Steel and Oil Fronts Flare As Seizure Issue Explodes

THE biggest controversy since 1 the Great Debate raged across the land this week. It involved a President's powers.

Behind the stormy Constitutional conflict were cleavages between labor and management in the vital steel industry.

No sooner had Federal Judge David A. Pine handed down his decision calling President Truman's seizure of the steel mills illegal when CIO President Philip Murray sent some 600,000 steel workers out on strike.

President Against Wall

The Truman Administration sought with alarmed urgency to a halt the paralyzing strike. The President was backed to the wall-for the moment at least-in the Constitutional struggle over his "inherent" powers to act in an emergency.

Government lawyers moved swiftly to get a postponement of the effective date of the formal give-back-the-mills order issued by Judge Pine which would restore the status quo, making the steel workers employes of the Government again.

The chief hope of Administration lawyers was to get Pine's decision reversed by the Supreme Court. in time of emergency.

Embargo On Steel

When the vast steel industry shut tration pushed its fight rapidly into down almost overnight, the Govern- the High Court. ment slapped an embargo on shipments of steel from warehouses to mills to avert a strike called by Philip night work. producers of civilian goods in foreign Murray's CIO Steelworkers in a dis-

The Administration felt that if producers. Judge Pine's decision, stating "There The Union insisted that the industry is no express grant of power in the accept a Government recommenda-Constitution authorizing the President tion for: 1712 cents an hour more to direct his seizure; There is no (wages averaging just under \$2 an grant of power from which it reason- hour), about 812 cents' worth of fringe ably can be implied; There is no en- benefits, compulsory union member-

Incident

Fireworks Over Berlin

U.S. officials pondering reasons for Tuesday's Russian fighter-plane attack on a French airliner agreed on one thing this week: It opened the the steel seizure case, Holmes Bald- by Government request. 1952 season of spring jitters in Europe.

Four of the 17 persons aboard the Berlin-bound liner were wounded. one seriously. British, French and American High Commissioners in Berlin protested the "unwarranted attack," demanding investigation and compensation.

The Russians ignored the protests and sent a counter-protest instead— if the court had understood him to charged the plane was not flying in the cerridor permitted over the Soviet zone of Germany. When the French plane failed to fellow a signal to land, the Russians said, the Soviet jets fired "across its bow."

In Washington, officials considered assistant secretary of the Army. two possible--and opposite--explana-

1. That the Soviets deliberately tred 'literature, staged the attack as a terror tactic. to spread fear and tension in Europe. in Bonn, that an Allied-German 2. That the whole thing was unplanned, perhaps the result of over- signed before May 20, zealousness on the part of triggerhappy fighter pilots sent up to check tions Committee, to cut President Truon the airliner.

Whatever the explanation, it's time gram by one billion dollars. for Communist activities of this kind. The Soviet high command is getting Elizabeth II, that she will be crowned ready to launch spring maneuvers with about 30 divisions east of the the maneuvers in the past to drama- military attache in Moscow whose again. tize the relative isolation of Berlin by diary was copied by Communist sending fighter flights near the neu- agents in Germany last year for "imtral air approach lane and firing anti- properly recording classified military aircraft shells right into it.



ship, and an 18-month contract.

ing each other in their places."

ridge, said he did not claim that Pres-

ident Truman holds unlimited pow-

Oil Strike

ed the President's power had only

two limitations-the ballot box and

impeachment.

Previously the attorney had assert-

Baldridge asserted this week that

In Short

Named: by President Truman, Fred

Upheld: by the U. S. Supreme Court,

Predicted: by a high British official

an Illinois law outlawing "race ha-

"peace contract" probably will be

man's \$7,900,000,000 foreign aid pro-

Voted, by the Senate Foreign Rela-

Korth, Ft. Worth Tex., attorney, as

JUDGE DAVID PINE The biggest controversy since the Great Debate.

actment of Congress authorizing it" make the claim that the presidential were allowed to stand. Presidents power was unlimited, he desired to would be forever bound from action correct it.

