

### Why a Steel Strike? T-H Act Not Involved

By JAMES MARLOW

Washington, Oct. 4 (AP)—You may be wondering: why is there a steel strike? I thought the Taft-Hartley act was supposed to stop big strikes.

First, T-H can't stop any strike but can only delay one. Second, President Truman hasn't used T-H in the steel case but still can if he wishes to.

The strike, which started October 1, already was delayed 78 days by presidential action. If Mr. Truman wants to use T-H now, he can stop it for another 80 days.

This is an explanation of what has been done and can be done. The CIO steelworkers were supposed to strike at midnight, July 15. On that day Mr. Truman appointed a three-man fact-finding board to look into the case, hear both sides, and recommend a solution.

So, until the board could finish its work, the steelworkers and steel owners agreed there'd be no shutdown or strike. The board reported back to the president September 10.

A couple of times between September 10 and October 1 a strike seemed near, but was delayed upon the president's request. When it finally started October 1, 78 days had elapsed since Mr. Truman appointed his fact-finding board July 15.

This 78-day delay was voluntary on both sides, the union and the steel companies. There was no law compelling them to agree to the president's request for delay.

If he had used T-H, Mr. Truman could have delayed the strike by law. This is how T-H would have worked in this case:

First, Mr. Truman would have had to decide a steel strike was a national emergency, endangering the nation's health and safety.

Then he'd appoint a board of fact-finders to study the dispute. Then it reports to the president on the facts.

(There's a difference between the T-H type of fact-finding board and the one used in the present steel case. T-H boards can't make recommendations. The one in this case, not covered by law, could and did.)

After receiving the T-H board's report, the president can tell the attorney general to get a U.S. court injunction (order) forbidding a strike for 80 days.

The first 60 of the 80 days are intended to give more time for the union and a company to reach a settlement. Meanwhile, the president calls back his T-H board and asks for a report on the latest developments.

This report must be made within the first 60 of those 80 days covered by the no-strike order. The president makes the report public. If, at the end of the 60 days, there's still no settlement, the national labor relations board steps into the picture.

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That uses up 75 of the 80 days. In the next five days the NLRB must tell the attorney general the result of the vote. Then, with the 80 days used up, he must go into court and have the no-strike order dismissed.

At that point, after 80 days delay, a union is free to strike.

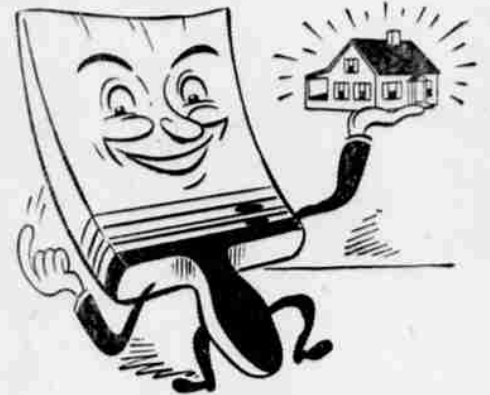
At this point the president sends a full report to congress. Then it's up to congress to take any special action it wishes, by

passing some special act, to delay a strike further. This hasn't happened yet.

So, although the steel strike was delayed 78 days without benefit of T-H, Mr. Truman can still use T-H to stop it for another 80 days by going through the various steps outlined here.

#### Remains Recovered

Roseburg, Ore., Oct. 4 (AP)—A party of state police returned last night with the remains of Douglas C. Locke of Arcadia, Calif., killed in February, 1947, when his private plane crashed on Red Butte, 40 miles northeast of here. Locke hit the mile-high peak at the 4500-foot level after he had apparently lost his bearings.



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Singer Killed in Street Plane Crash—Spectators crowd around the wreckage of a twin-engine plane which crashed at a busy street intersection in Los Angeles fatally injuring popular singer Buddy Clark and injuring five others. The group was returning to Los Angeles from the Stanford-Michigan football game at Palo Alto, Calif., when a fuel line clogged as they passed over the city. Radio Newscaster Sam Hayes, one of the injured, told police. Victims of the plane crash (bottom) await ambulances after their twin-engine charter plane crashed. In center foreground is singer Buddy Clark, who was fatally injured. At left, Radio Newscaster Sam Hayes comforts his wife, Sally. They and three others (right background, bottom photo) sustained cuts and bruises. (AP Wirephoto)

### Buddy Clark Hitch-Hiked Death Flight

Hollywood, Oct. 4 (AP)—Crooner Buddy Clark, 38, was a last minute hitch-hiker on the small plane that carried him to his death when it crashed in a Los Angeles street, a companion said today.

Clark was killed and five others were injured when the plane ran out of gas and crashed as they returned Saturday night from the Michigan-Stanford football game at Palo Alto.

Newscaster Sam Hayes, who was injured only slightly, said Clark joined the party at the last minute.

"We had already chartered the plane," Hayes explained. "We told Clark about it, and he asked if he could go along."

"I found out we had an extra game ticket—so we took him."

### Jury to Probe 'Pineapple' Riot

The Dalles, Ore., Oct. 4 (AP)—Wasco county's grand jury will meet Thursday morning to investigate possible criminal acts that occurred in last Wednesday's melee here when over 200 CIO longshore pickets broke through police lines at the dock, injured six men, and damaged trucks and "hot" pineapple.

Circuit Court Judge Malcolm W. Wilkinson signed the order convening the grand jury yesterday.

He also dissolved a temporary restraining order issued last Thursday to stop picketing. Wilkinson said there appeared no need for the order as long as further violence appeared unlikely.

Meanwhile, pineapple spokesmen gave no indication where or when they would move the barge "Honolulu" and its \$800,000 blacklisted pineapple cargo.

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### Elliott Recall Election Oct. 21

Portland, Oct. 4 (AP)—Multnomah County Sheriff Marion Elliott will have his political fate decided October 21 in a special recall election.

A deadline provided by the recall law for a voluntary resignation expired last night. The young democratic official had said earlier that he had no intention of giving up his office without a fight against what he termed persecution by newspapers and political motives.

County Registrar of Elections James W. Gleason set the election date. He said an unofficial check of the voter rolls indicated 108,923 democrats and 99,618 republicans were eligible for the balloting. Registration of new voters since September 15, when it appeared almost certain Elliott faced a recall ballot, was led by democrats. The majority party added 720 to the rolls; the republicans 382.

The recall movement stemmed from disclosure that Elliott had misrepresented his qualifications for office when he campaigned last November. Dismissal of a veteran crime bureau officer was the spark that set it off.

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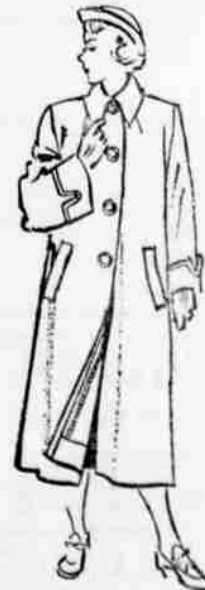
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