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New Wage - Price Formula Opposed By A. F. L. President

TRUMAN'S PLAN UNACCEPTABLE IS GREEN'S CLAIM

Program Would Be Blow At Collective Bargaining, Union Leader Declares.

By United Press
President Truman's new wage-price formula designed to break the nation's reconversion crisis ran into opposition today from the American Federation of Labor.

President William Green, of the AFL, said the President's plan was unacceptable. Mr. Truman's program was aimed at settling strikes idling 1,529,000 American workers and was specifically directed at walkouts in the steel, electrical, and automotive industries.

CIO-GM Resume
Shortly after the President's plan was announced General Motors and the United Automobile Workers Union (CIO) prepared to resume negotiations in the 87-day GM strike.

GM President Charles F. Wilson planned to attend the negotiations for the first time since the strike began, Nov. 21.

In attacking Mr. Truman's program, Green said it was a "body blow at free collective bargaining."

He predicted it would "create widespread social, industrial, and economic discontent and upheavals."

U. S. Steel Corp. and the CIO Steel Workers Union reportedly had reached agreement on all major issues. Mr. Truman's new policy would permit a steel price increase of \$5 a ton in return for an 18½ cent an hour wage boost. The steel walkout has kept 750,000 workers idle for 26 days.

An additional one cent an hour has constituted the major stumbling block to ending a walkout of 175,000 CIO General Motors employees, now in its 87th day. CIO auto workers officials earlier this week rejected a proffered 18½ cents raise and announced they would not settle for less than 19½.

The wage-price question has been the critical issue, too, in a strike of 200,000 CIO electrical workers against General Electric, Westinghouse and General Motors' electrical appliance division. GM electrical workers are voting this week on a company offer of an 18½ cents an hour increase.

The President's policy, based on higher living costs, permits somewhat higher wage increases than previously, as well as easier relief for employers who raise wages.

Other labor developments:
1. Ford Motor Co. reported that its last operating plant—at Richmond, Calif.—would close tonight because of the steel shortage.

2. Three persons were injured yesterday when AFL pickets clashed with non-strikers at the Hicks Body Co., Lebanon, Ind.

TACOMA ELECTRICIANS PLAN MONDAY STRIKE

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 15—(U.P.)—Larry Thaller, business agent for the electrical workers' union (AFL), said today the organization had rejected the city council's request for a week's delay in striking in support of wage demands at Tacoma city light installations.

Thaller said approximately 200 workers would walk off the job at 12:01 a. m. Monday unless the city granted demands for a 15 per cent across the board wage increase and double time for overtime work.

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Sile Selection Debated by UNO



Big Three powers sit side-by-side at UNO council meeting at London, England, in which Andrei Vishinsky, Russia (second from left), and Ernest Bevin, Britain (center) are chief protagonists and Edward Stettinius, Jr., USA (second from right) is chief peace-seeker, Trygve Lie (right) is UNO secretary-general.

Bowles Agrees to Slight Price Increase Gains Added Power As Inflation Fighter

Washington, Feb. 15—(U.P.)—Hold-the-Line Chester Bowles, the government's foremost inflation fighter, won new power today and a bigger job as economic stabilization director.

The OPA chief had to let the "line" bend in order to do it.

CHINA ASKED FOR DETAILS ON REDS MANCHURIA GRAB

Chungking, Feb. 15—(U.P.)—The United States has asked China for a full explanation of reports that Russia is stripping all Manchurian industry as "war booty" without consulting the other allied powers, an authoritative source disclosed today.

Chungking, Feb. 15—(U.P.)—Competent observers forecast today Russian troops may remain in Manchuria a long time instead of withdrawing on schedule.

This informant said Washington has asked Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's government for a detailed account of Russian activities in the liberated Manchurian territories, including the alleged looting of industrial equipment.

Reds Queried Also
Persistent but unconfirmed reports circulated in Chungking that the United States dispatched a similar request to the Soviet government.

The American action was understood to have been taken after Chiang expressed concern to the United States over the continued presence of the Red army in Manchuria. The Russians originally were scheduled to leave the territory last December, but their departure has been postponed several times and no definite date has yet been fixed.