That was the reason the Administhe nation's oil industry. The Oil Workers International Union (CIO), struck for a 25-cent hourly wage in-President Truman seized the steel crease and higher differentials for

More than 90,000 unionized refinery pute, principally over wages, with the and pipeline workers were involved. Government officials indicated at the start they had no intention of intervening. The union had requested 10,000 members in California to remain on the job so as not to hinder operations for the Korean War effort. The strike threatened the U.S. mo-

HARRY S. TRUMAN

torist. Even before the strike deadline Basically, the tripartite structure at 12:01 A.M. Wednesday, Denver of Government was designed, as time, long lines of cars were reported James Madison, one of the framers of at filling stations in Many cities. the Constitution, said, so "that its

Some shortages of natural gas were constituent parts may, by their mu- also threatened if the oil strike betual relations, be the means of keep- came a prolonged squabble. The petroleum strike originally was set for The Government's chief attorney in March 3, but postponed three times

Dates Monday, May 5

Maryland primary election. Denmark's Liberation Day.

Tuesday, May 6

Primary elections in Ohio, Florida, Indiana and New Mexico.

Wednesday, May 7

Anniversary of the sinking of the Lusitania in 1915. Overseas Press Club awards to

Thursday, May 8

be made in New York.

Sixty-eighth birthday of President Harry S. Truman. Industry Advisory Committee meets in Hot Springs, Va.

Japan

Announced: by Britain's Queen Diplomatic Gamble

dancing in the streets, but there were Up for Army court martial trial: new smiles and a quiet warmth as Iron Curtain. The Russians have used Maj. Gen. Robert W. Grow, former Japan became an independent nation

The U.S. is gambling that freedom and independence will make a better and more dependable ally of Japan in the struggle against Soviet Communism than retention of military controls would have made. This is a gamble which has a share of Republican support as well as the backing of the Democratic Administration.

The signing of the Japanese Peace Treaty at San Francisco last September was preceded by a squabble within the Government. The argument initially involved the State and Defense Departments. Some officials in each favored and others opposed an early Japanese peace.

State Department View

given its independence.

This was one case, at least, in which Gen. MacArthur, as Allied Occupation and New York City. Commander, and the State Department saw eye to eye. MacArthur argued that no occupation could profitably last much beyond five years and he pressed repeatedly for an

The "military price" for the early Japanese treaty, was the security treaty drafted to come into force simultaneously with the peace pact. This was fully supported by John Foster Dulles, architect of the treaty,

Up to Japan

The big new fact of Japanese-American relations is that from here on the United States can no longer tell Japan what to do. It can negotiate and request, and it has tremendous power because of Japan's economic achieved real independence.

Hardly had the U. S. put the Japanese treaty into effect this week when Soviet Russia denounced it and the accompanying security pact as "treaties for the preparation of a new

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The WORLD This WEEK

POLITICS: Squabble in Dixie

WITH Chicago convention time about nine weeks away, the GOP race for the presidential nomination looks like a knockdown, drag-out battle between Sen. Robert A. Taft and Gen. Dwight Eisenhower. In the Democratic camp it's still anybody's guess.

Gen. Eisenhower emerged this week from the Massachusetts primary with a ringing endorsement from the voters of that state. The general not only swept the Republican popularity contest from Sen. Taft, but also challenged the position of Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee on the Democratic ticket.

While Massachusetts Democrats had less interest in their contest, for lack of a powerful candidate, those who voted made it a two man race for popularity between Eisenhower and In the Republican contest, such

White House possibilities as Harold E. Stassen, Gov. Earl Warren, of California and Gen. Douglas MacArthur More labor trouble cropped up in were left far behind in the battle between Taft and Eisenhower.

Crucial Florida Test

An outstanding contest in the Democratic race is the Kefauver-Russell bid for Florida's preferential vote coming up Tuesday.

Editors of Florida newspapers, canvassed in a special poll, believe the Florida primary will give Georgia's Sen, Richard B. Russell his first pri- clasp and "madam-I'm-running-for- cratic delegation to the national conmary victory over Kefauver.

The Tuesday election will be Rus- help" routine, sell's first popularity test since he entered the Democratic race.

