a letter to his diocese he said: "Don't speak of Santa Claus for the very good reason that he doesn't exist and never has existed."

"Don't talk of Santa Claus for Santa Claus is an invention that clever people use to take away the religious character of Christmas."

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS Three significant ECONOMIC developments over the world: 1. Britain eases her iron-handed control over the buying and selling of foreign monies. The Bank of England authorizes private individuals to trade British pounds for foreign money, including the dollar, subject only to a government limitation on the prices.

2. Canada suddenly abolishes her 12-year-old foreign exchange controls. The action means that Americans and other foreigners can invest in Canada without any restrictions on retrieving either capital or profits and Canadians can spend their money abroad where and how they please, without government permission.

3. IN THE U. S., price controls will end next Wednesday on certain highly strategic materials used in defense production. The Office of Price Controls hopes, BY EXEMPTING THEM FROM CONTROLS, to spur domestic production of them.

Question: Does that mean the beginning of a world-wide swing AWAY FROM government controls and BACK TOWARD A FREE ECONOMY?

Here is a possibly significant POLITICAL development: (Continued on Page 4)

RECKLESS DRIVER FINED Roy G. Arneson, 37, Springfield, was committed to the city jail in lieu of a \$75 fine on a reckless driving charge, reports Municipal Judge Ira B. Riddle. He is alleged to have sideswiped a parked car near 705 S. Stephens St. while driving south.

Winston-Dillard Fire District Being Planned

Tentative plans were laid Monday evening for a fire district in the Winston-Dillard area.

Boundaries for the proposed district will be discussed Wednesday night at an open meeting at the Dillard school 7:30 p.m.

The Winston chamber of commerce, under President R. M. Turner, is working on the plans for the fire district. Arthur W. McGuire, Winston, is in charge of initial arrangements.

The district would also include Brockway and Coon Hollow, and extend north to meet the southern boundary of the Roseburg rural fire district near Kelley's corner.

The tentative plans were made by the chamber of commerce committee Monday and will be submitted for discussion and approval at Wednesday's meeting. When an agreement is reached, petitions will be drawn up and circulated to be presented to the county court, McGuire said.

Roseburg Fire Chief W. E. Mills will be present at the meeting in addition to questions.

Slankard Gets San Bruno Post As City Manager

TILLAMOOK — M. W. Slankard, city manager here for the past seven months and before that city manager at Roseburg, has resigned his post here to accept the job of city manager at San Bruno, Cal. His resignation is effective December 31. No successor has been named.

AUTO THEFT CHARGED

A 16-year-old Portland youth was remanded to juvenile court Monday on a charge of larceny of an automobile, according to District Judge A. J. Geddes. Arrested by deputy sheriff, the youth was accused of the auto theft in a complaint sworn out by James Cederstrom.

BANKING CAREER NEARS END

Victor Micelli, left, accepts a watch from Hal Schmeer, manager of the Roseburg branch, U. S. National bank, at a dinner given in his honor at Carl's Haven Monday night. Micelli will soon retire after 36 years of banking service. He began his career with the First State and Savings bank, later serving with the Douglas National. For the last seven years he has been affiliated with the U. S. National. Micelli is a former commander of Umpqua post, 16, American Legion and district commander of now discontinued district four, American Legion. In addition, he was department vice-commander and a member of the executive committee two years. Seated, lower left, is Mrs. Micelli, and Mrs. Charles Hart sits at right. (Picture by Paul Jenkins)



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Child Fires Nightgown, Burns Claim Her Life

VANCOUVER, Wash. — (AP) — Burns, suffered when she set fire to her nightgown with matches, claimed the life here of 23-month-old Patricia Barkley.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Barkley of McLoughlin Heights.

The coroner's report indicated the little girl got up before her parents Monday and climbed up on a chair where she was able to reach a book of paper matches. She apparently struck one and ignited her night clothes.

Her screams awakened her parents, and the father suffered burns trying to smother the flames. The little girl died a few hours later in a hospital.

Drunken Driver Given Jail Term, Fine Of \$500

Ray William Gatz, 51, Winston, was fined \$500 and given a 30-day jail sentence after pleading guilty to a drunk driving charge Monday, reports District Judge A. J. Geddes. Gatz was arrested Sunday by state police.

NON-SUPPORT CHARGED

John J. McDonald, 28, Yoncailla, arrested by a sheriff's deputy on a non-support charge, has been bound over to the grand jury by District Justice of the Peace Clarence Leonard. Ball was set at \$250.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein A. P. Seversky, airplane expert, predicts that man will fly to the moon within 50 years in 3 1/2 hours. Such an attempt would perhaps benefit mankind about as much as a trip over Niagara Falls in a barrel.

The Weather

Rain and wind today. Partly cloudy and cooler with showers of rain or snow tonight and Wednesday.

Highest temp. for any Dec. 70
Lowest temp. for any Dec. 5
Highest temp. yesterday 46
Lowest temp. last 24 hours 43
Precip. last 24 hours .14
Precip. from Dec. 1 2.98
Precip. from Sept. 1 14.
Precip. from Sept. 1 14.70
Excess 3.24
Sunset today, 4:39 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:41 a.m.