

Rash Of Walkouts May Follow Steel Strike

Labor Laws' Revision Seen As Necessity

Industry, Labor Unions No Longer Rely On Govt. To Settle Disputes

By NORMAN WALKER

WASHINGTON (AP)—The steel strike, now that it has begun, may spearhead a rash of labor walkouts across the nation with the government possessing little power to prevent them.

The situation could grow so grave that Congress might have to review the labor laws to determine whether they are strong enough to cope with big strikes. The decision of Federal Judge David A. Pine—banning seizures of an industry in labor disputes without authority of Congress—leaves the Truman administration with little choice. As long as Pine's decision stands, it must invoke the Taft-Hartley Law in steel and other major strikes if the walkouts are to be avoided.

However, the most relief from a strike that can be obtained under the T-H Law is 80 days. After that period runs out, what then? The law itself puts the next step up to Congress.

There is room for question whether Philip Murray, head of the striking CIO steelworkers, would call off his walkout if the government succeeds, by obtaining a stay of Pine's edict, in getting the steel seizure restored temporarily. Murray says now he's on strike and he's out to win.

Confidence in Govt. Lost
Even if Truman invoked the T-H Act in steel, with an 80-day court injunction against a strike, the steelworkers might refuse to heed such a court ban. John L. Lewis successfully navigated a T-H injunction in 1950, when as directed, he formally told his miners to return to work, yet they did not. Putting all the legal talk about seizure and the T-H Act aside for a moment, the basic trouble now is that both employers and unions have lost confidence in the government's ability to settle their labor troubles.

How many employers will want to send the disputes to the Wage Stabilization Board (WSB) for a suggested settlement, after the steel industry's experience, feeling

90,000 Oil Workers Quit Jobs After Futile Effort Of Months To End Dispute

DENVER (AP)—About half the nation's oil workers went on strike Wednesday while localized negotiations continued in an effort to break the threat to defense, industry and transportation.

The walkout over wages and working conditions ended months of fruitless bargaining and government attempts at settlement.

Taking part immediately were nearly 90,000 CIO, AFL and independent union members in refineries, pipelines and distribution plants.

Union officials estimated 50 percent of the nation's refinery capacity was cut off. They hinted a spread of the walkout if a speedy settlement isn't reached.

Only spot shortages of gasoline for trucks and autos threatened immediately. Stocks are at a seasonal high. But Joseph A. Lentz, Denver regional manager for Continental Oil, said if the strike continues long enough, "we'll all be walking and then they'll settle it."

Railroads, anticipating the long-

they can get 80-day respites with T-H injunctions?

How many unions will want to go to WSB? Also looking at what happened in the steel case, they might force long months before the wage board gave a decision, possibly then unacceptable to their employers, to be followed by another no-strike period under an 80-day T-H injunction.

Two Courses Open
The steel companies said the WSB's 26-cent hourly wage increase "package" was too high. Murray postponed strike action five times beginning Jan. 1, nearly four months ago.

Lacking some method such as the WSB or fact-finding boards to suggest labor settlements without strikes, the government has two other courses open to avoid walkouts, both involving compulsion.

Congress could simply permit courts to issue no-strike injunctions for longer than the 80-day period, as was suggested a few days ago to the Senate Labor Committee by John A. Stephens, vice president of the U.S. Steel Co.

Or Congress could compel unions and employers, where big strikes are threatened, to let some agency give a binding decision—in other words, a labor court.

Neither of these courses is likely, because Congress, so far, has steered clear of them.

threatened walkout, have stockpiled Diesel fuel. The Santa Fe reported a two-month supply; the New York Central enough for 30 days. Industry and utilities also have built up stocks and some are ready to switch from oil to coal.

Gas Kept Flowing
Supervisory personnel helped keep natural gas flowing to the Midwest and East Coast but both were threatened with up to a 50 percent cut in gas.

The most optimistic notes came from the West Coast. Workers were told to stay on their jobs as a key part of the Korean war effort. And negotiators moved toward a compromise on workers' original demands for a 25 per cent hourly wage increase and improved shift differentials.

Present extra pay for night work is 4 cents an hour for the 4 p. m., to midnight shift and 6 cents for the midnight to 8 a. m. trick. The union wants these differentials increased to 6 and 12 cents, respectively.

Dowager Queen Also Slated For Centennial
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permitted before being allowed to wear makeup was turned down by the board.

Horace Robinson, manager-director of the centennial pageant, said arrangements were underway for an original musical composition for the event.

He also noted that Mrs. Kenneth Ford and her historical script writing committee had provided material for the event. The material is being fitted for stage performance.

