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**PRESIDENT WINS WEEK'S DELAY IN STEEL SHUTDOWN**

**White House Sees Agreement — Hope To Avert Meat Strike Wednesday**

Washington, Jan. 12—(U.P.)—The National Federation of Telephone Workers tonight postponed scheduled discussion of a nationwide strike of all telephone employees to await further federal efforts to end a coast-to-coast tieup of long distance service.

The N.F.T.W. earlier had scheduled a meeting of its executive board to consider a national walkout of its 250,000 members, many of whom already were idle because they refused to cross picket lines at exchanges throughout the country.

Washington, Jan. 12—(U.P.)—President Truman obtained a one-week postponement of a scheduled nationwide steel strike tonight and predicted the dispute would be settled without a walkout.

The president's intervention averted, at least for the time being, a strike of 700,000 United Steel Workers (CIO) which had been scheduled for midnight tomorrow.

He had summoned the contending parties to the White House in an 11th hour attempt to seek a settlement which, administration leaders hoped, might provide the key to settlement of half a dozen other major industrial disputes threatening to paralyze the nation's basic industries.

CIO President Philip Murray, head of the steel workers union, agreed to the seven-day strike postponement after a four-hour conference with Benjamin Fairless, president of the U. S. Steel Corp., and top government officials.

**Murray Acts**  
 Mr. Truman announced that Fairless made an offer for settlement of the wage dispute and that Murray offered a counterproposal.

"Mr. Fairless asked for more time to present the proposition of Mr. Murray to the steel companies," Mr. Truman said.

"At the request of the president, Mr. Murray agreed to postpone calling of the strike for one week during which time collective bargaining will proceed under the auspices of the president.

"It is my belief that an agreement will be reached."

The White House talks will be resumed at 2 p. m. next Wednesday.

When negotiations became deadlocked in New York yesterday, and Mr. Truman intervened, the union had reduced its original demand of a 25 cent an hour wage increase to 20 cents, and the company had offered a 15 cent increase.

Chicago, Jan. 11—(U.P.)—Gloomy government representatives tonight searched desperately for a solution to avert a nationwide strike of CIO packinghouse workers which industry spokesmen said would leave the nation without any meat within a week.

More than 335,000 workers will quit their jobs unless a compromise basis satisfactory to packers and unions can be found. Some 200,000 members of the United Packinghouse Workers of America (CIO) had announced they will strike Jan. 16. The Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen (AFL) will also walk out, they said, but a date has not been set.

Detroit, Jan. 12—(U.P.)—Failure of presidential efforts to settle the costly General Motors walkout tonight forced the CIO auto workers union to a renewed hunt for a way out of the impassioned of a deadlocked strike.

**Interest Free RFC Mine Loans Urged**

Washington, Jan. 12—(U.P.)—Sen. Pat McCarran, D., Nev., said tonight that he will introduce a bill to authorize the Reconstruction Finance Corp. to make interest-free loans for rehabilitation of precious metal mines.

The loans would be repaid in the form of a five per cent royalty on future production.

Mexico City, Jan. 12—(U.P.)—Mexico will invest \$30,000,000 in the sugar industry within the coming two years, the paper El Nacional said today.

**Telephone Strikes Hit Capitol**



District telephone operators begin deserting their jobs at the Telephone Building, Washington, D. C., to attend mass meetings in protest against what their spokesmen allege to be "sweatshop" conditions at the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone company.

**SUSPECTS FREED, ALL CLUES FADE IN HORROR CASE**

Chicago, Jan. 12—(U.P.)—Chicago police tonight released four suspects and found themselves without any promising leads in the brutal kidnap-slaying last Monday of Suzanne Degnan, six, whose dismembered body was found in her home less than a block from her home.

A former janitor of the building where Suzanne was directed was released after a lie detector test showed him innocent. The former janitor, a handyman arrested today in Wilmette, a north shore suburb, was Wilbur Phillips, 45.

Meanwhile, three other suspects were cleared of suspicion in the fiendish crime. They were Warren G. Dawes, 22; William Anthony Grant, 66, and Edward King, 39. Earlier, Robert Groetzing, 45, and Francis Perry, 22, were freed after questioning had cleared them.

Phillips had been arrested on information furnished by Frank Cace, Miami, Fla., owner of the apartment building where Suzanne had been butchered in a laundry room.

**AGED BRIDEGROOM ADMITS SLAYING**

Kalspell, Mont., Jan. 12—(U.P.)—Frank Ross, 81-year-old former stage-coach driver and bridegroom of less than three months, pleaded guilty before District Judge Dean King today to the first degree murder of Vincel Stibal, 55, fellow resident of the State Soldier's home at Columbia Falls.

