

U.S. STEEL REJECTS COMPROMISE

COMPANY SNAGS TRUMAN EFFORT TO BREAK JAM

Proposed 18½ Cent Pay Increase Acceptable To Union; Meat Facts Sought

Washington, Jan. 18—(U.P.)—President Philip Murray of the United Steelworkers (CIO) asserted today that a nationwide steel strike "must take place" at 12:01 a. m. Monday because U. S. Steel Corp. rejected President Truman's wage settlement plan.

By United Press
President Truman's effort to ease the nation's labor crisis ran into a snag today when U. S. Steel refused to accept the President's plan for settling the steel wage dispute.

Earlier the CIO United Steel workers union had accepted the proposal to end the deadlock with a pay increase of 18½ cents an hour.

Administration leaders had hoped to break the coast-to-coast strike jam by ending the steel wage dispute.

The U. S. Steel refusal to accept the wage peace plan was contained in a letter to President Truman from Benjamin Fairless, president of the corporation.

The development increased the possibility of a nationwide steel strike starting at midnight Sunday. The strike had been postponed for a week to permit further negotiations of the steel workers wage demands.

Mr. Truman urged the corporation to reconsider the rejection, but White House aides said government seizure of the steel industry had not been considered. Fairless told the President that an increase in wages such as suggested by Mr. Truman would result in "great financial harm" to the corporation and to users of steel in general. Fairless said the steel corporation had reached its limit when it offered a wage boost of 15 cents an hour.

To Seek Meat Facts
Meanwhile, it was announced at Washington that the fact-finding panel in the meat-packing strike would begin formal hearings in Chicago next Tuesday. Exploratory conferences with the parties were held last night and today.

Elsewhere in the current labor crisis—idling nearly a million workers—there were these developments:
Striking CIO electrical workers offered to submit to arbitration a wage dispute which has shut down 78 plants of General Electric, Westinghouse and General Motors.

The membership of four unions of Western Electric employees was polled on whether to walk out in sympathy with 17,000 other telephone workers.

The Ford Motor Co., which yesterday announced it had topped 1946 production schedules, appeared near a wage settlement with the CIO Auto Workers Union.

Pilotless Plane Out of Control

New York, Jan. 18—(U.P.)—A small, radio-controlled pilotless plane was running wild today off Cape May, N. J., and residents of Long Island were warned by police to expect it to crash somewhere on Long Island within a short time.

Coast guard air and sea rescue headquarters said that the plane, known as a "red dog," was 30 miles off Cape May at 12:35 p. m. with only two and one half hours supply of fuel. It was said to be heading north at a speed of 85 miles an hour, carrying "confidential gear."

The plane, which has a 15-foot wing span, normally is used in simulated dog fights or for trials of aircraft parts.

Hedy and Husband Now Living Apart
Hollywood, Jan. 18—(U.P.)—Raven-haired Hedy Lamarr and her husband, Film Actor John Loder, are living apart, the actress confirmed today.
The separation came after nearly three years of marriage for the couple, both having been married before.

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Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy to night and Saturday with morning fog. Little change in temperature.
Temp. Highest Yesterday 32
Lowest this Morning 23
Precipitation .01

Fortieth Year

PEA SOUP FOG IS CAUSE OF MANY TRAFFIC MISHAPS

Motorists Forced to Slow to Snail's Pace; Mail Tribune Carrier Among Injured

Thick fog which blanketed the valley all day yesterday became so dense by dusk that motorists were forced to travel at a snail's pace and even pedestrians had difficulty in recognizing familiar streets and houses. The fog persisted throughout the night, clearing after sun-up this morning.

A number of accidents resulted from the poor visibility afforded motorists. Charles H. Hansen, 82, suffered injuries to his neck and one shoulder when the coupe he was driving on Crater Lake highway near the Bear Creek bridge was struck from behind by a bus of the Rogue Valley Transit company, according to Carlos Morris, ambulance driver. Hansen, carrier for the Mail Tribune, had slowed in an effort to find a side road onto which he was to make a left turn when the bus, driven by James Edward Eller, struck the coupe. Morris reported.

