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## U. S. Steel Alters Price Policy

Conforming with a decision of the U. S. supreme court banning the "basing point" system of pricing U. S. Steel announces that hereafter it will quote its prices on a mill basis, or if the customer desires on a delivered basis, the freight being added to the mill price.

The previous practice was to establish prices at certain cities which were called basing points. For years steel prices were quoted on a "Pittsburgh plus" basis. That is, the Pittsburgh price plus freight to delivery point. More recently prices were established at various base points: Pittsburgh, New York, Chicago, etc.

A similar practice has prevailed in other industries. Thus for newprint the price was virtually the same at the major centers: New York, Portland, Minneapolis. Freight would be added, not from the mill but from the basing point. The mill absorbed the freight charge from mill to basing point. It is this practice which was prohibited by the court's interpretation of the law.

In making the announcement President Fairless of U. S. Steel expressed the view that "hardships and dislocations to American industry" may be the result of this change in price policy. Here in the west we are concerned because our great distance from the principal manufacturing centers may pile up higher costs. In the case of U. S. Steel our prices will be based presumably on Geneva, Utah or Pittsburgh, Cal, though with a long water haul Birmingham, Ala., might offer lower prices on a delivered basis. Will Republic Steel or Jones & McLaughlin with no mills in the west be free to meet this competition by absorbing part of the freight cost from Ohio? The court decision speaks of adjustment to meet "individual competitive situations" but it is not clear whether mills would be free to maintain such a mixed price system as would be required to meet all competition. If not, the effect will be to reduce competition and to increase the cost of steel to distant purchasers.

The basing point system is an attempt to permit nationwide marketing on a reasonably firm basis. It tends to equalize prices of manufactured goods for the country as a whole. With many items of manufacture a single price prevails for over the nation, though sometimes the line is added in advertisements: "slightly higher west of the Rockies." To the degree that the decision makes marketing more provincial and less expansive, it is a reversal of past trends.

The new pricing system may have the effect of dispersing manufacturing. It gives an advantage to companies (like Lehigh Cement) which has plants scattered over the country. Corporations may decide to divide up their manufacturing and decentralize their operations in order to meet competition. The increased freight charge would act as a protective tariff for the local industry.

We of the west look forward to development but we do not like to see it come by the uneconomical means of increasing prices and lessening of competition. We and all other parts of the country must keep close watch on the effects produced by this revolution in pricing policies.

## Was It Worth It?

Railway management and the three brotherhoods which refused to accept the mediation board's recommendation finally came to an agreement Thursday. This will terminate the government take-over of the roads and allow them to revert to private management.

According to the announcement the brotherhoods accepted the 15 1/2 an hour wage increase which had been recommended by the board and offered by the roads. Some changes in rules were agreed to, which perhaps may save the faces of the brotherhood leaders. On the whole the brotherhoods gained little from their long hold-out.

Was the resistance to a settlement worth the time and trouble and public irritation which it caused? Were the few extra gains worth the loss in public favor? We doubt it. Acceptance under protest would have shown a better spirit and put the brotherhoods in a better position at the next negotiation.

## Challenge at Memphis

They take their politics seriously down south. It ranks with law and theology as a real profession. In Memphis Boss Ed Crump is feuding with Editor Edward J. Meeman of the Press-Scimitar over their preferences in the senatorial contest. Crump dropped Senator Stewart and is backing Judge John A. Mitchell while the Press-Scimitar is supporting Rep. Estes Kefauver. The veteran boss challenges Meeman now to a duel but to a deal in which one or the other will leave town. If a chamber of commerce finds his charges against Kefauver true then the editor is to leave town; if false, then Crump will leave town.

The challenge is a phony; and neither will leave town. Boss Crump will never leave Memphis and what editor would want to leave and give up such a shining target for his pen?

An exchange heads an editorial: "It's Now Mr. Truman or Nothing." What worries the democrats is that the November result may be Mr. Truman AND nothing.

The Berlin situation is referred to as a chess game — one in which neither side wants to make the next move.

