

PRODUCTION RESUMED BY STEEL INDUSTRY

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



DONNA BUSHEY gazing fascinatedly into the shining eye of an image orthicon tube held in the hands of Dale Peterson, factory representative of RCA Victor, who spent Tuesday in Roseburg visiting Kenneth Bushey's Harmony House. Maybe Donna knew what the thing was supposed to be, or to do, but I didn't and the more it was explained to me the muddier the picture got. All I gathered was that it was a very important piece of equipment governing the receiving ability of a television set, that it costs \$1200 and lasts only 200 hours under constant use. That's about as long as 1200 bucks lasts me too, under pressure, so the figure must be somewhere near correct. Mr. Peterson expressed the belief that television facilities might be available for this area sooner than many of us have been led to believe.

IKE'S RESIGNATION SENT?

Truman Refuses To Deny Or Confirm, Saying News Awaits Nod Of General

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman hinted Thursday he may have something to say before the Democratic national convention as to his preference for the party's presidential nomination.

He dropped this into a news conference exchange in which he refused to confirm or deny reports that Gen. Eisenhower has resigned his European command — and so may be coming home soon to campaign for the Republican nomination.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Something to think about:

Yesterday (this is written on Wednesday) the government of the United States held in its grip only the railroads. All other private industry was free.

Today the government owns the steel industry. The flag flies over the plants, as it does over military installations and postoffices, and on their walls are notices informing all and sundry that they are GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.

What of tomorrow?

Well, WHAT of tomorrow?

Suppose Uncle John Lewis, he of the bristling eyebrows and the bull voice, decides that he wants \$1 an hour increase in his miners' wages? He has been waiting to see what happens in the case of steel. He'll certainly want MORE money for his miners than Murray got for his steel workers. He'll want that to show that he, John Lewis, is a better man than Phil Murray.

The pattern is set. This is the pattern: You demand more wages than the private owners can pay and still show a profit on their investment. So they decide to grant the increase unless they are permitted to increase their prices. Their price plan is refused.

Your friend, the government then seizes the industry.

Suppose the pattern is followed in the case of coal. In that event, coal follows the railroads and steel into government ownership.

At this precise instant, a bulletin clicks off the teletype. It reads: "The CIO's communications workers union ordered a strike against the Bell Telephone System today."

Suppose the pattern is followed in the case of the telephone — and the telegraph, which is already struck. In that event, COMMUNICATIONS will be added to the railroads, steel — and maybe, eventually, coal.

We've always thought of socialism as something remote and dim and distant — that might come after the fires of our national youth have cooled and our resources have dwindled to the point where we can no longer go on and CREATE MORE ABUNDANCE but can only share among each other the little that remains — as the British are doing.

Socialism, you see, ISN'T a possibility. (Continued on page four)

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Phone Picketing Extended To N. W.

Tactics Vary In 'Guessing' Plan Of Union

Scattered Outbreaks Occur In Strike-Set Eastern Localities

By The Associated Press

Pickets appeared at telephone exchanges in a dozen or more Pacific Northwest cities Thursday but were withdrawn from four other places in an apparent quick shift strategy.

Pacific Telephone & Telegraph headquarters reported employees generally were staying off the job at exchanges picketed by striking Western Electric Co. workers, members of the CIO Communications Workers union.

Exchanges were picketed Thursday at Portland, Eugene and St. Helens, Ore., and in at least nine Washington cities.

These are Aberdeen, Hoquiam, Raymond and Longview, where exchanges are operated manually, and Olympia, Yakima, Centralia, Chehalis and Shelton, all with dial systems.

Pickets were withdrawn from Spokane and Bellingham, Wash., and from Albany and Corvallis, Ore., where they first appeared Wednesday.

To Keep Company Guessing

In Portland Arne Gravem, international union representative, said tactics "will vary from day to day to keep the company guessing."

Company spokesmen in Portland and Seattle said supervisory employees were seeking to maintain normal service.

The company reported all calls were being handled at picketed Washington points Thursday morning with exception of Yakima. There only urgent long distance calls were being accepted.

DETROIT (AP) — A picket line riot in one city marked the fourth day of the CIO telegraph workers wage strike Thursday after scattered instances of other disturbances.

For the most part, however, the strike scene was orderly. Meantime negotiators at Detroit,

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Four Men Draw Terms In Prison

Four men Wednesday received penitentiary sentences from Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly. Two of them were given probation.

Milton Herbert Burns, 22, Aberdeen, Wash., was given a five-year sentence after he had pleaded guilty to statutory rape involving a 15-year-old girl.

John L. Yarbrough, 19, Winston, received one and one-half years in the penitentiary after pleading guilty of contributing to the delinquency of a 15-year-old girl.

George W. B. Carlisle, 21, Riddle, received a year in the penitentiary and was given probation, after pleading guilty to failing to support a minor child.