Hansen was taken to Community Hospital in the Conger-Morris ambulance and later released after examination by a physician. Mrs. Ben E. Thurston, Route 3, Box 103, passenger on the bus, suffered slight leg injuries, Morris reported.

Two Injured
Among numerous other reports of minor traffic accidents filed with city police yesterday and today was a mishap which occurred yesterday morning on Crater Lake highway when cars operated by R. W. Pierce, 104 West Main street, and Elmer Settell, Camp White, collided, slightly injuring Bonnie Sanger and Mrs. R. W. Pierce, passengers.

Ellnor Beattie, route 2, and Edythe Woodrich, Eagle Point, were reported injured slightly at about 8 a. m. yesterday when cars were being operated when they collided on Crater Lake highway, three miles northeast of Medford.

Truck, Car Crash
Police investigated an accident at the West Sixth and Main street intersection Thursday after a collision of a car driven by Walter R. Neel, 1600 North Riverside with a Standard oil truck operated by James Frank Hays, 101 Geneva street. Damage estimated at \$100 was caused by the oil truck, according to a report filed later.

Also reported was a collision on highway 90 yesterday where cars operated by Bessie Denham, Talent, and Bryan Bowman, route 4, were damaged slightly.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 18—(U.P.)—Twenty persons were hospitalized today as the result of a head-on collision between a school bus and streetcar.
The accident occurred during the evening rush hour yesterday. A total of 37 persons were injured.

Witnesses said the bus, driven by Harold R. Stanton, 43, swerved to the wrong side of the street, almost in the direct path of the northbound trolley.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Margaret Conger dispatching a dog-messenger to inform Edna Silliman of the impending return home from overseas of Hubby Chet Silliman.
Edna Spenzwald giving a wild-eyed teardrop to a bit of good advice.

Amy Downing dropping a milk bottle in the post office lobby with becoming blushes and confusion.
Nebraska ranks 41st among the 48 states in the average salary paid teachers.

Defends His Stand



Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel, Commander of the Pacific Fleet at the time of Pearl Harbor, heatedly contends that Washington Naval officials denied him information that might have made Pearl Harbor an ambush for Japanese. Kimmel took the stand before the Pearl Harbor Committee as the committee convened following a two-week recess.

16 DIE AS AIRLINER BLOWS UP IN FLIGHT

Cheshire, Conn., Jan. 18—(U.P.)—An Eastern Airlines plane caught fire in flight today and crashed in flames in a wooded patch near the state reformatory, killing its 13 passengers and crew of three.

The plane was enroute from New York to Boston when the crash occurred.

The bodies of three women were found among the victims. An identification disc bearing

the name "F. W. Bassett, Pan-American Airways" was found at the wreckage.

Witnesses reported that the twin-engine airliner caught fire as it passed over Cheshire. With smoke trailing behind the plane, the pilot apparently tried desperately to set the plane down in an emergency landing.

But then an explosion shook the plane.

C. A. Goddard, president of the Ball & Socket Company, said when the explosion occurred "the wings of the plane folded and the plane came straight down."

Peter Ricci, an overseas veteran, saw the plane catch fire. He ran to the scene of the crash but flames and the intense heat kept him a distance from the wreckage.

"No one got out," he said. "Everybody evidently stayed with the ship."

The plane left LaGuardia Field, New York, at 10:28 a. m. and crashed at 11:06 a. m.

Rescuers were unable to remove the bodies for more than 90 minutes after the crash because of the flames.

STRIKERS PICKET LOS A. CITY HALL

Los Angeles, Jan. 18—(U.P.)—Striking CIO electrical workers today picketed the Los Angeles City hall in protest against "police brutality" at the strike-bound U. S. Motors plant where strikers and police battled yesterday.

The pickets, leaving only a small number behind at the motor plant, held a mass meeting this morning and then marched on the City hall.