Sidney Moon, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, which is handling a drive for centennial underwriters, said he expected the full \$30,000 would be underwritten by this evening. Some \$7,000 has already been promised, he said.

Some 20 JCC members were to meet today for instructions and are scheduled to cover the city this afternoon contacting merchants, Moon said.

Other action by the board included approval of picture books for programs to be sold for an unspecified amount.

Heads Of Prison Riot Removed Because Unruly

JACKSON, Mich. (AP) Riot leaders Earl Ward and "Crazy Jack" Hyatt were removed from troubled Southern Michigan prison Wednesday for trying to incite a new revolt.

Warden Julian Frisbie said the two were taken in manacles from the prison in deepest secrecy shortly after midnight.

"We're going to keep them out of the way until things get quieted down," Frisbie said.

A third convict, Iver James W. Hudson, 44, similarly accused of trying to stir up new trouble, also was removed. Frisbie called the removals a "precautionary measure."

The three men were taken to separate county jails chosen because they are "new and secure."

Frisbie said Ward and Hyatt had been trying to foment trouble since the revolt ended last Thursday. They shouted at men marching outside their disciplinary cellblock, urging another uprising.

"The men either ignored them or shouted insults back," Frisbie said. "It was stirring up animosity."

Oregon's Lone Steel Mill Unaffected By Strike

PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon's only steel mill is not affected by the current CIO steel workers' walkout, union and management officials said Tuesday.

The Oregon Steel Mills, which produces about 100,000 tons of steel a year, signed an agreement with the union April 4. This agreement provided for wage increases similar to those recommended by the Wage Stabilization Board.

The mill, which employs 423, was not seized by the government,

Steel Strike Trails Knockout Of Seizure

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ting down, the government slapped an embargo on shipments of steel from warehouses to producers of civilian goods and to foreign countries.

The National Production Authority issued the order within two hours of Pine's decision in a move to conserve the supplies on hand until it is determined whether they will have to be diverted from civilian to military use.

Outside of the courts, one further course was open to Truman: To invoke the Taft-Hartley law.

Philip Murray sought to nip such a move in advance, saying the union already has complied with Taft-Hartley provisions.

Murray declared the strike would continue until the workers get a contract along the lines recommended by the Wage Stabilization Board.

Judge Pine strongly indicated in Tuesday's decision that the President should invoke Taft-Hartley, which requires an 80-day cooling-off period before a strike can start.

Truman has refused so far to use the Taft-Hartley act, on the ground that the union already—at his request—has postponed its strike well over 80 days.

But in the light of his declaration that all-out production of steel must be continued or the defense program will break down, he may have to use the law he opposes in the event Justice Department lawyers fail to suspend or upset Judge Pine's ruling.

Ike's Massachusetts Win Evens Nomination Race

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and W. Averell Harriman, of New York, both avowed Democratic candidates, but the totals were not computed.

The votes were all write-ins and they are not binding on the delegates.

The total vote for both parties broke a Massachusetts primary record that had stood since 1932.

It may have been the result of a turn-out of thousands of independent voters, swelling the Republican total beyond any previous mark.

Nomination Clinched — Lodge
The election "clinches" the case for the nomination of Eisenhower, his national campaign manager, Sen. Lodge said Tuesday night.

"In a clear cut contest between Eisenhower and Taft, the people have loudly proclaimed that they prefer Eisenhower," Lodge said. "(He) has now conclusively proven that he will be the strongest possible Republican nominee for president."

Taft's state campaign manager, Basil Brewer, New Bedford publisher, however, said Eisenhower won because of Democratic assistance. He declared:

"The wide open solicitation and prodding of the Eisenhower leadership to procure Democrat and so-called independents to vote in the Republican primary raises a serious question as to whether the voting was a strictly Republican primary."

"Never before in the history of the Republican party has there been such a brazen attempt to secure the assistance of Democrats in selecting a Republican presidential nominee."

Daylight Saving Time Has City Council Nod
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business and their employees. Schools Already Pledged
Mayor Flegel said he had contacted several parties before the meeting and most of them — including the school system — had expressed a willingness to go along in whatever the city does.

School Supt. Paul S. Elliott said the school board had granted him authority to make the change if the council set the city's clocks ahead.

The Courthouse was expected to remain on standard time, as is the postoffice. Veterans facility officials announced earlier that they'd change to fast time.

The council's action follows the lead of Portland and several surrounding communities.

Several members of the council expressed the opinion that the proposed change in opening hours approved by the Retail Trades Association was "confusing" without the actual setting of clocks ahead an hour.

The association had approved—on a voluntary basis—the opening and closing of stores an hour ahead of the regular times.

The State Unemployment Commission announced it would remain on standard time.