## Editorial Comment

From Our Contemporaries

TELEVISION AT PHILADELPHIA  
Television made its convention debut in 1940 when Wendell Willkie was nominated by the GOP. This year the proceedings were more elaborate. There were instructions such as "take the toothpick out of your mouth," "keep your clothes neat," "don't take off your shoes." Still, the directors of the great television show could not foresee everything. Even though they had just risen from a barber's chair, the Governors, Senators and favorite sons who presented themselves before the video camera looked as unshaven as Bill Sikes in his worst moments. While orators tried to impress 10,000,000 televisionaires scattered all over the country, men and women behind the cameras chatted about the heat or read newspapers with magnificent indifference. Only a few had prepared themselves—Governor Dwight Green by acquiring an ultraviolet light tan, many of the women by dabbing themselves with make-up, and dressing in dark clothes relieved by white frills around the neck. Since convention speeches were broadcast for the first time in 1924 keynotes have had to consider their voices; now that television has come they will have to consider their double chins and their witted collars.

Will these new methods of bringing the nation face to face with candidates and with delegates, who parade up and down aisles for half an hour and roar rhythmically when a favorite son's name is mentioned, have any effect on the political strategy of convention? It seems unlikely, for all the predictions of the radio companies. Though candidates for offices are literally in the spotlight and their voices penetrate millions of homes, where is the evidence that conventions are any different from what they used to be? It is doubtful if the broadcasting of the sounds and sights of a political convention brings out the meaning behind the tumult and the shouting. Unlike a televised horse race or prize fight, which presents the obvious, a convention needs interpretation. It is something to participate by sound and sight in a great political event, but conventions seem destined to remain what they always were—demonstrations of the mysterious ways in which democracy works its wonders to perform.

—New York Times

## President's Repudiation Spreading

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

WASHINGTON, July 8—What is most remarkable about the great revolt against President Harry S. Truman is the extent to which the president has already been repudiated by his own party. Whatever happens at the democratic convention in Philadelphia next week, the fact will remain that virtually the entire democratic leadership has already publicly announced to the world that Truman is inadequate as president.

Among the major democratic leaders there now remains hardly a handful who have not openly committed themselves against the president. Even such powerful figures as Edward Flynn of the Bronx and David Lawrence of Pennsylvania, although they have not publicly committed themselves, are known to have smiled in private at the anti-Truman revolt.

Thus if Truman is nominated, he will be forced to wage the loneliest campaign in recent history. It is difficult to imagine the total lack of enthusiasm with which the campaign will be fought in New Jersey, for example, where that statesman-like figure, former Jersey City Mayor Frank Hague, has already announced that Truman lacks "local leadership," or in Illinois, where democratic Boss Jacob Arvey has been a leader of the anti-Truman revolt from the first.

**Douglas Backing Strong**  
Under these circumstances, it is not surprising that supporters of Justice William O. Douglas are confident that most of the party bosses who have gone out on a limb for Eisenhower will turn to Douglas. Indeed, many of those who have been most active in the Eisenhower boom would really prefer the nomination of Douglas. In this category are New York City Mayor William O'Dwyer, the old new dealer represented in Americans for Democratic Action, and most of the labor leaders; in a word, the left wing of the democratic party.

It is hardly surprising that the left wing democrats should prefer Douglas. What is surprising is that such men as CIO President Philip Murray should so ardently have supported Eisenhower. For it is widely known, for example, that Eisenhower privately stated that if he had been president he would have signed the Taft-Hartley bill — the one domestic issue which above all divides left from right. Indeed, dark suspicion exists that the Eisenhower boom has been used by the left wing democrats only as a cover for the Douglas boom.

The Douglas backers assert confidently — at least for public consumption — that with Eisenhower out of the picture, Douglas can stop Truman. According to the analysis of the Douglas cabal, Truman is now short of nomination on the first ballot by some 90 to 110 votes. The Douglasites state that if he had been president he would have signed the Taft-Hartley bill — the one domestic issue which above all divides left from right. Indeed, dark suspicion exists that the Eisenhower boom has been used by the left wing democrats only as a cover for the Douglas boom.