More than 250 pickets were patrolling the Spring street entrance to the City hall by 10 a. m., carrying banners that called for the removal of Mayor Fletcher Bowron. As they patrolled in front of the block-square edifice, the pickets sang "Solidarity Forever," CIO anthem.

Tokyo, Jan. 18—(U.P.)—Allied headquarters today ordered the Japanese government to arrest 111 additional suspected war criminals, bringing to more than 700 the number arrested for alleged war crimes.

Heading the latest list were seven generals, chief of whom was Gen. Nakaji Tachi, former chief of staff at Japanese headquarters in the Philippines.

Southern Demos Filibuster Against Fair Employment Bill

ACTION DIMS HOPE FOR EARLY CURB ON STRIKE CALLS

Labor Committee to Consider Proposals For Increase In Minimum Wage Rates.

Washington, Jan. 18—(U.P.)—A southern democratic filibuster against a fair employment bill today practically killed any chance of early senate action on strike-prevention legislation.

The anti-FEPC filibuster kept Sen. James O. Eastland, D. Miss., from getting a vote on a motion to discharge the labor committee from consideration of the fact-finding measure proposed by President Truman to prevent strikes. Eastland wanted to bring the labor bill to the senate floor.

To Eye Wage Rates

The labor committee had suspended consideration of the legislation until Jan. 25. In the meantime it will consider proposals to increase minimum wage rates under agreement to dispose of that question on Jan. 24.

LAKE RECORDER TO BE INSTALLED

If snow and weather conditions are right, an effort will be made within the next several days to lower a sound recording instrument into the waters of Crater Lake to determine if there is a recurrence of volcanic activity. E. P. Leavitt, superintendent of Crater Lake National park, reported today after conferring with three men who returned last night from the lake.

Leavitt reports that Chief Ranger J. Carlyle Crouch, Daryl Palmer, equipment operator, and Paul Herron, mechanic and boat operator at the lake in past years, are of the opinion that a combination of the right kind of snow conditions and clear weather will permit installation of the drum-like instrument without undue danger to the workers.

Suspect Released In Degan Crime

Chicago, Jan. 18—(U.P.)—Police today questioned and released Sidney Sherman, a music school operator, in their search for the owner of a handkerchief found in the neighborhood where six-year-old Suzanne Degan was kidnapped and slain.

Police Capt. John L. Sullivan said that after talking with Sherman he was convinced that he was not the owner of the handkerchief.

Service Paper After Patterson's Scalp
Washington, Jan. 18—(U.P.)—The army and navy bulletin, an unofficial service publication, is demanding the resignation of Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson.

The publication said editorially that Patterson should be replaced by someone who understands current military problems, including the clamor for demobilization.

Mechanical Arm Enabled Benito To Hold Salute

Chicago, Jan. 18—(U.P.)—An army lieutenant said today that he had discovered the secret of Benito Mussolini's enduring Fascist salute.

Lt. William E. Brekke, 23, said that the key to the salute that never wavered once during long parades he found in the basement of Mussolini's castle at Lake Garda.

"I found an artificial arm, fashioned in the Fascist salute," Brekke said. "To it were attached heavy straps to be fastened about the body."

"While admiring crowds marveled at such control and endurance, Il Duce relaxed in his tunic."

RUSSIAN WARNS AGAINST CHANGE IN UNO CHARTER

London, Jan. 18—(U.P.)—Soviet Ambassador Andrei A. Gromyko denounced proposals to wipe out the big power veto in the United Nations Security council today as Iran sought a way to force UNO consideration of its quarrel with Russia.

Quick Action Urged

In asking extension and amendment of the selective service law, Hershey recommended that men who have been discharged after serving less than six months be reintroduced to serve out an 18-month hitch.

Hershey emphasized the desirability of action now to extend the draft act. Advance notice is necessary, he said, if the public and the draft boards are to know what to expect.

FILM MEANIES FIGHT

Hollywood, Jan. 18—(U.P.)—A meeting of movie villains at the home of a noted bon vivant early today resulted in Jack La Rue, one of the "heavy's," receiving a had out on the back of his head, apparently following a scuffle with Lawrence Tierney, the other meanie.