Robert C. Wendt, 29, Eureka, was given two years and placed on probation on a charge of larceny by bailment, involving the transportation of a house trailer out of the county without consent of its owner.

The story said Eisenhower telephoned his wishes to Secretary of Defense Lovett last week and then arranged for transmission of the necessary papers.

The Star story added that it is believed Eisenhower made a strong bid to have his top aide, Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, moved into his job as NATO commander.

Truman was asked at his news conference about a possible successor to Eisenhower.

The President would not say who might get the job.

But he remarked that he could not emphasize he did not want would — name someone other than an American to that post.

On the point of his own political intentions, Truman said in response to questions that he would not accept a draft for the Democratic presidential nomination but would make an active campaign for the nominee.

Oregon's Income Tax Revenue Increasing

SALEM (AP) — The state is getting more money in income tax returns than it did last year.

For the first three months of the year \$17,057,000 was collected, compared with \$13,029,000 in the same period last year. The totals include both corporation and personal income taxes.

The deadline for filing tax returns is next Tuesday.

COL. WARE DIES WITH U.S. NINTH CORPS. Korea (AP) — Col. Charles S. Ware, deputy chief of staff of the Ninth Corps, died of a heart attack at headquarters April 3, it was announced Monday. Ware, 49, was a veteran of 26 years of Army service.



NEMESIS OF THE REDS — Matt Cvetic, left, an ex-Communist who spied for the FBI, arrived in Roseburg at noon today. Tonight at 8, in the Junior High School auditorium, he will relate the experiences he had during the nine years he was funneling 20,000 reports to the FBI. There will be no admission charge. Pictured with him is Dana Andrews, who portrays Cvetic's role in "I Was a Communist for the FBI," a radio dramatization currently being broadcast over radio station KRNR.

Second Jury Convicts Man On Traffic Charge

It took a six-person district court jury about 45 minutes Wednesday to do what a previous jury couldn't do in five hours.

The jury agreed on a verdict. The six persons found Richard E. Deckelman, 20, Rogue River, guilty of driving too close behind the vehicle in front of him.

Judge A. J. Geddes fined the defendant \$40. Court costs of \$23.50 were assessed.

Deckelman was cited by state police March 15 after he had been involved in a five-car accident on Highway 99 south of Roseburg.

The first trial was held March 25 but after five hours deliberation the jury was unable to reach a verdict. Judge Geddes dismissed the jury and ordered a new trial.

Two other motorists, also cited March 15 for following too close, pleaded guilty shortly afterward and were fined \$20 apiece.

Gunshot Cures Thyroid Ailment Of Prowler

ST. ALBANS, England (AP) — A shotgun blast that wounded an accused burglar really did him a good turn — it cured his thyroid gland disorder, his attorney told a court.

The defendant, 34-year-old Frederick Thompson, needed an operation on his thyroid, but then he was shot in the back of the neck by a householder who caught him climbing through a window.

"By some curious paradox, the shooting seems to have done something to the man's thyroid," his attorney said Wednesday.

He brought along a medical report to show Thompson had been suddenly cured.

Pleading Judge J. Neville Gray was impressed by the shotgun cure. But he said he had another cure for the man's window-climbing tendencies — four years imprisonment.

PIERRE BATTLES FLOOD

Missouri River Torrent Drives 1,600 From Homes, Inflicts Serious Damage

PIERRE, S. D. (AP) — Waters of the muddy Missouri River, on its worst spring rampage here in 71 years, raced four feet deep through the main street of this capital city of South Dakota Thursday.

At mid-morning the flood waters hit a stage of 25 feet — the previously predicted crest — and continued their climb. The water has driven 1,600 of Pierre's 5,700 persons from their homes.

Heavy damage to the main Pierre business section was certain. The Daily Capital — Journal suspended publication and the Pierre Associated Press bureau, housed in the same building, moved to higher ground in the telephone exchange.

The last of Pierre's four municipal water pumping stations was knocked out by high water early Thursday.

A 1,200,000 gallon reservoir supply was believed enough to last several days if used sparingly.

Fort Pierre Also Awash

Pierre's main residential district part of the business district, and the capitol building itself are on higher ground.

In Fort Pierre, a smaller community just across the river from

Winchester Bay Job Calls For \$125,000

Tentative Okay Given Plans For Improving Recreational Phases

Tentative approval of a \$125,000 improvement project at Winchester Bay resulted from a meeting in Reedsport Wednesday. Engineers, who have prepared a long-range development program at the mouth of the Umpqua River, were authorized to compile detailed plans for the first construction unit. Proposed for immediate installation is a 3,000-foot breakwater and grading and surfacing of a 600-car parking area. The recreational facilities would be moved to the south end of the bay, leaving the existing basin for occupancy by the commercial fishing fleet.