## Allen Braces Truman

The bugs in this reasoning are pretty obvious, quite apart from the fact that it is by no means impossible that Douglas will run in the anti-Truman front anywhere, north or south, would suffice to put Truman over, even by the Douglas supporters' own reckoning. Moreover, Eisenhower's real strength with such political leaders as Hague and Arvey has been quite simply that he could probably win. Douglas has no such strength. Indeed, the northern professionals are by no means convinced that Douglas could put up a much stiffer fight than Truman against the Dewey-Warren ticket.

No one knows what the private reactions of all this of the stubborn, mild-mannered president may be. But there is little doubt that he underestimates the extent that he underestimates the extent ready repudiated him. Much of the strange aura of confidence which emanates from the president is undoubtedly traceable to fat, ubiquitous, court jester George Allen, who has suddenly bloomed as the confident not only of the president but of Eisenhower as well.

## Crucial Six Months

One story current in Washington illustrates the quality of Allen's influence. Former Democratic National Chairman Robert Hannegan recently asked to see the president, with the intention of telling him some grim political home truths. He was surprised to find Allen at the president's elbow. And he was not amused when his recital of the gloomy facts was

repeatedly interrupted by assurances from Allen that "The people love you, Harry." Whatever may be going on in the presidential mind, behind the outward appearance of chipper confidence, one fact is generally overlooked. The next six months will certainly be crucial ones in the history of the United States and of the world. Even if Truman is now nominated the power and prestige of his office have already been seriously undermined. In the unlikely event that the revolt against him succeeds, the country and the world will be confronted with the prospect of a kind of six-months' ghost in the White House — alone, discredited, disregarded, while the noise of the campaign and the tides of history sweep around him. That is a pretty appalling prospect in these times. (Copyright, 1948, New York Herald Tribune Inc.)



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day and a half measured by prevailing standards in offices and industry. Always there is work to do. One of his special projects has been the teaching of classes of aliens to prepare them to qualify for citizenship. Hundreds have attended these classes and have passed the examinations and become citizens.

Mr. Wallace has long felt there should be frequent rotation in the office of president of the board of directors and now insists that some one else take over that duty. While those associated with the Y deeply regret these impending changes they have known they were coming. New and strong hands must be put at the helm to go on its mission vital that it may continue to stimulate Salem's community life.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Marion in the Matter of the Estate of Adjoining Land to Four Corners County Drainage District  
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## Hundreds of Dolls Entered in City Playground Competition

(Picture on page 1.)

Four hundred and fifty six entries and 764 dolls were entered in Doll day contests at eight city playgrounds Friday, Playgrounds Director Vernon Gilmore announced, following announcement of winners.

125-year-old doll at Bush playground belonging to Suzan Keach, daughter of Edwin Keach, honors for having the oldest doll in the contests Friday, Gilmore said. Diane Hensley, at McKinley playground and Shirley Swegle, at Highland, were given runner-up honors for having dolls 95 years old and 90 years old, respectively.

Karen Hegstad, at Englewood playground, displayed the most dolls, a total of 33, closely followed by Diane Don at Washington, with 32 dolls.

Most unusual doll displayed during the day in the eyes of the judges was a replica of a football player, displayed by Gerald Erickson, son of Walter Erickson, Willamette university director of admissions. This doll was made from rags and adhesive tape, complete with number, helmet and football gear. A special display at Richmond playground was shown by Adele Cochran, retired grade school teacher, a collection of very old and rare dolls, Gilmore said.