Youth Spanked at Woodburn Is Sentenced to State Prison

Paul Eldon Morris, nearly 17, who figured in the recent "spanking incident" at the State Industrial school at Woodburn, was sentenced to serve 18 months in state prison by Circuit Judge Herbert K. Hanna yesterday for the theft of an auto in 1944. The "spanking" of Morris and another inmate of the state school recently caused a state-wide furor.

Morris reported as an incorrigible and beyond the control of the state school authorities, was remanded to the local court recently.

Originally an Ashland boy whose first offense was stealing money left in milk bottles on porches, Morris admitted to the court that a "prison term might do some good."

DRAFT EXTENSION WITH 18 MONTHS SERVICE IS URGED

Washington, Jan. 18—(U.P.)—Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey today asked congress to extend the draft act immediately and amend it to provide that every inductee serve a specific term, preferably 18 months.

Hershey flatly rejected, however, a proposal that the present draft age, 18 through 25, be raised to speed the flow of replacements to occupation theaters. Instead, he recommended that the army and navy lower their physical qualifications to make more men in the present age group eligible for induction.

Supply Inadequate

Hershey was called before a senate military affairs subcommittee on demobilization in answer to war department complaints that selective service is supplying only about 35,000 of the 50,000 men a month requested by the army.

The war department has attributed the recent demobilization slowdown to lack of replacements. Hershey told the subcommittee that 60,000 to 80,000 temporarily deferred high school students would become available for drafting in June and July if there still is a selective service law then. The law is scheduled to expire May 15 unless congress extends it.

Fraser argued that the general assembly representing all the United Nations alone had the proper authority to direct such a vital commission as that on atomic energy.

Fraser was the first UNO delegate to criticize in public the plan for the atomic commission as drafted at Moscow by the Big Three and now supported by China, France and Canada.

NO MINE STRIKE

Ely, Nev., Jan. 18—(U.P.)—J. Frank Markle, president of district 2 of the CIO international mine, mill and smelter workers union, which includes Utah and Nevada, declared today "There will be no mine strike in Nevada at present."

PEARL QUIZZERS REJECT PLEA TO CALL CHURCHILL

Sen. Ferguson's Motion Loses 6 to 2; All Demos On Committee Vote Nay.

Washington, Jan. 18—(U.P.)—Adm. Husband E. Kimmel denied today that the Pearl Harbor disaster resulted from any error or judgment or dereliction of duty on his part.

The Pearl Harbor committee today rejected six to two a motion to invite former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill as a witness.

The motion was made by Sen. Homer Ferguson, R. Mich., who wanted to ask Churchill about his Atlantic conference with the late President Roosevelt in August 1941.

Republicans Favor
Ferguson and Rep. Bertrand W. Gearhart, R. Calif., were the only two members of the 10-man joint congressional committee voting in favor of the motion.

The two other republicans on the committee—Sen. Owen Brewster of Maine and Rep. Frank B. Keefe, of Wisconsin—voted "present."

All six democrats on the committee voted against calling Churchill.

Chairman Barkley interrupted examination of Adm. Husband E. Kimmel, commander of the Pacific fleet at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack, to take the vote on calling Churchill.

Kimmel Again
Kimmel, testifying for the fourth consecutive day, repeated his statement that as of Dec. 7, 1941, he didn't think a Japanese attack on any United States possession was more than "a remote possibility."

He said that as time went on after receipt of a war warning message from Washington on Nov. 27 he thought the possibility of Japanese aggression was growing less likely.

Even if war did come, he thought it would be in the Far East rather than in the Hawaiian area.

Kimmel pointed out that a "surprise" attack does not necessarily mean a strike against territory not previously indicated.

Sentenced



Here is latest picture of Pfc. Joseph E. Hicawa, 20, Wallington, New Jersey, received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hicawa before their son was sentenced to death for slaying two Japanese at Osaka, Japan. Appeals are being made by civic leaders, veterans and neighbors to spare the life of the boy.