

Steelworkers Weigh Layoff Pay Demands

CHICAGO (U)—The United Steelworkers Tuesday discussed plans to demand a layoff pay plan and premium pay for weekends from the basic steel industry.

David J. McDonald, president of the union, said he believes the issues of equal importance in negotiations affecting 600,000 workers that probably will start some time in May.

McDonald held a news conference following the first session of a 2-day meeting of the union's 170-man wage-policy committee. The discussions Tuesday dealt mostly with the layoff pay plan, called supplemental pay benefits by the steelworkers. But toward the end of the day the premium pay issue almost stole the show.

President Asks Russ to Freeze A-Stockpiles

(Story also on page one)

WASHINGTON (U)—President Eisenhower Tuesday answered a letter from Russian Premier Bulganin with a request for a freeze on atomic weapons stockpiles with a view toward eventual disarmament.

He also told Bulganin that while it may be difficult in the absence of "real peace in the Far East" to agree on cutting the size of armies, navies and air forces just now it should be possible to agree on limiting "under proper safeguards" major type of weapons, such as bombers, missiles, tanks and the like.

The "open skies" proposition, made by Eisenhower at last summer's summit meeting in Geneva and subsequently turned down by the Russians, provides that the United States and the Soviet Union permit aerial reconnaissance of each other's territories and to exchange blueprints of military establishments.

With such measures providing assurance against surprise attack, the President told Bulganin that a number of steps could be taken. He specified these:

1. The United States would be ready to negotiate with other countries "suitable and safeguarded arrangements so that future production of fissionable materials anywhere in the world would no longer be used to increase the stockpiles of explosive weapons."

2. The powers should also find it "possible now to agree on measures having a stabilizing effect, dealing with the control and limitation, under proper safeguards, of major types of armaments." This is a reference to weapons such as bombers, guided missiles and ballistic missiles.

Others would join

3. If the big powers can agree on a disarmament system Eisenhower is "confident that other nations would want to join," and the United States would be prepared to make the supervision system apply to foreign bases of both Russia and the United States.

4. The United States and Russia during the early phases of the atomic program would hold on to "very extensive military strength, including stocks of nuclear weapons." Eisenhower said the United States would maintain its military force in the "transitional period" as a contribution toward "world stability."

Senate Group Plans Study Of Basin Plans

WASHINGTON (U)—A study of water development of the Columbia River basin and related problems involving Canada will be conducted jointly by the Senate Interior and Foreign Relations Committees.

Chairman Murray (D-Mont) of the Interior Committee Tuesday said hearings will be arranged later this year.

Chairman George (D-Ga) of the Foreign Relations Committee named a special subcommittee headed by Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn) to participate in the hearing. Named with Humphrey were Sens. Mansfield (D-Mont), Morse (D-Ore), Wiley (R-Wis), Langer (R-ND) and Alken (R-Vt).

Murray described the Columbia River as "an international stream which is the lifeblood of the Pacific Northwest."

Pilots Plan to Offer Award

Salem Pilots Association voted Tuesday in a meeting at Mayflower Hall to offer to sponsor a trophy or plaque honoring someone who has contributed to development of local aviation at the Air Fair planned by the Optimist Club this summer.

Recipient of the award would be chosen in conjunction with the Optimist Club.

Date of the annual show will be set when further information is received regarding possible exhibitions by military planes.

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Power Chiefs Urge 'Crash' Atomic Project

WASHINGTON (U)—Labor, public power and other witnesses Tuesday joined in urging a federally financed "crash" program of commercial atomic power development.

Their argument—that private industry is lagging on the job—was disputed by an electric utilities spokesman, Elmer Lindseth of the Edison Electric Institute. Citing multi-million-dollar outlays being made by 44 companies on reactor projects, Lindseth testified:

"We do not feel that there is any present need for the government to embark on a large-scale program of building 'demonstration' reactors with taxpayers' funds, particularly in the present state of knowledge of the art."

Both private and public power advocates, however, advised the Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee that the federal government must insure operators of power reactors against damage risks which may be larger than insurance companies will cover.

Pastors Ask Sympathy for Negro Group

NORFOLK, Va. — More than 50 Negro Baptist ministers of the Norfolk area have agreed to ask their church members to walk to work March 28 in a demonstration of sympathy for Negroes boycotting bus lines in Montgomery, Ala.

