

Conciliators Say Phone Dispute In Critical Stage

Settlement Formula May Be Advanced

WASHINGTON (AP)—Spurred by peace pacts in steel and other industries, Labor Department conciliators indicated Monday they may be ready to spring a new formula for settling the nationwide telephone strike.

Although these ace government trouble shooters declined to outline their next step publicly at this time, they told a reporter they feel the strike has reached a "crucial stage."

Apparently there was no prospect of government seizure of the industry. At least, Presidential Assistant John R. Steelman said he knew of no plans for such a move.

Entering its third week, the 340,000-worker phone tieup stood as the only major blot on an otherwise placid U. S. labor relations picture.

Violence at Detroit DETROIT (AP)—Violence flared on Detroit's telephone picket lines Monday, resulting in injuries to at least three persons and an assault and battery warrant against a striker accused of kicking a policeman.

Police battled pickets attempting to block entrances to the main Michigan Bell Telephone Co. office building and outlying exchanges.

Seattle Demonstration SEATTLE (AP)—A demonstration by locked-arm pickets, blocking entrances to the main telephone company building here, broke up shortly after 9 a. m. Monday, as the pickets dwindled to about 20 and four policemen ordered the sidewalks kept clear.

C. R. Garvin, member of the CIO - American Communications Assn., said his own union and other non-striking unions staged the demonstration in sympathy with the striking workers. It was the first such mass picketing during the two-weeks strike here.

Sabotage Reported PORTLAND (AP)—The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., Tuesday, reported three cases of sabotage to its Portland cables.

The company report said that the cables were severed with a hacksaw by "someone who knew what he was doing." The cables were severed late Saturday night or early Sunday and affected service to approximately 1200 customers, the company said.

Unionists Confer SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Striking telephone workers in the five western states served by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. were summoned to strategy meetings Monday as negotiation conferences with the company were broken off.

No further meetings have been scheduled between P. T. & T. and the National Federation of Telephone Workers, the independent union which called the walkout just two weeks ago.

Secret Session Fails To Break Impasse MOSCOW (AP)—The Big Four failed Monday to reach agreement on an Austrian peace treaty although they resorted to a two-hour secret session in an attempt to make a deal on three outstanding major issues.

The ministers invoked the strictest secrecy about what happened in their restricted meeting but official spokesmen would not rule out the possibility of further discussion of the Austrian issues.

They said it was expected that the ministers would return to the Austrian treaty again.

Immediate speculation was that the western powers offered the Russians a compromise of vice versa on the major obstacles to agreement and that time was asked for study.

Weather U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast: Eugene and vicinity, partly cloudy Monday night and Tuesday, continued cool, with light frost possible Monday night. Oregon, same, with little temperature change; frost or freezing temperatures east portion tonight with low temperature of 25 to 30 degrees; moderate northwest to north winds off coast.

Local statistics: Highest temperature Sunday, 59 degrees; low Monday morning, 34 degrees; rainfall in 24 hours ending 10:30 a. m., .02 inches; total for month, 2.42 inches; normal for month, 2.61 inches; stage of Willamette River at 7:30 a. m. Monday, plus 4 feet; wind at 11:30 a. m., North 13; prevailing Sunday, North 6.

Sunrise and sunset (PST): Tuesday, 5:18 a. m. and 7:04 p. m.; Wednesday, 5:16 a. m. and 7:05 p. m.

U. S. Standard Time: Tuesday, High 12:46 a. m. 9:11 a. m. 1:46 p. m. 7:47 p. m. Low 7:56 a. m. 4:57 p. m. 7:19 p. m. 4:59 p. m.



KING CHRISTIAN X, 76-year-old monarch of Denmark, died Sunday after a 15-day illness. He is succeeded by his son, who will rule as King Frederik IX.

Danes Mourn Death of King

COPENHAGEN (AP)—King Frederik IX, 76, led his 4,000,000 subjects Monday in mourning for his father, King Christian X, who died Sunday night after a popular reign of nearly 35 years, spanning two world wars.

The new king and his queen, formerly Princess Ingrid of Sweden, drove to Christiansborg Chapel alone early Monday and received holy communion.

King Proclaimed Prime Minister Knud Kristensen read the formal proclamation of Frederik's succession from the balcony of Christiansborg Palace while a 81-gun salute was fired and all churches rang their bells.

The cabinet offered its formal resignation but was asked to remain in office.

Although the death of the 76-year-old Christian had been expected since he suffered a stroke Easter Sunday, the Danes were deeply moved. There was universal agreement with Kristensen's words, "We have lost a beloved king and a good, true Dane."

The body of the 6 foot, 6 inch king will lie in state in Amlebon Palace, where he died, for two days. It then will be borne to the Christiansborg Church to lie in state another eight days.

Traditional Burial Burial will be at the Cathedral of Roskilde, where Danish kings have been buried for the past 1000 years.

Denmark will be in a state of mourning for six months. Succession of Frederik IX carries on a custom that Danish kings alternately are named Christian and Frederik. Only once since 1448 has there been a break in this tradition. That was King Hans in 1481.

Dept. of Interior Funds Slashed By Committee

Northwest Project Appropriations Cut

WASHINGTON (AP)—Swinging its sharpest economy axe to date, the House Appropriations Committee Monday chopped 43 per cent off the funds asked by President Truman for the Interior Department.

It voted to give the department \$183,649,313 for fiscal 1948 instead of the recommended \$322,531,220. The total included \$27,110,800 which Congress is required by law to give the department each year. Omitting these funds over which the committee has no discretion, the slash was nearly 50 per cent.

For its vast projects, the department's reclamation bureau was allotted only \$62,717,600 of the \$145,952,200 recommended—a 50 per cent cut.