If the estimates of the Florida edi- up next week. In the May 5 primary tors prove correct, Kefauver will have election there Gov. Theodore Roosesuffered his first setback in a primary velt McKeldin wants to consolidate

Russell has the support of the entire national convention votes to Eisen-Florida Congressional delegation, of hower, his personal choice. Gov. Fuller Warren and of the leader- There will be no voting in the priship and most members of the Demo- mary for any of the Republican presi- candidate who stacks up as a strong cratic state executive committee. The dential candidates, but the governor contender against Kefauver. state's junior senator, George Smath- is deeply involved in a contest for the ers, predicts Russell will win by a Republican nomination to the U. S. 2-to-1 margin.

virtually a one-man campaign for may slip some of those 24 votes from votes. His efforts have included the under McKeldin's thumb. simple technique he has used success- Most Democratic leaders feel Maryfully in several other states-a hand- land will send an uninstructed Demo-



Experts guessed Kefauver was in for his first setback.

Upcoming Maryland Primary Maryland also has a primary coming his plans to pledge Maryland's 24

By contrast, Kefauver has waged' If McKeldin's man loses, Taft forces

Sen. Kefauver will run up enough of a showing in the primary to lay claim

to Maryland's 18 convention votes. signs this week of a "Draft Truman" military airfields during a truce if movement within the Democratic (2) the Communists accepted the U.N. party. Like a spring radish, the move- principle for prisoner exchange and ment grew slowly, at first, out of the difficulty the "fair deal" wing of the sia as a "neutral nation" to help police party has encountered in nuturing any an armistice.

Quotes⁻

Dr. Ales Bebler, Yugoslavia's permanent delegate to the United Nations: "Yugoslavia is on the western side of the Iron Curtain

Ellis Arnall, price stabilizer: "The unmistakable fact is that most prices, both at wholesale and retails are either at ceiling or very close to it.

Newsquiz Answers

conduct presidential preference pri- gets in Northwest Korea maries which are advisory, not binding, on the delegates to the conventions. 3. Judge David A. Pine. 4. \$3 a ton. 5. An amendment to the Controls Act U. S. heavy cruiser St. Paul. 7, Loy W. thetic, but fined nim \$10 anyway. Henderson. 8. The U. S.-Japanese . In New York the manager of a Security Pact, signed last September restaurant was shot in the mouth by at San Francisco. 9, None. One, the holdup men. Casualty: One set of U.S.S. Forrestal, is now under con- false teeth, which doctors credited struction. 10. Winston Churchill- with stopping the bullet and saving from "In The Balance," a collection of the restaurant owner's life. his 1949 and 1950 speeches, 11. The • In Maidenhead, England, Mrs. Mississippi. The two rivers merge at Mercy Coffee celebrated her 100th St. Charles, Mo. 12, John J. McCloy. birthday this week. The mayor sent 13. In Eastern Poland near the Rus- her a birthday present-a plug of sian border. 14. The slaughter of 4,500 tobacco for her corncob pipe. Polish officers in the forest by as yet . This was a hectic week for the unknown murderers. The discovery Japanese. The peace treaty went into of the bodies set off international ac- effect Monday. It was Hirohito's birthcusations and counter-accusations, day Tuesday, Nobody felt like work-The Russians blamed the Nazis. The ing Wednesday, May Day came Thurs-Nazis blamed the Russians. Many wit- day. Japan's war-renouncing constitunesses appearing recently before in- tion was due to be honored Saturday quiring committees also blame the and "The Children's Day," a holiday Russians, 15. U. S. Vice Adm. Charles for centuries, was slated for next Turner Joy.

Suspense In Korea

A STRONG sense of finality hung over the Allied truce camp at Munsan, Korea, this week. Some observers thought the U.N. had made its final offer for a set-

Officially, the secret Allied proposals made during full dress truce sessions at Panmunjom were described only as "an over-all solution for the remaining unresolved issues standing in

the way of a military armistice.' That means it wrapped up in one package the dispute over how to exchange prisoners of war, the Red demand for the right to rebuild their war-wrecked military airfields, and Communist nomination of Russia as a truce supervisor.

Dispatches from Washington quoted Allied diplomats as saying the proposal handed the Reds at Panmunjom last Sunday was "about the last offer we can make.'

Official Descriptions

Officials in Washington said the secret package offer was a three-point program keyed to the U.N. demand for "non-forcible repatriation" of prisoners of war, which the Reds repeatedly have called a "preposterous

In a lengthy attack on the Allied prisoner proposal, Red China's official Peiping Radio said Tuesday night: "It President-and-sure-would-like-your- vention. Yet, they are just as sure certainly cannot be considered by the Korean and Chinese side."