County School Members Face Recall Effort

GRANTS PASS (AP)—A recall move was started Wednesday against two county school board members and the leaders were from Merlin where Principal Royal Ivory was released by the board.

Mrs. H. L. Van Gordon, chairman of the recall committee, said the Ivory case was not the whole story. She said a number of things were wrong with the board, including "stringent" economy measures which worked against getting and keeping qualified teachers.

Earlier this year Ivory took pupils to San Francisco by plane as one of a series of school field trips to learn things. While he was there it was learned the school board had told him not to make the trip. It also was learned his contract was not renewed.

Mrs. Van Gordon said the recall committee could not legally recall a majority of the board, so the current action was aimed only at James A. Woody and Richard Woodson. She said the chairman, Choris Axtell should be recalled, too.

The county board handles school matters outside the Grants Pass district. The recall is planned, if signatures are obtained, for the June 16 school election ballot.

Umpqua Hotel Bought By Group Of Portlanders

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have only one ambition, and that is to be as well thought of by the people of this community as Mr. Harding. We want very much to have the nicest place in Roseburg, first, for Mr. Harding, and second for ourselves."

Alterations Slated
The new owners, Arnsherg said, will make a thorough study of the property before starting alterations. It is planned eventually, however, to modernize the front, reconstruct the lobby, dining room and kitchen, and to make other alterations.

"Little will need to be done to the rooms," he said, "for they now are in fine condition."

It also is planned to enlarge parking facilities, giving room to accommodate the cars of all guests with perhaps, some extra space for the public.

Mr. and Mrs. Harding were represented by R. F. Compton, Portland broker, in negotiating the sale. A. N. Orcutt was their local attorney.

The 125-room Hotel Umpqua was built in 1913 by a Roseburg industrialist. It was bought by W. J. Weaver, who bought the property in 1922.

With a long experience of hotel management in Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota and Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Harding purchased the hotel in 1936, coming from Hoquiam, Wash. Mr. Harding reports he is rounding out 32 years in the hotel business.

In 1945 management was transferred to Ernest Butler, a brother of Mrs. Harding, who purchased the hotel's furniture and fixtures.

Mr. Harding, during his years in Roseburg, has served as director and president of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce and the Roseburg Country Club and has taken an active part in civic affairs. He also is past president of the Oregon State Hotel Association and of the Southern Oregon Hotel Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Harding announce they will continue to reside in Roseburg.

Camp Fire Girls Event Scheduled Friday Night

What is hoped to be an annual affair will be the county-wide seven-crafts carnival, put on by the Camp Fire Girls Friday at 7:30 p. m. at the Benson School gymnasium.

Mrs. Gordon Stewart, general chairman, said there will be exhibits of camp craft, a puppet show, camp crafter's fashion show, and numerous displays and forms of entertainment, illustrating the purpose of Camp Fire and what the girls have been doing the past year. Neighboring communities are participating in the affair.

The public, especially parents of members, is urged to attend. There will be no admission, but coffee, cake, food, and soft drinks will be available. Funds received will be used to purchase a record player for use at Camp Tye this summer.

3-Year Contract Given City's New School Head

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eling of existing structures and considerable landscaping.

Experience Broad
Born at Colton, S. Dak., Deller is 43, is married and has three children. He attended schools in South Dakota, graduating from Winter High School, where he played basketball and football with Frank Leahy, Notre Dame's coach. He obtained his bachelor's degree at Dakota Wesleyan University, and since has had graduate work in education at the University of Washington and a few hours extension work from the University of Oregon. He has an Oregon life teaching certificate, and his administrator's certificate will be forthcoming before the opening of school, he said.

Deller has experience both in teaching and as a coach. From 1929 to 1933 he was principal and coach at Faith, S. Dak. From 1933-36 he was superintendent of the independent school district of Eagle Butte, S. Dak. He came west in 1936, and began education work at Molalla Union High School. With the exception of two years during the war spent in Alaska, he remained at Molalla, serving as principal-superintendent for three years until 1947.

In Alaska he served as camp manager for Guy F. Atkinson Construction, where he did supervisory and administrative work with more than 3000 men.

Headed County Unit System
He left Molalla to purchase a store in Eugene in 1947, but sold out the following May, and took a position as principal at Newport High School. After six months the Lincoln County Unit board of education asked him to take over as superintendent of the county unit system. Prior to this, however, he had agreed to come to Myrtle Creek in the summer of 1948.

At Newport, too, he took part in the passing of bond issues and instituting a building program.

Deller's wife, Carol, has been teaching the fourth grade at Myrtle Creek. They have a daughter, Donna, 17, active in band and physical education there; a son, Jim, a sophomore, active in sports; and a daughter, July, 5 1/2 years.