The first, second and third place winners, by playgrounds, with dolls displayed Friday were: WASHINGTON: Oldest: Eloise Ann Corey, 40 years; Janet Don, 6 years; Diane Don, 8 years. Smallest: Diane Don; Eloise Corey and Judy Ohmart. Best foreign: Tommy Dow, Mexican; Kay Wellbrock, Chinese and Judy Ohmart, Spanish. Funniest: Eloise Corey, double doll; Diane Don, clown, and Bob Ohmart. Largest: Janet Chapel; Janet Don and Diane Don. Best dressed: Kay Wellbrock; Janet Don and Diane Don. Largest group: Diane Don, 33; Eloise Corey, 32; Janet Chapel and Judy Ohmart, 1 each. Special prize: Judy Pero, homemade dolls made by her grandmother.

OLDFATHER: Oldest: Susan Keach, 125 years; Lorraine Lyle, 23 years, and Bobby Balch, 25 years. Smallest: Bruce Blackett, 1 inch; Lorraine Lyle, 1 inch, Cathleen Dardis and Charlene Tucker, 2-inch dolls each. Best foreign: Lorraine Lyle, Japanese; Charlene Tucker, Indian, and Marilyn Scott, Mexican. Funniest: Charlene Tucker, Indian, and Marilyn Scott, Mexican. Largest: Lorraine Lyle, 23 years; Charlene Tucker, 5, and Marilyn Scott, 11 years. Best dressed: Joanne Lewis, bride; Suzan Keach, 123 years old, and Lynne Eyster, bride. Largest group: Lorraine Lyle, 13; Charlene Tucker, 5, and Marilyn Scott, 11.

RICHMOND: Oldest: Carol Williams, China, 49 years; Linda Cook, baby, bear, 43 years, and Barbara Kuiper, 33 years. Smallest: Mary Smith; Diane Adams and Barbara Kuiper, 4. Best foreign: Barbara Kuiper, Poland; Sharon Searcy, Dutch, and Margaret and Emma Gill, 12. Funniest: Carol Epperly, stocking; Judy Wood, crocheted, and John Gemmill, crocheted. Largest: Linda Seburn, clown; Judy Wood, wedding, and James Gemmill, panda. Best dressed: Linita Hansen, old fashioned; Lita Peterson, 1948, and Glenna Gale, baby. Largest group: Glenna Gale, 10; Linda Cook, 43; and Barbara Kuiper, 4. WEST SALEM: Oldest: Judy Gray, 26; Dick Brown, 21, and Ed. Best foreign: Jane Baker, Chinese; Ruth Peterson, negro, and Danny Whitehurst, negro. Funniest: Lavonne Tipton, clown; Buddy Egli, rag doll. Largest: Ronny Badger; Janice Hoag, and Barbara Kuiper, 33. Best dressed: Patsy Egli; Virginia Boutan and Joyce Uiterback. Largest group: Jane Baker, 23; Jane Jensen, 18, and Patsy Egli, 13.

McKINLEY: Oldest: Diane Hensley, 95 years; Patsy Fenix, 70 years; and Barbara Fenix, 50 years. Smallest: Shirley Swegle, 4 inch; Marilyn Kistler, baby doll, and Pat Sexton. Best foreign: Nancy Miller, Gail Hensley and Mary Halvorson, Korean, Japanese and Chinese, tied for first; Mary Griffin, Tinsley and Beana Fenix, Czechoslovakia, tied for second, and Janet Griffin, Mexican, third. Funniest: Dick Carbaugh, felt doll; Kent Tiernans and Tommy Barnett, clown. Largest: Joan Roethlis, rag; Barbara Kendall, baby, and Kathy Joseph. Best dressed: Joan Griffin; Elizabeth Walton and Julie Hux. Largest group: Joan Roethlis, 26; Suzanne Duns and Sherrie Otjen. HIGHLAND: Oldest: Shirley Swegle, 90 years; Lynn Estgaard, 80 years, and Lita Thomas, 58 years. Smallest: Sara Mayers; Shirley Koutler and Lita Wright. Best foreign: Tande Bird; Garry Bickel and Sharon Wright. Funniest: Phyllis Clatterbuck; Kathryn Mix and Claudette Kilgore. Largest: Tande Bird; Tande Bird and Marilyn Dyer. Best dressed: Yvonne Meyers; Terry Bunsel; and Sue Leta Thomas. Funniest: Phyllis Clatterbuck; Kathryn Mix and Claudette Kilgore. Largest group: Tande Bird, 6; Donna Carbaugh and Sue Leta Thomas, 3. Best foreign: Charles and Barb O'Connell and performance Phyllis Clatterbuck; Betty Debut; Sharon and Allan Wright and Cheryl and Janice Albeda, each awarded ribbons.