The Rev. C. H. Jordan, D.D., president, announced Tuesday the Baptist Ministers Conference of Norfolk, Portsmouth and vicinity passed a resolution to this effect yesterday. He said the group represents 65 churches with a membership of about 20,000.

A proposal that all Negroes stop work for an hour on March 28 was rejected. Instead, it was recommended that an hour's pay be donated for the defense of Montgomery Negroes charged with violating the Alabama boycott law. It also was recommended that an appeal be made to Baptist congregations for funds "to be sent our brethren in Montgomery."

Queries Tougher In Schools Now

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio (U)—If a test given Tuesday at Taft Elementary School here is any indication, it's getting tougher all the time to complete the second grade.

Even dads and grads would have a tough time coming up with the answer to this question, included in a mathematical word-problem quiz:

"John bought a pencil for 2 cents. He bought an apple for 3 cents. How much did Sam spend?"

Boat Yields Dead Tugboat Captain

OREGON CITY (U)—Joe Bernard, 50, a Willamette River tugboat captain, was found dead Monday in his damaged boat.

It was believed he suffered fatal injuries when the tug struck a sunken log.

Latest Proposal for Moores Memorial Has Bronze Figures



Latest proposal for the Moores Memorial is shown above. It is a monument depicting a group of pioneers gathered around a man with a Bible. The figures would be in bronze against a background of marble. The sculptress is Silvana Cenci Church of Oswego, Ore. Photographs of the monument and other proposals are now on display at the Pioneer Trust Co.

Bomb Threat Empties School At Prineville

PRINEVILLE (U)—Classes were dismissed at the Prineville Junior High School Tuesday afternoon after police received an anonymous telephone call threatening a bomb explosion.

The first bomb threat was received at 3:50 a.m. and was thought to be the work of a youngster. The voice said that a bomb was planted in the school's gym and that it would explode some time in the morning.

Another call came shortly after noon. This time the voice said the explosion would occur at 2 p.m. School then was dismissed. A search failed to turn up any bombs.

Chief Al Perry said he thought the bomb threat was a prank or hoax. He said that a similar threat had been made to Principal Loyd Lewis a month ago. That threat was disregarded.

Leap Year Unit Closes Until 1960

PITTSBURG, Kas. — The rolls of World Chapter No. 1, Order of 28ers, an organization of persons born on Leap Year Day, closed Tuesday until the next leap year period in 1960.

The exclusive organization, which has only the birth date requirement for membership, was organized by the Pittsburgh Herald and Sun newspapers in 1928, and now has 451 members in many states and several foreign countries. A total of 246 members enrolled in the past month.

Scrolls of membership have been mailed to all who have enrolled, with special gold-tinted scrolls for those born on Feb. 29 of the current year.

There are no membership fees or dues. Even the grand conclave of the 28ers on each leap year day is imaginary.

A permanent membership roll is kept by the secretary, Kenneth Simons, managing editor of the Herald and Sun. He explained that persons who enrolled in the past need not send in applications for renewal, as membership is perpetual.

Graham Loses Trial Minus Jury Request

DENVER (U)—John Gilbert Graham's request for a trial without a jury was denied Tuesday by Dist. Judge Joseph M. McDonald, who ordered him to stand trial April 16 on charges of murdering his mother, one of 44 aboard an airliner blown up with a dynamite bomb.

Climaxing an hour's oral arguments by defense and prosecution lawyers, Judge McDonald said a detailed study by him of the statutes "compels the court" to deny the 24-year-old defendant's request to waive a jury.

John Gibbons, one of three court-appointed defense lawyers, argued that Graham could not expect a fair trial from a jury.

"The only place he could get an impartial trial is before your honor," Gibbons said.

Graham has pleaded innocent to charges of murdering his mother, Mrs. Daisie E. King, 55. He has withdrawn a companion plea of innocent by reason of insanity.

Federal officials said Graham admitted placing a bomb in his mother's suitcase in a plot to collect flight insurance. He had taken out a \$37,500 policy on her life before she boarded the plane for Alaska Nov. 1. It blew up near Longmont, Colo., 11 minutes after leaving the Denver airport.

Driver Cited After Crash

A driver was charged with failure to halt at a stop sign following a collision Tuesday afternoon at Lancaster and Center streets, state police said.

