

Truman Calls for Speedy Climax to Steel Walkout

By The Associated Press

President Truman Thursday called for a speedy end to the two-day steel strike. Union Leader Phillip Murray said he had no immediate answer to the President's request.

Truman acted as the nation dug into its reserves of steel and oil to keep its defense production economy running.

The President asked Murray, in a telegram, to call off the strike "as quickly as possible" and resume negotiations with industry leaders Saturday at a special White House conference.

Truman asked Murray and the presidents of the six largest steel companies to meet with him in an effort to end the walkout. The President said continued production of steel "is of critical importance to the safety of our troops in Korea, and to the success of the entire national defense effort."

Murray told newsmen he did not expect to receive the President's telegram until Friday and would not have an answer before then. The President's message was read to him by reporters.

The "hopeful" negotiations for a break in the nation-wide oil strike collapsed at the Standard Oil Company's Sugar Creek, Mo., refinery and remained deadlocked elsewhere. Nearly 90,000 are on strike.

Meanwhile, AFL bus drivers went on strike for higher wages in Rochester, N. Y., and Jacksonville, Fla., and the month-long strike of 21,000 Western Union telegraphers dragged on without any negotiations for settlement scheduled.

The nation's biggest wave of strikes in more than two years have made idle more than 800,000.

These were the major developments: The U. S. Court of Appeals, by a 5 to 4 vote, refused an industry request that the government be prevented from raising wages in the seized industry.

Secretary of Commerce Sawyer said immediate wage boost is planned. Abide by Court Rule. President Truman told his news conference he will abide by any Supreme Court decision on the legality of the government's wage control of the industry.

He said he will take every possible step to get the strike settled but gave no hint of what he had in mind. The number of idle in allied industries reached 31,500, as steel production dropped off to a trickle.

Oil—After the breakdown of negotiations at Standard's Sugar Creek refinery, talks in San Francisco between the CIO and Shell Oil also were broken off temporarily. A conciliator said no further negotiations were scheduled although the union and company were only a few cents apart on their differences on a wage boost.

Refinery and distribution workers are staying on the job in California to keep supplies moving to Korea. Gas Shortage. Government officials in Washington warned of a possible, major nationwide gasoline shortage.

The Petroleum Administration for Defense prohibited deliveries of some petroleum products in 17 Eastern states, dealers or large consumers with more than a 10 days supply on hand. The order covered automobile gasoline, kerosene, home heating oil, diesel fuel and residual fuel oil.

There is a 45-day supply of oil on hand but that severe shortages will occur if this reserve is cut in half.

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Mt. Angel Abbey Becomes Set for Movie



MT. ANGEL—Hollywood quietly moved into Mt. Angel Abbey this week to film a motion picture. "They Heard the Angels Sing." Outdoor scenes were in production Thursday, and Director Allan Stensvold is shown conferring with Benedictine Brothers concerning the mood of the scene. (Additional picture on page 24.) (Statesman Photo.)

Marine Units Jarred by Newest A-Bomb

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—A new tactical A-bomb of fiery intensity Thursday gave 1,150 entrenched Marines a solid jolt in their first nuclear maneuver, but there were no casualties.

The brilliant bomb burst about 2,000 feet above Yucca Flat, less than four miles from two picked combat battalions from Camp Pendleton, Calif., and Camp Lejeune, N. C.

The weapon selected for the test came from the Atomic Energy Commission's top secret drawer. It was perhaps the brightest bomb seen in a daylight test here.

Newsmen, not permitted on the test site this time, saw a fire ball that lasted a full 10 seconds and continued to flicker in the subsiding nuclear cloud for perhaps another five seconds.

There was no concussion on Mt. Charleston, the news observation point 50 miles away, but the rumble of the blast and its echo were heard 5 minutes after the flash at 9:30 a. m.

The Marines were in foxholes and trenches, most of them 4 1/2 feet deep. Two hours later they proceeded toward Yucca Flat, the mythical enemy-held "catalina" in the center of the blast area, which was the objective of their maneuver.

The bomb was dropped from an Air Force B-50 from Kirtland Air Base, Albuquerque, N. M., flying at an elevation of probably 30,000 feet.

Ellis O. Briggs, U. S. ambassador to Czechoslovakia, talked with Oatis Wednesday at the State Department. He said there is more than a year of refusals, have permitted the American ambassador to see William N. Oatis, the Associated Press correspondent imprisoned in Prague.

Victim of Rape Testifies in Abortion Trial. PORTLAND (AP)—A 20-year-old Salem woman was a major witness in the state Thursday in the trial of Dr. Ruth Barnett, under indictment on a charge of manslaughter by abortion.

