

# Steel Talks May Begin This Month

Blough Hopeful of Averting Strike

NEW YORK (AP)—Roger Blough says he hopes the steel industry will get through expected wage contract negotiations this summer without a strike.

Blough, board chairman of U.S. Steel Corp., said he expects "serious discussions" with union leaders to begin this month.

Apprehension over a possible strike prompted a flood of orders from big steel users and sent production spiraling upward without interruption in the last 13 weeks.

Asked by a newsmen about prospects, Blough said Tuesday: "I always hope there will be a satisfactory solution to both sides without any work stoppage."

**Informal Talks**

Informal union-industry talks have been proceeding through a joint human relations research committee meeting in Pittsburgh.

Blough made it clear he thinks they can blossom into serious bargaining with no formal notice of a 1962 wage contract reopening as provided for in that agreement.

The industrialist said he feels recent price rises on certain steel products will have little effect on the bargaining outcome.

"This price change alone isn't going to do what is necessary to correct the problems of the steel industry," Blough said. "I think the union understands this."

United Steelworkers President David McDonald said in Pittsburgh no decision has been made on whether to reopen contracts with the basic steel industry.

Just before the news conference, U.S. Steel disclosed that January-March profits were the lowest for the first quarter of any year since 1948.

## 44 Cents a Share

They amounted to \$29,918,774, or 44 cents a share of common stock against \$55,808,436 or 91 cents a share in the comparable 1962 period.

This yield fell 6 cents a share short of covering "Big Steel's" regular quarterly dividend despite a reduction of the payment to 50 cents from 75 cents a share last October.

Of major steel concerns, only National Steel Corp. reported a gain in first-quarter profits. Earnings of Bethlehem Steel Co., the No. 2 producer, plummeted 50 per cent.

Blough characterized the price increases of two weeks ago as "very modest." He said U.S. Steel cleared \$112.6 million, or nearly four times the profit of the quarter ended March 31.

## Murder Charged

KLAMATH FALLS (AP)—Archie Foster, 26, Salem, will enter a plea May 10 to a charge that he killed Mrs. Richard Biss, 37, with a bullet near her home at Beatty, Ore., April 22. Foster was arraigned on a first-degree murder charge Tuesday.



(AP Wirephoto)

## State Dinner

The dress was formal, but the conversation apparently was informal Tuesday night just before a state dinner at the White House in honor of Grand Duchess Charlotte of Luxembourg. The Grand Duchess, ruler of the small country since 1919, brought a smile to President Kennedy as she talked with him during a pre-dinner picture session.

## Portland Committee Cites Racial Imbalance in Schools

PORTLAND (AP)—A committee looking into the high percentage of Negro children in five Portland grade schools said Wednesday it will ask the Portland School Board to study what it calls the problems of racial imbalance.

It said it wants the board to find out how extensive the imbalance is, what effect it has on children, and what ought to be done about it.

The Rev. Paul S. Wright, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, is chairman of the committee. He said the committee has found that Eliot Elementary School has a 99 per cent Negro enrollment; Boise 90 per cent; Humboldt and Highland 85 per cent and Holladay 65 per cent.

"Each year," Wright said, "an increasing number of Portland children are graduated from elementary schools where the racial composition differs radically from that of the community as a whole."

A report from the committee said that studies in other communities had shown "that the Negro child who attends what is substantially an overwhelmingly white school in an overwhelmingly white community feels separated—that his status is inferior—and this directly and negatively affects his educational achievements."

The Portland situation, Wright said, was a matter of so-called de facto segregation: Segregation resulting from concentration of Negro residences in a relatively compact area. About 80 per cent of the Negroes in Portland—there were 15,637 in 1960—live in five adjacent areas in the city's near north-east side, he said.

He said that the school board would be asked, at its May 13 meeting, to name a study group to look into the problem and to come up with recommendations that could be put into effect in the fall of 1964.

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## House Demos Give Up on School Funds

# Aid Provisions Dropped From Measure

WASHINGTON (AP)—Democratic leaders of the House Education Committee have given up all hope this year for legislation providing general federal aid to schools. They are dropping it from the administration's education bill.

Chairman Adam Clayton Powell, D-N.Y., and other ranking Democrats have decided it would be futile to ask Congress now to provide aid for public elementary and high schools.

They still hope, however, to keep most of the rest of President Kennedy's comprehensive education bill in one piece, despite pressure from committee Republicans to concentrate on a single section—aid to colleges.

Abandonment of the proposal to make federal funds available to the states for public-school construction and teachers' salaries marks the third straight year Kennedy has been unable to get a vote in the House on what he has called the heart of his education program.

Religious and racial controversies plus widespread opposition to the concept of federal aid to education have built up a formidable opposition that makes the House leadership reluctant to risk a floor fight.

The decision to dump the general school aid provisions was reached Tuesday at a meeting of Powell and his subcommittee chairmen.

The committee leaders voted to try for an omnibus bill containing seven sections, most of

which expand or continue existing programs.

They include: A one-year extension of aid to school districts crowded because of federal installations; expansion of vocational education, grants for education of handicapped children; expansion to aid public libraries; grants to improve the quality of teaching; strengthening of federal-state-local cooperative educational research programs; and expansion of student-loan and other provisions of the national defense education act.

A program to aid construction of college academic facilities, which Republicans say should get highest priority, is to be prepared as a separate measure. The administration, however, is opposed to having it considered separately, and a final decision has not been reached.

Powell leaves June 3 for Europe as a delegate to a meeting of the International Labor Organization in Switzerland and hopes to have the bill containing some, or all, of the provisions out of his committee by then.

That would leave the next move up to the House Rules Committee, which bottled up all education programs in 1961 and permitted only a college bill to get the floor last year.

## Campaign Funds Proposal Greeted Coldly by Solons

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy's proposal that the federal government help finance political campaigns appears to have died.

Kennedy urged Congress Tuesday to study a plan under which the federal government would match all individual campaign contributions of \$10 or less in federal elections.

A sampling of senators and representatives showed little support for the idea. There were some sharply hostile reactions.

The plan was advanced last year in a report by a presidential commission on campaign costs.

"I urge the Congress to study this approach, which would encourage party efforts in broadening the financial base of presidential campaigns," Kennedy said in a letter to the Senate and the House.

He submitted no draft legislation with his letter. He did,

however, send Congress a bill to propose special tax benefits for political contributions and another to require fuller reporting of campaign financing. Identical bills were submitted last year but did not pass.

Sen. Bourke Hickenlooper of Iowa, chairman of the Senate Republican policy committee, called it an "utterly superficial approach." He also said it would be "very ineffective."

Sen. Albert Gore, D-Tenn., former chairman of the elections subcommittee, said that "what is needed is limitations on campaign contributions and strict regulations of campaign expenditures."

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## 100th Minuteman Installed at Base

WASHINGTON (AP)—The 100th Minuteman solid-fuel, quick-shooting intercontinental missile was delivered to the Air Force at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., Tuesday, the Pentagon announced.

This completes two of the three Minuteman squadrons for that site. The third will be ready by the end of June, the Air Force has said.

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## Bowles Approved

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee Tuesday approved the nomination of Chester Bowles to be ambassador to India. It now goes to the Senate.

## Damage Estimated

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—State Civil Defense Director Robert Crook Wednesday said that damages from Monday's tornadoes in Mississippi may total \$1 million.

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