GANT: Oldest: Peggy Lucas, 68 years; Marilyn Reaney and Sarah and Melly Allen. Smallest: Richard Vanpelt; Donnie Ashton and Connie Reaney. Best foreign: Charles and Barb O'Connell; Nancy Walte and Morse Ferguson. Funniest: Dewyn Miller; Andrew Link and Don and Anne Upjohn. Largest: Susan Walker; Lynann Lambert and Carol Cook. Best dressed: Carolyn Wendem; Barbara Gilmer; and Maria Kepner. Largest group: Marilyn Hensley, 18.

NOTICE OF BOND SALE  
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the undersigned until the hour of 8:30 o'clock p.m. on the 15th day of August, 1948, and immediately thereafter publicly opened by the District School Board of School District No. 12, Marion County, Oregon, at the Salem Heights School Building near Salem, Oregon, for an issue of bonds of said School District in the amount of \$35,000. Thirty-five Thousand Dollars, said bonds to be dated September 1, 1948, and to mature serially in numerical order as follows:

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MUNICIPAL COURT  
Eugene T. Fed, Salem route, 7, failure to give right-of-way, posted \$5 bail.  
James Stuehlik, Silverton route 2, violation of basic rule, posted \$10 bail.  
Sanuel K. Pringle, Albany, following vehicle too close, posted \$5 bail.  
Myer Rogon, Salem route 4, charged with disorderly conduct, pleaded innocent, trial set for July 13, 1:30 p.m., posted total of \$75 bail.  
Harry Otis Adheman, Portland, reckless driving, liquor involved, fined \$150, 30 days suspended sentence.  
Arthur Elsie Shorty's Cab Co., double parking, fined \$5.

MARRIAGE LICENSES  
Donald V. Morris, 25, construction worker, Brooks, and Alberta A. Stephens, 18, domestic, Mill City.  
Donald Leon Barrick, 25, mortician, 1410 S. Commercial, and Alice Lucetta Stines, 21, waitress, 340 E. Washington at 21st of Salem.  
Bryce E. Coleman, 28, bus driver, and Marabel McFarland, 27, telephone operator, 777 Center st., both of Salem.  
Clayton Baker, 21, laborer, Silverton, and Jean Marek, 20, stenographer, 1223 Center st., Salem.

Silverton — Born at the Silverton hospital July 5, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kuenzi.  
An ostrich egg weighs about three pounds. The empty shell can hold the contents of 18 eggs of domesticated fowl.

Public Records  
CIRCUIT COURT  
Mary Dolores Morales vs. William Gilbert Morales: Order denies defendant's motion for reduction of monthly payments for support of minor children and awards plaintiff \$50 for attorney's fees.  
John E. Kremer vs. Mildred Kremer: Suit demands judgment against defendant for partition of certain real property valued at \$4,200.  
Personal Finance company of Salem vs. Henry O. and Reva Norris: Order confirms sale of personal property valued at \$465.  
Billie J. Hatfield vs. Richard James: Order approves defendant's motion to set aside service of summons in case.

PROBATE COURT  
Arthur Donald Smith estate: Order approves final account and closes estate.  
William C. Harris guardianship: Order appoints Clyde E. Harris guardian of William C. Harris, a minor.  
Fred O. Cavender guardianship: Order authorizes payment of \$150 a month to ward for expenses.  
Otto C. Christianman estate: Order approves final account and closes estate.  
Otto C. Christianman guardianship: Order appoints John B. McClain administrator.

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The approving legal opinion of John W. Shuber, Spelling Building, Portland, Oregon, will be furnished the successful bidder.  
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