Aid from the federal government, through the Army Engineers, will be sought in carrying out the master plan, which is expected to represent a total investment of approximately \$500,000.

The development program was studied at the Reedsport city hall Wednesday by representatives of the County Court, Port of Umpqua Commission, Umpqua Basin Conservation Council, Douglas County Parks Board, Lower Umpqua Chamber of Commerce and State Game Department. The plan was submitted by James Howland for the firm of Cornell, Howland, Hayes and Merryfield, consulting engineers, Corvallis, recently employed by the County Parks Board and Port Commission to prepare a master plan to include both commercial and recreational resources of the bay area.

Because of damage to the shoreline from washing action of waves, following construction of the recently-built training jetty, the engineers said immediate construction of the breakwater is of prime necessity. They propose that this structure be built as soon as possible. It would extend from the south end of the bay northward for a distance of 3,000 feet — almost to the main entrance channel — and would have a width of 40 feet, thus permitting the parking of approximately 400 vehicles. Material would be dredged from the bay, providing a small boats channel the full length of the breakwater. A parking area for 600 vehicles would be graded and surfaced in the southeast corner of the bay.

This project, which would eliminate property damage and, at the same time, give far more recreational facilities than now available, is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$125,000.

The plan calls for future dredging of the basin, with the materials to be used in building up parking areas and sports docks along the bay front — reclamation of approximately 17,200 acres.

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Excess Employment By Cafe Owner Charged

Walt Sutherlin, operator of Walt's Cafe in Sutherlin, posted \$50 bail in district court Wednesday on a charge of employing a woman more than 44 hours in any one week.

The complaint was filed by Marie Barr of the State Wage and Hour Commission.

At a meeting Wednesday noon in the Hotel Umpqua, it was decided to place a welcome banner across Jackson Street for any convention group which may be gathering here, and merchants will arrange window displays where possible in keeping with the occasion.

Full opening plans were discussed. It was decided to start early in shaping plans to iron out some of the difficulties experienced in past programs, and to make a more concentrated effort to entertain the general public at such occasions.

The association voted opposition to staying open one night weekly, because, it was felt, financial returns do not justify the additional cost.

A nominating committee to report at the next meeting was named by President John Hardiman and includes George West, Henry Carstens, Harold Barber, Roland West and L. W. Josse.

The Weather

Fair today and tonight increasing cloudiness Friday.

Highest temp. for any April — 96

Lowest temp. for any April — 25

Highest temp. last 24 hours — 79

Lowest temp. last 24 hours — 30

Precipitation last 24 hours — 0

Precip. from April 1 — .17

Precip. from Sept. 1 — .33.28

Excess — 5.21

Sunrise today, 6:49 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 5:39 a.m.

Court Refuses Meanwhile To Advance Injunction Suit; Fresh Conference Launched

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The nation's giant steel industry — backbone of defense — throbbed back into gear Thursday under the government's say-so.

Within 24 hours of President Truman's dramatic seizure of the plants, heads of the industry told Secretary of Commerce Sawyer he could count upon a return to normal production as soon as possible.

And Sawyer, who took over the running of the steel industry under the President's order Tuesday night, said, "I hope by Thursday to be able to state that there is a nationwide resumption of normal fulltime output."

Sawyer added that he expected to confer Thursday with Philip Murray, president of the CIO Steelworkers, who called off the strike a short time after the President's declaration.

As the American flag flapped over the mills, the many thousands of steelworkers, themselves, hailed Sawyer's optimistic words with fresh cheer.

"Let's get on with it and stop the arguing," was a common expression.

Full-Scale Not Yet Reached

Although the country's four biggest steel producers started summoning their men back to work, the full-scale resumption of some 150,000 furloughed workers was expected to take as long as ten days to two weeks.

Bethlehem steel, second largest producer in the land, was one of the latest companies to call its men back. Spokesmen said, "our plants are being put back into operation as rapidly as possible."

Thus Bethlehem lined up with United States Steel, biggest of them all, Republic and Jones and Laughlin in acquiescence to government rule and in calling for a gradual, orderly restoration of normal operations.

Ben Moreell, chairman of the board of J. and L. revealed his company is joining Republic Steel, Bethlehem and Youngstown Sheet and Tube in a court challenge of the legality of the seizure.

Court Decision Hands Industry New Setback

WASHINGTON (AP) — The steel industry met with a new setback Thursday in its court fight against government seizure of its mills.

Lawyers for four major companies — Bethlehem, Republic, Youngstown Sheet & Tube, and Jones & Laughlin — pleaded in vain in U.S. district court for immediate hearings of their suits for an injunction.

Judge David A. Pine ruled that he would not advance the suits under court rules.