Ethel Connelly, the witness, testified she was sent to Dr. Barnett's Portland clinic for an abortion after she was raped by a cousin and became pregnant. She said she was examined after the attack in September, 1950, and was told she was pregnant. She said a Salem doctor, whose name she was ordered not to give in court, sent her to Dr. Barnett's clinic.

STASSEN SLATES VISIT. PORTLAND (AP)—Harold Stassen, a candidate for the Republican nomination for president, will make a two days visit to the state May 8 and 9.

PASS OPENING SET. EUGENE (AP)—The scenic McKenzie Pass Highway between Eugene and Bend will be open to traffic about June 15.

Court Declines to Rule On Suit to Check DST

Gen. Eisenhower edged ahead of Sen. Taft Thursday for the first time in their nation-wide race for delegates to the Republican nominating convention which meets in Chicago July 7.

Eisenhower picked up eight new delegates in Republican district conventions in Missouri, and passed Taft by a slim four-vote margin in Associated Press tabulations.

On the basis of the Missouri returns, the latest AP tabulation lists Eisenhower with 278 delegates against 274 for Taft. Meanwhile, Sen. McMahon, chairman of the Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee, tossed his hat into the ring as the fifth entry in the wide-open race for the Democratic presidential nomination. He got a pat on the back from President Truman.

Reds Reject Korea Truce Compromise. MUSAN, Korea (AP)—The Communists Friday rejected an Allied compromise proposal for settling the last three issues blocking a Korean armistice but agreed to meet again Saturday.

They turned down the Allied plan—which involved prisoner exchange, military armistice rebuilding and Russian participation in post-armistice Korea—in a 78 minute, off-the-record meeting. The meeting was considered critical in the nearly 10 months old Korean armistice talks.

The two delegations convened at their full strength of eight generals and two admirals. Meet Again Saturday. Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy, chief Allied delegate, told correspondents, "I regret that I have no comment to make. We meet again Saturday."

A spokesman added: "I think it is obvious no agreement was reached." They gathered in the tiny tent town of Panmunjom as spring was spreading new green and flowers across the rolling Western Korea countryside.

The Allies had proposed retaining 100,000 of 170,000 prisoners who say they do not want to go back to the Reds. Figure Denounced. The Communists denounced the figure angrily last week and broke off secret talks on prisoner exchange. The U. S. Command came up with its new proposal Monday. Details were secret, but Washington reports said the Allies offered to drop their opposition to rebuilding North Korean military airfields during a truce if the Reds would accept the Allied principle of not returning those prisoners who object to repatriation.

Toddler Dies After Surgery. A three-year-old Salem boy died in a local hospital Thursday morning following a tonsillectomy. He is John Marcus Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ross, 1060 Dietz Ave. He was born March 30, 1949, in Salem.

Surviving also are brothers, James and Stephen Ross; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Rulifson of Salem; great-grandfather, James Henry Lamb of Salem; great-grandmother, Mrs. Mary Ross of Hoy's Plains; uncle, Marcus Crowley with the U. S. Navy; and aunts, Mrs. Gladys Deibert, Mrs. Mary Baillie, Mrs. Hazel Gritton and Mrs. Velma Cooley, all of Salem.

Funeral services are being arranged by the Howell-Edwards Chapel. HOUSE APPROVES FUNDS. WASHINGTON (AP)—The congressional budget-cutting drive came to a dead stop Thursday night as the House passed a \$724,000,669 appropriation bill for the Agriculture Department for fiscal year 1953.

Politics on Parade... Who's Running for What in the May Primaries? (Editor's Note: Stories in the "Political Parade" are written by or for the candidates, on invitation of The Oregon Statesman, and views expressed herein may or may not be in accordance with the opinion of this newspaper. They are published in the public interest, and without obligation on the part of anyone.)

Today's subject: C. A. RATCLIFF Candidate for STATE REPR. (R.) MARION Since coming to Oregon with my parents in 1887, I have been a loyal Oregonian.

After six years of teaching in Oregon and Washington, I served as supervisor of schools in the Philippines from 1903-1910. After clearing the farm, I had purchased near Salem in 1903 and setting it up as a firm of electrical engineers in Spokane until 1915. Then I returned to Salem to engage in fruit growing until 1945. As my land but made no attempt to stop them.

Barbecue Fire Lights Start of May Week End. Blazing of the traditional barbecue fire on Sweetland Field Thursday night signaled start of Willamette University's May Week end.

University classes by turn kept watch at the fire while student leaders put finishing touches on preparation of the week-end entertainment which begins today with a nighttime downtown parade, barbecue lunch, and afternoon greased pole and tug-o-war contests.