Mattie J. Osborn, Gervais Route 1, Box 67, was given the citation, police said. Driver of the other vehicle was listed as Gene R. Anderson, 235 Kingwood St.

The Osborn car required towing from the scene, police said. The pickup driven by Anderson reportedly received moderate damage.

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Adlai Raps Present Soil Bank Plan

FOSSTON, Minn. (U)—Adlai Stevenson said Tuesday night a soil bank plan won't work tied in with flexible price supports.

The former Illinois governor is competing in the state's presidential primary March 20 with Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn). The stake is 30 votes at the Democratic national convention.

Stevenson said production has grown and surpluses increased in the three years Republicans have tried flexible supports. He said the big job for the present Congress is to improve farm prices.

Eugene Lad Wins Science Award

WASHINGTON (U)—Daniel Chen of Eugene, Ore., is one of seven persons to win third prize \$400 scholarship in the annual nationwide "Science Talent Search."

The competition was conducted by the Science Clubs of America, through a science search.

Robert T. Moore, 17, Silver Spring, Md., was winner of first prize—a \$2,800 scholarship.

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Demos Asked To Lead Probe Of Lobbying

WASHINGTON (U)—Sen. McNamara (D-Mich) proposed Tuesday that Democrats take charge of the Senate's \$350,000 lobbying investigation to prevent it from chasing "will-o'-the-wisps."

He told the Senate he was afraid taxpayers' money would be "thrown away" if the impending inquiry is conducted by an evenly divided committee of four Democrats and four Republicans. Such a committee was set up last month but has been unable to agree so far on rules for the inquiry.

Full Democratic control and responsibility for the investigation could be established, McNamara said, merely by adding one more Democratic senator to the committee. There are 43 Democrats and 47 Republicans in the Senate. The recent death of Sen. Kilgore (D-WVa) left one seat vacant.

McNamara said he would offer an amendment to give the Democrats the balance of power.

He is not a member of the committee. Sen. Goldwater (R-Ariz), who is, said Republicans would fight the amendment.

Jet Trainer Strikes Barn

STUTTGART, Ark. (U)—An Air Force jet trainer crashed on a farm 20 miles southeast of here Tuesday night, destroying a barn and setting fire to a house where seven persons were sleeping.

No trace of the pilot was found, Sheriff Harold Woodson said.

The plane apparently was from Greenville (Miss.) Air Force Base, Woodson said. He said the name of the base was stenciled on parts of the wreckage.

Woodson said the plane hit the ground, and then ricocheted through the all-metal barn. The plane then plunged another 75 yards across the ground, where it exploded, he said.

Joseph Man Killed In Antarctic Area

WASHINGTON (U)—Max R. Kiel, son of Mrs. Roma I. Kiel, Joseph, Ore., was killed when his tractor dropped into a deep snow crevasse in the Antarctic, the Navy reported Tuesday.

His was the second death in Operation Deep Freeze, the U.S. Antarctic expedition.

The Navy said that a dispatch from Little America reported that his body had dropped so far into the icy crevasse that recovery was impossible.

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Morals Case Jury Named

BOISE, Idaho (U)—An all-male jury was selected late Tuesday to decide the case of 44-year-old Paris T. Martin, the first Boise man to go on trial in a morals investigation which led to the arrest of 16 men.

The trial of Martin, a Boise attorney charged with committing an infamous crime against nature, will get under way Wednesday morning.

His attorney Tuesday challenged the method used to select the panel of prospective jurors. The resulting legal wrangle went on through the morning and afternoon hours.

Ten of the other defendants have entered pleas and have been sentenced or placed on probation. One went to prison for life. Cases against the others are pending.

Farm Gas Bill Passes

WASHINGTON (U)—The Senate Tuesday passed the bill asked by President Eisenhower to relieve farmers from paying the two-cent-a-gallon federal tax on gasoline used in their farming operations.

The measure now goes back to the House for consideration of a Senate amendment. The Senate acted by voice vote and only with brief debate.

Baby-Sitter Killed As 2 Children Lock Him Out

SEATTLE (U)—A baby-sitter was killed here Monday night in a fall after the children, 3 and 4 years old, had locked him out.

Victor Arce, 61, was locked out by the two little girls when he left his room in a downtown building for a few minutes. He was killed when a rope broke as he was climbing up to get in through a window.

Crawford W. Long was the first doctor to use ether as an anesthetic in surgery, says medical historians.

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