U. S. Kept Out
American concern apparently centered on the reported industrial looting by Russian troops in Manchuria, particularly since the United States reparations committee headed by Edwin W. Pauley only recently was refused permission to enter the Russian-held territory.

It was pointed out that an allied reparations committee already is functioning in Germany on disposition of German industrial equipment, whereas the United States has no voice in the disposal of Manchurian industries, although it was the principal foe of Japan throughout the war.

VETS GET PREFERENCE
Sacramento, Feb. 15—The state assembly voted today to give veterans an added chance at state jobs, passing a bill increasing the veterans preference in civil service examinations from 5 to 10 points.

He agreed to a policy of more liberal price increases than he previously had favored to offset wage raises.

But he got the stabilization position, in which he will have control over both wages and prices in carrying out President Truman's new wage-price policy. From that command post he will now fight a new campaign to hold the somewhat inflationary line to which he has retreated.

Mr. Truman announced that Bowles would succeed to the stabilization post in which Judge John C. Collet has been having an unhappy time trying to reconcile conflicting pressures. Collet will return to the federal bench in Missouri.

Under Bowles in charge of OPA, will be Paul A. Porter, another advocate of a firm hold-the-line policy. Porter recently has been chairman of the Federal Communications commission, but previously was rent administrator in OPA. FCC Commissioner Charles E. Denny, Jr., will become acting chairman of the FCC.

Also under Bowles, on the wage side of the picture, will be the wage stabilization board. W. W. Wirtz will continue to head it.

Bowles' new office as stabilization

DOG SAVES CHILD FROM "BIG KITTY" IN YARD

Kane, Pa., Feb. 15—(U.P.)—Four-year-old Claude Mollander, Jr., today owed his life to his daddy's mongrel watchdog who was killed as a "big kitty" came into the yard where Claude was playing.

The "big kitty" was a mountain lion. The lion had escaped from a private zoo about one mile from the Mollander home in a heavily wooded section near here.

BELL BUILDING SOLD

Los Angeles, Feb. 15—(U.P.)—Louis Newman, of Los Angeles, today was the new owner of the Continental building, one of the properties of Arthur L. Bell's bankrupt Church of the Golden Rule, now being liquidated.

Newman paid \$410,000 for the building.

Los Angeles, Feb. 15—(U.P.)—Merchant Capt. F. K. Williams, a former lieutenant commander in the navy, charged today that hundreds of navy jeeps in good condition had been driven into the bay at Guadalcanal.

"I saw hundreds of navy jeeps driven into the bay," the skipper of the Liberty ship Morgan Robertson said after docking here. "I saw two enormous cranes, scores of small cranes and 50 or more trucks dunked into thousands of fathoms of water."

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feet of lumber and countless wooden buildings burned and a warehouse 150 feet long emptied of thousands of good tires which took six bulldozers three days to bury.

"The navy scuttled a landing craft tank loaded with pumps, engines, concrete mixers, pipe wrenches," Capt. Williams said. "In fact I raided their big two-door ice box and salvaged 47 pounds of butter, several slabs of bacon and numerous hams before they sank the ship. Canned goods galore, including apparatus tips and pineapples, were destroyed with the ship."

GLAMOUR SPECIAL IN SLOW FLIGHT

New York, Feb. 15—(U.P.)—Transcontinental and Western Air inaugurated non-stop cross-country air service today, and such an inauguration you never did see.

The pilot was a young man, named Howard Hughes, with \$125,000,000 in the bank. The passengers ranged from the brightest stars of Hollywood, such as Paulette Goddard, who got on the plane laden with Mothersill's seascik remedy, to photographers and newspapermen.

Hughes wanted to set a record but he didn't make it. The trip from Burbank to LaGuardia field, New York, took eight hours, 38 minutes, or more than an hour longer than the commercial record set Feb. 3 by another TWA constellation.

COLD WAVE SWINGS TOWARD NEW ENGLAND

By United Press
The severest cold wave of the year tightened its grip on the Great Lakes region today and began swinging into New England.