Washington sources said the Allied package deal proposed to (1) allow Meanwhile, there were first, faint the Reds to rebuild North Korean (3) dropped their nomination of Rus-

Communist negotiators wanted to trade Russia off for the airfields and insisted that all POW's must be returned to their nomes.

War Actions

Infantry action on the front lines picked up this week. Although the fighting was sharper the engagements generally involved units under pla-

The Battleship Iowa, flagship of the U. S. Seventh Fleet, moved in close to shore and huried its big shells at . Red ground targets 17 miles inland. The U.S. Destroyer Thomason and the U. S. Destroyer-Minesweep Doyle attacked Red troop and supply areas.

In the air, all-weather B-29 Superforts dropped hundreds of tons of 1. June 1. 2. False. Sixteen states bombs on rail bridges and other tar-

Sidelights

It Happened in April April 1-Taft wins 24 of 30

convention delegates in Wisconsin primary and bests Eisenhower in write-in contest in Nebraska. April 2-Willie Sutton, bank robber, sentenced as fourth offender to 30 years to life.

April 3-Attorney General J. Howard McGrath fires corruption chief Newbold Morris, is fired himself by President Truman four hours later. Federal Judge James P. McGranery appointed Attorney General; Western Union employes in most states go on strike.

April 7 - CIO communications workers strike across the nation disrupting telephone service.

April 8 - President Truman announces Government seizure of nation's steel industry to avert strike; Taft wins Illinois primary April 9-Steel industries seek

injunction against Government seizure; Revolution erupts in Bo-April 10-Iowa and Nebraska

brace as Missouri River goes on record-breaking flood; Russia proposes all-German elections under supervision of four-power commission April 11-White House an-

nounces Eisenhower's release as Supreme Commander in Europe effective June 1. April 15 - Eisenhower wins New Jersey primary leads Taft

by 157,000 votes. April 16-Gov. Adlai Stevenson, of Illinois, announces he "could not accept" Democratic presidential nomination; Fresident flies to Omaha, decries Congressional slow motion in passing adequate flood control measures

for Missouri River Valley. April 17-New York Democrats endorse Mutual Security Director W. Averell Harriman as "favorite son" for Democratic presidential nomination.

April 18-Missouri flood crest passes Omaha and Council Bluffs without crumbling emergency

April 21 - Convicts at big Southern Michigan Prison at Jackson, Mich., go on rampage and barricade themselves with guards as hostages; Impeachment motion introduced by Rep. Hale (R-Me.) as result of steel seizure.

April 22-U. S. explodes atom bomb in Nevada as troops crouch in foxholes three miles from the blast; Eisenhower chalks up popularity poll victory in Pennsylvania and New York pri-

April 25-Allies request plenary session of Korean truce negotiators. Reds accept; Navy announces 30 men killed in explosion aboard Cruiser St. Paul in worst naval disaster of Korean April 27-Navy announces loss

of 174 men aboard the U.S. Destroyer Hobson in collision with aircraft carrier U.S.S. Wasp in April 28 - Gen, Matthew B.

Ridgway named Supreme Commander in Europe to succeed Gen. Eisenhower. Gen. Mark Clark to succeed Ridgway in Far

April 29-District Judge David A. Pine rules Government seizure of steel mills illegal.

April 30-80,000 oil workers strike for higher pay and increased night differential.

In Tokyo this week there was no

The dominant State Department view was that Japan could not be kept under occupation restraints indefinitely and that with basic reforms at the same time representing Gen. he held under Eisenhower, quickly out of the way the nation should be Dwight Eisenhower, then Army chief commented: "It will be no strain of

early peace treaty.

and the State Department.

war in the Far East."