The rules allow 20 days for the

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Boy's Body Not Found In Creek

A search for the body of Darren Franklin Cox, West Fork, who was believed drowned in Cow Creek Tuesday, has been discontinued, reports Deputy Coroner Clyde Marriott.

The 18-year-old youth was last seen when on a raft upon which he was riding capsize in the swollen waters of the stream.

William Joseph Dean, 19, also of West Fork, who was on the raft with Cox, swam to safety after it had been flipped over in rocky rapids.

Marriott said the creek was between 12 and 15 feet deep where the raft overturned. He estimated that the current over the rapids was flowing at 20 miles per hour.

The search for the victim's body was begun shortly after the accident Tuesday and continued until this morning. The raft was recovered on rocks in the creek Tuesday.

Cox is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie V. Cox, and four brothers, Gene, Donald, Duane and Wayne, all of Meriden, Ore.

ECONOMY AXE POISED

Plush Life Of American Military Groups Abroad Arouses Senators' Ire

WASHINGTON (AP) —irate senators aimed an axe Thursday at plush living quarters, free servants, special trains, and other luxuries for U.S. military personnel in overseas posts.

If the Pentagon fails to curtail "luxurious living" by U.S. occupation forces in Germany, Sen. O'Mahoney, D-Wyo., told a reporter, Congress will find a way to do it.

O'Mahoney is presiding at closed-door Senate hearings on the multi-billion dollar annual defense money bill.

He said he probably will offer an amendment calling for an end to free servants and special trains to recreation centers for U.S. military forces in Germany.

Two Republican members of the purse-string committee, Ferguson of Michigan and Young of North Dakota, said in separate interviews they will support O'Mahoney.

"The American taxpayers are paying the costs for all these civilian employees of the military in Germany and elsewhere either directly or indirectly," Young said. Young said the Pentagon informed him that 17,200 German

Political Debt Paid To CIO In Seizure, Steel Chief Claims

NEW YORK (AP) — A steel industry spokesman asserted angrily Wednesday night that President Truman had abused his power, distorted facts and paid off a "debt to the CIO" in the steel dispute.

Clarence S. Randall, president of Inland Steel Co., called the government's seizure of the steel mills a "corrupt political deal" and said:

"This evil deed, without precedent in American history, discharged a political debt to the CIO. "Phil Murray now gives Harry S. Truman a receipt marked, 'paid in full.'"

Randall's no-holds-barred address — industry's first formal comment on the seizure — was made over four major radio and four major television networks.

The seizure, Randall said, was done "without the slightest shadow of legal right."

Profit Misrepresented

He noted that Truman had said in his seizure announcement that the steel industry made \$19.50 profit on each ton.

This, the steel spokesman said, was a "basic misrepresentation" and didn't include the fact "that he, Truman, takes at least two-thirds of that away in taxes."

He added: "The truth is that in terms of net profit, by which I mean the money the company has left after all costs are paid, the steel companies made — per ton — less than one-third of that \$19.50 that the President talked about."

Elaborating on his "corrupt political deal" statement, Randall said one of the principals was the Wage Stabilization Board which recommended a 17 1/2 cents an hour wage increase for the CIO United Steelworkers.

Truman Money Requests Slashed By \$6 1/2 Billion

WASHINGTON (AP) — Many House members headed home Thursday for a 12-day Easter recess, eager to tell constituents how they cut more than six billion dollars from President Truman's appropriation requests.

Immediately after slashing \$4,713,845,218 from the \$50,909,000,000 spending bill and cutting defense military next year by a total of \$4 billion, the House late Wednesday voted to take an Easter holiday.

The cut imposed in the Defense Department's money bill for the fiscal year starting next July 1 was by far the biggest of the year.

It brought a warning from Chairman Mahon (D-Tex.), of the military appropriations subcommittee that the "seeds of World War III" were being sown. He voiced the hope that the Senate would eliminate the spending ceiling.

Copco Granted Permit To Increase Rates

SALEM (AP) — A \$234,000 annual rate increase for California-Oregon Power Company was approved Wednesday by Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Helzel.

He said the increase is necessary because the company has had to build additional power facilities at high cost.

In some cases, customers will have their rates reduced, he said. The company asked for an increase of \$289,463 a year.

The average increase amounts to 2 per cent, although some lumber mills will have their rates doubled, Helzel said.

Injured Logger Joins Father In Hospital

Charles Strode received chest injuries Monday when he was pinned beneath a log while setting chokers for the Carrell Logging Company, Erma C. Boyle, Riddle News-Review correspondent, reported.

He was taken by ambulance to Myrtle Creek Hospital for treatment.

The injured man's son, Bob Strode, is also a patient at the hospital recuperating from a broken leg suffered last week in a woods accident.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

At present writing it looks as if the verdict on proposed North Roseburg annexation may be an 'NIX'-ation.