

AFL-CIO, Teamster Tiff Warms

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—The battle between the AFL-CIO and its ex-affiliate, the Teamsters Union, is warming up a bit but is still in the creampuff-slinging stage.

AFL-CIO groups in Chicago and in Maine, Tennessee and Massachusetts have acted to toss out Teamsters units at local levels as ordered by AFL-CIO President George Meany. But other state and local federations are taking their time in following suit.

Only a little more than a month has passed since the AFL-CIO expelled the 1½-million-member truck drivers union on charges that President-elect James R. Hoffa and other Teamsters leaders were corruptly influenced.

Since then there has existed a sort of armed truce. Hoffa and other Teamsters bosses have been too busy with a series of court cases to worry too much about retaliation.

AFL-CIO leaders have withheld fire too, waiting to see how Hoffa fares in the courts. They feel that without Hoffa the big Teamsters organization could be brought back into the AFL-CIO fold intact. On the other hand, they say starting a rival truck union would only entrench Hoffa and stir up labor troubles that would hurt employers as well as unions.

The Teamsters could force the issue any time by crossing AFL-CIO picket lines at the scene of labor disputes. There has been very little of this. One instance was in an AFL-CIO department store strike in Toledo last month.

Fund Demands By Army, Navy Face Senate

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—Strong Army and Navy demands for hundreds of millions of extra dollars for advanced weapons faced senators today even before President Eisenhower's budget requests reached Congress.

The President's budget message will be presented to Congress tomorrow. It is expected to call for spending about 74 billion dollars in the fiscal year that begins next July 1. Of this amount, defense outlays are expected to approach 40 billion.

However, some top officers are demanding hundreds of millions of extra dollars for Army missiles and Navy nuclear submarines.

Closed-Door Testimony

These calls came in closed-door testimony that has been released by the Senate Preparedness subcommittee. The witnesses were Lt. Gen. James M. Gavin, Army research director who is retiring, and Rear Adm. Hyman G. Rickover, Navy nuclear expert.

Gavin told senators he "misled Congress" last year by supporting a request for 372 million dollars for Army research and development. He said he really needed nearly 200 millions more.

And without mentioning exact dollar figures, he said the total carried in Eisenhower's budget for the next fiscal year "isn't going to be an awful lot better for research and development."

Not Enough

Rickover, credited with developing the world's first successful atomic submarine for the Navy, testified that 19 nuclear undersea craft now operating or authorized are not enough.

The Senate subcommittee has been investigating U. S. missile and satellite programs since Russia electrified the world with her successful launchings of two earth-orbiting moons.

Poland to Cut Jobs in Heavy Industries

WARSAW, Poland, Jan. 12 (AP)—Employment in Poland's industries, especially in heavy industries, will be reduced during 1955, Deputy Premier Piotr Jaroszewicz told a steel workers' union rally today.

Jaroszewicz blamed lack of discipline in work for non-fulfillment of steel production in the 1957 plan by 50,000 tons. He said that "unless from the start we introduce into the steel industry harmony and order, the 1958 plan will not be carried out."

In many domains of industry employment is vastly excessive, while in agriculture, coal mining, commerce, the public services, education and hospitals "we lack the necessary number of workers," he said.

He said reorganization of ministries and central offices will take place in 1955 and 10,000 persons will be removed. "The best of them will be moved to production jobs," he added.

Morrison Bridge Closed to Traffic

PORTLAND, Jan. 12 (AP)—The Morrison Bridge over the Willamette River at Portland was closed to traffic today as construction crews began putting into place a giant steel beam to link the pier of the new Morrison Bridge to the Belmont ramp.

Contractors hope to have the job finished so traffic can resume on the old span tomorrow at 6 a.m. The bridge construction project is scheduled for completion by late May.

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