NEW SHAPE COMMANDER



GEN. MATTHEW RIDGWAY



There were grumblings, but comment generally was favorable. EN. MATTHEW BUNKER RIDGWAY is a foremost expert on U airborne warfare-a soldier who likes combat command and

During the last five or six years, however, Ridgway has shown patience, tact and diplomacy in some ... of the toughest administrative posts noted chiefly for his brilliant planning ability.

in the Army. At the end of World War II, he served as senior U. S. delegate to the post, Gruenther, who will continue to Inter-American Defense Board while serve as chief of staff, the same post of staff, on the Military Staff Commit- relationships at all to serve under tee of the United Nations in London Ridgway"

Succeeds MacArthur

Later, Ridgway served as deputy chief of staff for administration in Washington then came his combat command of the U.S. Eighth Army in Korea succeeding the late Lt. Gen. Walton Walker who was killed in a

jeep accident. On April 11, 1951, a little more than a year ago, Ridgway succeeded Gen. Douglas MacArthur as commander of United Nations forces in the Far East, commander-in-chief of the Far East Command of the Army and supreme commander for Allied powers in

Prior to the appointment this week of Matthew Ridgway as the new supreme commander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, most Euand military weakness for the time ropean members of Nato were reportbeing, but the Tokyo government has ed as favoring Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther to replace Eisenhower.

In Good Hands

to favor Ridgway on the ground that inefficient and inexperienced officer." he has had long battle experience held a major field command and is lated risk.'

only tolerates the complexities of administrative duty.

Although passed over for the Nato

Said Gen. Eisenhower: "Things will be in good hands. We could not do

will be Gen. Mark Clark, wartime commander of the U.S. Fifth Army in There were grumblings over the big command shifts this week, but,

Replacing Gen. Ridgway in Tokyo

generally, comment was favorable. The Rapido Incident Clark, 56 this week, has figured in a number of controversies, the most recent of which occurred when the President picked him as U. S. Ambassador to the Vatican last year. After a storm of protest, Clark adroitly pulled out of the squabble by announcing he

would not accept the nomination. Clark had other problems, the most celebrated of which involved the battle of Cassino in January 1944. The 36th (Texas) Division was badly mauled in an engagement at the Rapido River. The 36th Division Assuciation of Veterans after the war However, the Pentagon was known adopted a resolution calling Clark "art

Clark, backed up by former Secrewhile Gruenther, the youngest four- tary of War Robert P. Patterson, destar general in the Army, has never fended the Rapido attack as a "calcu-

which makes it mandatory for the . In Providence, R. I., motorist Rob-Government to allow manufacturers ert A. Martin, acrested for speeding. to pass on to the consumer all in- explained to the judge he was trying creases in costs from the start of the to catch an hour of time lest to day-Korean War to last July 26. 6. The light saving The judge was sympa-

World This Week Newsquiz

Answers Will Be Found in Column Above

1. Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's release as Supreme Commander in Europe was announced by the White House last month. When will the release become effective? 2. All presidential preference primaries are binding on delegates to the nominating conven-

tions. True o. false? 3. What is the name of the federal judge who handed down a decision this week in the case of the Government seizure of the nation's steel industry?

4. What price boost was proposed toward the steel industries under the Capehart Amendment? 5. What is the Capehart Amendment? 6. The Navy announced the

death toll last week in the worst

naval disaster of the Korean War. What ship was involved? 7. The United States has agreed to resume military aid to Iran. Terms of the agreement were worked out by Iranian Premier .Mohammed Mossadegh and the "U. S. Ambassador in Tehran. Who

is the Ambassador? 8. The U. S. occupation of Japan officially ended this week. What diplomatic pact immediately went

into effect? 9. Adm. William M. Fechteler, Chief of Naval Operations, has come out strongly in favor of more aircraft carriers of 60,000 tons displacement for the Navy. How many carriers of this class does the U.S. now have in serv-10, "There are more people living today 20 stories above the

York 100 years ago." This quotation is from a speech by Vincent Impellitteri, Grover Whalen, Winston Churchill or Herb Shriner? 11. The Missouri River went on the rampage in the Midwest last month. It later joined with another famous river to pose an-

ground in New York than there

were living on the ground in New

added threat. What was the second river? 12. Western high commissioners in Germany met recently in extended sessions with West German leaders to work out a peace contract for Germany. Who is the U. S. High Commissioner for Ger-

13. The Katyn Forest massacre has attracted much publicity in the past several months. Where is the Katyn Forest? 14. What was the Katyn mas-

sacre? 15. Who is the chief Allied delegate at the Korean truce talks?

