Judge King said he would sentence Ross Monday.

The aged man, who yesterday signed a confession he fatally wounded Mr. and Mrs. Stibal Wednesday, showed no regret in making his plea.

"Yes, I shot him," he told the court. "I'm pleading guilty. He was making my life miserable and I'd do it again."

**London Want To Go Home Meet Fizzles**

London, Jan. 12—(U.P.)—A GI mass meeting to protest demobilization delays, the third in as many days, fizzled out today. Only six GIs appeared—along with 10 reporters and seven military policemen.

Earlier today, a deputation of eight soldiers was told by Sen. Tom Connally of Texas that "the boys in the Pacific have a bigger gripe than you" in their redeployment program.

Today's demonstration was scheduled for the lunch hour in Grosvenor Square, near London area army headquarters and scene of a larger demonstration last night.

**HANNEGAN HOOTS MORSE'S PLAN TO LIBERALIZE GOP**

**Democratic Chief Opens 1946 Campaign; Assails Taft's Speech**

Boston, Jan. 12—(U.P.)—Democratic National Chairman Robert E. Hannegan fired his party's opening salvo in the 1946 election campaign tonight by asserting that "reaction" is firmly in the saddle in the republican party.

A recent speech by Sen. Robert A. Taft, R. O., proves that "the old guard controls the party," he told the Massachusetts state democratic committee at a dinner.

"Senator Taft and his associates have dropped the pose of liberalism," Hannegan declared. "They control the party, and so long as they continue to do so there can be no more claims to liberalism under that party's banner."

Hannegan discounted attempts by Sen. Wayne R. Morse, R., Ore., to liberalize the party. "There can be no such thing as an accredited republican liberal," Hannegan said. "Henceforth, by the party's own decree, republican candidates for office cannot stand on liberal principles."

Hannegan said the democrats "go along with Senator Taft 100 per cent in his clarification of the issue."

"We accept this challenge," Hannegan added. "We are ready to lay the case before the voters of America. We shall do everything in our power to make Senator Taft's meaning perfectly clear to them—to all Americans, republicans included."

Taft in his speech said parts of President Truman's legislative program were "communist" or dictated by the CIO political action committee. He said the majority of American people did not support the president's program and "philosophy."

"I would recommend to the senator a re-reading of the democratic party's platform of 1944 and of the election returns of Nov. 7 of the same year," Hannegan said.

He said Morse made a radio speech recently "in which he endorsed the Truman program."

**PALESTINE JEWS BLAST, ROB TRAIN**

Jerusalem, Jan. 12—(U.P.)—A group of 70 Jewish men and women terrorists armed with machine guns, rifles and land mines held up a train near Hadera in northern Palestine today and escaped with a \$140,000 railroad payroll after wounding two guards.

The terrorists, officially described as members of the militant Jewish organization, Irgun Sva Leumi, derailed the locomotive with land mines. A British constable and one Arab policeman of the train's six-man escort were wounded.

Thousands of British troops were rushed into the territory, a section of North Palestine which had been comparatively free of disturbances for the past several months.

**NEW YORK TURNS OUT FOR HEROES**

New York, Jan. 11—(U.P.)—Johnny came marching home today in a shiny, new pair of jump boots and with a cocky grin across his face.

He marched up Fifth Avenue, past 3,500,000 persons who couldn't cheer him loud or long enough. He was Johnny and Joe and Maj. Gen. James M. Gavin.

Interpersed among the marching doughfeet were 34 tanks, medium and heavy, 18 truck-drawn tank destroyers, 18 self-propelled howitzers and two mammoth tank transports. This was the first such military pageant New York had seen since 1919.

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Stabilization Administrator John C. Collet is expected to act early next week on a recommendation from the office of price administration and the agriculture department that sugar prices be increased one-half cent a pound.

Further increases in sugar prices may be necessary unless congress acts almost immediately to extend government authority to pay subsidies on 1946 sugar crops in Puerto Rico and Hawaii and on domestically produced cane and beets.

An immediate price increase of one-half cent a pound would make it possible for the United States to buy 1946 Cuban sugar production and sell it to this country without a loss. Authority to sell at a loss to the government any sugar produced this year has now been expired.

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Norblad was chosen to succeed the late James W. Mott, who died Nov. 12. His election maintained the state's all-GOP delegation in Washington and continued a 52-year-old precedent of sending only republicans to congress from the first district.

Norblad, the son of former Gov. Al W. Norblad, defeated his democratic opponent, Bruce Spaulding, a Salem attorney, by a two-to-one margin in Friday's special election.

In Washington, D. C., Herbert Brownell, Jr., republican national committee chairman, described Norblad's victory as additional evidence of the "republican march toward control of congress."

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