Coronation of May Queen Betty Jean Mullin, the May Pole dance by junior women, an all-campus sing, and the queen's ball are Saturday features. Many visitors are expected on the campus for the week end. (Additional details on Page 6.) Spread of Bus Strike Seen. PORTLAND (AP)—A strike of 1,000 drivers, shopmen and ticket sellers against three bus lines has been set for May 8. Federal Conciliator George Walker said Thursday.

The strike will begin at midnight on that date against Oregon Motor Stages, Northwest Greyhound and Overland Greyhound unless demands are met. Walker said the union wants a five day work week with no pay cut, and a cost of living increase. Negotiations have been under way nearly three months. Overland Greyhound operates from Portland and Salt Lake City; Northwest Greyhound from Portland to Seattle and Bellingham; Oregon Motor Stages has runs to the Willamette Valley, the Oregon Coast and the area surrounding Portland.

Dallas Road Crash Claims Lives of Pair

Two Independence hopyard workers were injured fatally in a Salem-Dallas highway auto collision early Thursday morning. Three others, in the same car, were injured.

Ben F. Hickman, 58, employee of Mattson Hop Ranch, and James R. Moody, 37, of 120 N. Main St., Independence, died on the way to the hospital after the 1 a. m. crash at the truck scales near Eola. Lester W. Howell, Marion County coroner, said the cause was head injuries.

The victims were passengers in a Salem-bound auto driven by Jerome R. Wareham, Independence, which was reported in a side-swiping collision with a west-bound car driven by Lawrence Buss, 18, Monmouth, in which no one was hurt. Wareham's car was demolished, and the other had one side badly damaged.

State Police Officer Floyd Morrell investigated the accident. Wareham's other passengers were Fred R. Russell and John P. Clayton, both of Independence, each of whom suffered a fractured ankle and was in Salem General Hospital. Wareham was released Thursday afternoon after treatment or leg lacerations. They had been taken to the hospital by City Ambulance Service.

Seek Relatives. Buss' passengers were Larry Jacobson, Monmouth, and Jim Duxon and Bill Satterfield, both of Independence, all high school students. The victims' bodies were at Howell-Edwards Chapel in Salem pending funeral arrangements. Moody was believed to have a daughter, who had not yet been located, and Hickman had no relatives known at Independence.

Hundreds Hurt In Japanese May Day Riots. May Day riots and disorders, bristling parades and East-West word battles broke out all over the map Thursday. There was more violence and more words spilled than in years.

Japan, turned loose on her own from the occupation yoke only this week, had her worst riot since the war, when 21,000 Communist-led anti-American marchers fought police with clubs and stones in front of the Imperial Palace.

According to latest figures, either official or confirmed beyond doubt, one rioter was shot to death and 657 injured in battles at Tokyo and Kyoto. Nearly 100 of the injured were seriously hurt.

All night long police hauled in riot suspects until by dawn 232 were jailed on charges of sedition. Under the new contract, drivers will receive \$15 a week vacation pay, a guaranteed salary of \$45 a week, or 48 per cent of their gross take.

The only change in the contract is raising the vacation pay and the wage guarantee from \$42.50. The gross percentage remains the same. Also left standing was the 60-hour week.

The Teamsters Union had requested raising the weekly wage and the vacation pay to \$50 a week. All three cab companies signed the new agreement. Lynn Clark represented Yellow and Capitol cab companies, and Leo Staab Shorty's Cab Co. Union representative was Ward Graham, secretary of the local Teamsters Union.

Iron Curtain Trips Banned. WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States Thursday put all of the Iron Curtain countries out of bounds for American travelers except for trips specifically approved by the State Department.

To prevent "strange visits" and protect venturesome individuals from risking travel to Communist-run areas, the Department started stamping all new passports: "This passport is not valid for travel to Albania, Bulgaria, China, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Romania or the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics unless specifically endorsed under authority of the Department of State as being valid for such travel."

SEVEN FLYERS MISSING. TARPON SPRINGS, Fla. (AP)—Seven airmen were rescued but seven were missing after a B-29 bomber crashed in the Gulf of Mexico during low level gunnery practice Thursday.

Animal Crackers. By WARREN GOODRICH. "These folks next door—does one of them have one eye or three eyes?"

BASEBALL. Western International. At Salem 2, Lewiston 7. At Vancouver 7, Bellingham (Rain) 2. At Victoria 12, Yakima 10. At Tri-City 3-4, Spokane 6-0.

Coast League. At Oakland 3-5, Portland 0-2. At Chicago 7, Brooklyn 2. At San Diego 4, San Francisco 4. At Sacramento 11, Hollywood 6.

To City Hall, Salem, Ore. I want Salem to be on: Daylight Time Standard Time. Signed: (Only "ballots" carrying signatures and addresses will be counted; the post was requested by Salem City officials; deadline is May 9; ballots can be pasted on stationery and other signatures with addresses added if desired.)

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