He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, education fraternity, the Oregon Education Association, AF and AM, and Methodist church.

He said that he realizes he has a big job ahead in Roseburg but said he had no comment on the school situation until he has an opportunity to get his feet on the ground, and get a picture of the needs of the school. He said he and his family are happy for the opportunity to become part of the Roseburg community.

16 Applications Processed
The appointment of Deller was made on the basis of his excellent work in the Myrtle Creek District and with approval from the screening committee, a group of educators who were asked by the Roseburg board to advise on the qualifications of applicants for the job, reports V. V. Harpham, chairman of the district board.

"Since the resignation of Mr. Elliott as superintendent of the Roseburg school system, the board has painstakingly sought a successor," Harpham said. "We selected a committee of three men well known in educational circles in Oregon to aid in screening applicants, and to advise us regarding the qualifications of men applying for the job. We realized the difficulties of the district, which now includes the schools of Melrose, Winchester, Riversdale and Wilbur."

Sixteen applications, including five from other states—Washington, Idaho and California—were processed by the board and the screening committee, Harpham said. Deller's application, he said, was one of the first to receive the committee's endorsement.

"Following much consultation with the committee and several interviews with candidates, the board unanimously agreed that Mr. Deller is probably the best qualified available man for the position," the chairman said. "He is well and very favorably known by a number of our local citizens, particularly Parent-Teacher Association groups. Our board members were particularly attracted by the very efficient way in which he has handled the district board."

Annual Meeting
of Civil Bend Cemetery Association will be held on grounds May 6, at 2 p. m., to elect officers and transact other business. All friends and relatives are urged to attend.

Civil Bend Cemetery Association
STELLA M. BOHME, Secy.

Glendale Plans Improvements At Conference

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Plans for parks, swimming pools, roads and bridges received thorough discussion at a meeting in Glendale Tuesday night.

A large group of residents met at the Glendale auditorium with heads of county agencies to discuss the improvement program. County officials and representatives in attendance were Judge C. C. Hill, Commissioner E. R. Metzger, Claude Baker, sanitarian; Durward Owens, road superintendent; John Amacher, president of the Parks Department, and Charles S. Collins, Parks Supervisor.

The Parks Department has acquired land on Cow Creek, adjacent to Glendale, and is preparing to make improvements this year. The program received much attention. The community is giving enthusiastic cooperation in the project, it was reported.

The community also is considering construction of a public swimming pool. Baker and Collins are to assist in furnishing data needed by the planning group.

Divided opinion was in evidence concerning the road and bridge problem. The County Court has been planning reconstruction of the bridge across Cow Creek at the entrance to the city. The bridge is now in dangerous condition. One group, however, proposes elimination of the bridge by construction of a new road along an old railroad grade bordering Cow Creek.

The County Court promised immediate engineering studies, while the Glendale group proposes to poll the opinions of residents concerning the proposed new route and the existing connection with the Pacific Highway.

Fred Mason Potter Dies At Portland Hospital
Fred Mason Potter, Albany, died April 28, at the Veterans Hospital in Portland. He was born July 2, 1891, in Amberg, Wis., and moved to Myrtle Creek in 1904. He was married June 3, 1919. He moved to Albany in March of this year. He was a 30-year member of the I.O.O.F. and a Veteran of World War I.

Surviving are the widow, Susan, Albany; two daughters, Mrs. W. D. Huser, Albany, and Mrs. Charles Williams, Roseburg; two sons, Fred M. Potter, Jr., Albany, and William of Portland; two sisters, Mrs. Finzer Hall, Myrtle Creek, and Mrs. Paul Hausotter, Riddle; three brothers, Harvey and Clifford Potter, Myrtle Creek, and Art of Molalla, and five grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p. m. at the Myrtle Creek Christian Church, with the Rev. Leo Horner officiating. Interment will take place in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Ganz Mortuary, Myrtle Creek, in charge.

Senate Group Slashes Sum For Foreign Aid
WASHINGTON (AP)—By unanimous vote the Senate Foreign Relations committee Wednesday sent to the floor its version of President Truman's foreign aid bill.

The committee approved spending of \$6,900,000,000 for the fiscal year beginning next July 1. That is a billion dollars less than the President asked but nearly a billion more than some senators wanted to be authorized.

Chairman Conally, (D-Tex.), who reported the 12-0 committee vote, predicted failure for any attempts to cut the aid bill below the committee's recommendations, when debate begins Monday.

RESERVES TO MEET
Flight A, 9415, Volunteer Air Reserve Squadron, will meet tonight at 8 p. m. at the city hall. All reserve officers are urged to attend.

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