From a percentage standpoint, the cut in interior department funds was the biggest voted by the committee in any of the three major appropriations bills it has acted on thus far.

It trimmed the Treasury-Postoffice bill from \$13,283,302,721 to \$12,388,029,971. But the \$897,272,750 reduction—though the biggest in dollars—represented only a 6 1/2 per cent saving. The \$78,825,520 cut it made in the originally requested \$1,763,412,300 for the Labor Department and federal security agency represented a saving of only about 4 1/2 per cent.

The bill is due for House action late this week. The bill will go to the Senate, which usually is more liberal in voting money for the Interior Department.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Funds recommended by the House Appropriations Committee for the two major water and power projects in the Pacific Northwest were about two thirds below original budget estimates, said to be "severely limited."

President Truman asked Congress for \$20,278,000 for the Bonneville Power Administration and \$27,500,000 for the Columbia Basin Project.

The economy-minded House committee recommended only \$6,907,800 for Bonneville and \$9,438,000 for the Columbia Basin project.

REDS BURN SUPPLIES NANKING (AP)—Large fires were reported in the Ching-Chin coal mining area, 27 miles west of Shihchiachuan in Southern Hopei Province, Monday as the Communists applied the "scorched earth" policy to the coal supplies they captured last week.

'Hold Prices' Nation Bid By Truman

President Calls for Prompt Action To Prevent Boom-and-Bust Cycle

NEW YORK (UP)—President Truman warned Monday that the much-predicted economic depression might well become a reality unless labor and industry take "prompt" steps to halt the "sharp and rapid rise in prices."

In a major address here on both domestic and foreign issues, the President asked business to lower prices where profits are excessive, urged labor to use moderation in wage demands and appealed to farmers to make an all-out effort to produce more goods.

Mr. Truman, speaking before the annual luncheon of the Associated Press, said America was shattering all records for peacetime production but that soaring prices were forming the "one cloud" that is "shadowing our economic future."

"Some say this cloud is certain to burst," the President said. "They are sure of a recession or depression. I do not share their belief that either of these is inevitable. I believe that we, as a nation, can prevent this economic cloud-burst. But it requires prompt, preventive steps."

In his address, which was broadcast nationally, the President also: 1. Called for expansion of rent control, now scheduled to die June 30, until construction costs are lowered and the present acute housing shortage is eased.

2. Reiterated his opposition to income tax reductions in this period of "great inflationary pressures."

3. Said credit controls cannot be relaxed so long as prices are high.

4. Warned that recent increases in wholesale prices carried the "inevitable" promise of still higher prices at retail stores.

5. Urged maintenance of export controls to avoid additional pressure on domestic prices from foreign purchases.

6. Rejected charges that the government's farm price support program was a large factor in current high food prices. Without it, he said, production would be discouraged and resultant shortages would themselves force prices up.

Fire Destroys Daintee Plant VERN MINKLER, manager of the Daintee Brand potato chip plant and wholesale grocery distributor's office at 280 Ferry St., Monday morning surveyed the ruins of his building after the fire Sunday night which did damage unofficially estimated at \$125,000.

The fire was reported at 6:02 p. m. and city firemen had the blaze under control within an hour but the intense heat destroyed tons of food stocks and valuable equipment.

Partly Insured Office Manager Harry Nelson was not prepared to make precise estimate of the damage but said it was "partially covered" by insurance.

Also lost in the same fire was the stock and some equipment of Chet's Famous Foods manufacturing plant in the northern end of the building.

F. W. Brunner, manager of Chet's plant, said that he expected to be in temporary quarters this week and supplying customers.

Will Supply Minkler had received word Monday morning that a Washington concern would supply potato chips to his specifications and that he would be supplying his buyers in "two or three days."

The two-story building was almost a total loss with only the front two end walls still standing. The second floor, used to store stocks of some 250 food products, was a knee-deep mess of gooey pickles, corn meal, flour, exploded tomato cans, and thousands of gallons of water.

Seek Cause City fire marshals were investigating the ruins in an effort to determine the cause of the blaze. No one was in the building when the fire started but earlier in the afternoon some employees had been at work in preparation for expanding production this week.

Both Minkler and Brunner observed that it was "pretty discouraging just as the busy season is starting." Both were confident that they could be filling orders this week, however, and Minkler said that the plant would be rebuilt "just as soon as possible," probably on the same site.

CIO-AFL Merger Discussions Invited WASHINGTON (AP)—The AFL Executive Council Monday invited the CIO peace committee to confer here Thursday on merger of the two big labor organizations.

AFL President William Green announced the invitation after a meeting of the council to discuss general problems, including the prospect that congress will enact sharp restrictions on labor union activities.

Green said a telegram was dispatched to CIO President Philip Murray suggesting the meeting. The groups have made frequent gestures toward union, but no real progress in that direction.

The council's decision to bring up the matter again at this time appeared traceable to the crisis building up for labor unions in the form of legislation in Congress.

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AMERICAN B. B. W. Chicago 301 011 000-8 10 3 Detroit 000 000 010-4 7 1 Grove, Pappish (5) and Tresh; Newhouse, Benton (5) Overmire (9) and Tebbets, Swish (4).

One from Texas W. Rosborough, former owner of the Rosborough Lumber Co., died Sunday.

Mrs. L. B. Schmidt, who presided, announced that only 109 of the needed 1106 workers remain to be recruited. Roosevelt school needs 19 workers; Washington, 36; Willard, 14; Wilson, 25; Edison, 5; Condon, 5 in the main district and 8 in Riverview section.

Schools will be open from 7:45 a. m. Monday, Mrs. Schmidt said, but during the rest of the week packets will have to be turned in to school principals during school hours. All calls must be completed and packets turned in by close of school on Friday, she said.

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