The U. S. weather bureau said intensely cold air was pouring over the Ohio and Mississippi river valleys toward the Atlantic seaboard and the Gulf states.

The 100-mile area surrounding Chicago was covered with a layer of ice under three to five inches of snow. At Chicago the mercury dipped to three below at 4 a. m., a drop of 27 degrees since yesterday noon.

Destruction of Navy Supplies on Guadalcanal Told by Ex-Officer

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PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PEARL GUILT END WEDNESDAY

Chairman Barkley Says Report Will Be Ready June 1; Extension Will Be Asked.

Washington, Feb. 15—(U.P.)—The Pearl Harbor committee heard today that the late President Roosevelt saw part of Japan's final intercepted diplomatic note the night of Dec. 8, 1941, and immediately anticipated war.

A naval officer who delivered the intercepted message to the White House, told the committee Mr. Roosevelt read it for 10 or 15 minutes, turned to the late Harry L. Hopkins, his confidential adviser, "and said, 'this means war.'"

Washington, Feb. 15—(U.P.)—Chairman Alben W. Barkley of the congressional Pearl Harbor inquiry said today his committee plans to wind up public hearings next Wednesday and present its report by June 1.

Barkley announced after an executive session of the committee that he will ask congress to extend the inquiry deadline to June 1, but that all "present prospective witnesses" would be heard by Wednesday.

This remark indicated that some committee members may wish to call other witnesses not yet announced for further questioning later.

Non-Delivery

Earlier the committee learned that a breakdown in the war department's message delivery system prevented the army's high command receiving an intercepted Japanese response to a last minute U. S. peace proposal on the evening preceding the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Col. Rufus S. Bratton, 1941 chief of the army's Far Eastern intelligence section, admitted that no delivery of the 13-part intercept was made to Gen. George C. Marshall, then chief of staff, until nearly noon on Pearl Harbor Sunday.

Committee members, counsel and Bratton clashed repeatedly with edgey tempers in connection with changes in Bratton's testimony.

GOLD HILL-BOY HIT BY AUTO ON HIGHWAY

Gold Hill, Feb. 15—(U.P.)—Bauer, 6, returned to his home here today from a Grants Pass hospital where he was taken Thursday after being struck by an automobile near McDonald's Cabins, two miles west of here. His mother, Mrs. Hazel Craig, said the boy was apparently recovering satisfactorily.

The first grade pupil was struck by a Ford coupe driven by T. F. Yannayon of Sacramento when he ran in front of the car while crossing the street to meet a school bus. The boy suffered bruises and shock and was rendered unconscious.

SIDE GLANCES BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Ed. Canoose trying to tie a ribbon on "Snafu" the parrot, with much noise from Snafu during the process.

Florence Dean thinking it worthy of mention, since Crater Lake is so often credited to California, to note that yesterday a broadcasting company kindly moved Seattle down into Oregon.

Charlie Hoover so pleased over certain new services rendered him and fellow Route 4 residents that he even parted with a pound of butter.

Oris Crawford celebrating his birthday yesterday and being teasingly referred to "as a comic valentine."

Stettinius Urges Troop Withdrawal In Syria, Lebanon

London, Feb. 15—(U.P.)—Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., of the United States appealed today before the United Nations security council for the early withdrawal of Anglo-French troops from Syria and Lebanon.

Stettinius threw the support of the United States behind a Syrian-Lebanese demand for the unconditional withdrawal of Anglo-French troops from the Levant in the closing hours of the security council's work here. This was the last problem before the council.

Syria and Lebanon, demanding the withdrawal from their territory, asked the council to supervise it.

AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION HERE JULY 29, 30, 31

Medford will be host for the big state convention of the American Legion, July 29, 30, and 31, it was announced today by Glenn Jackson, convention general chairman.

It will be the first post war Legion convention in Oregon and it is expected to be the largest in the history of the state department. Over 150 posts will be represented. Many of them new posts and some are made up entirely of World War II veterans.

World War II members, who already outnumber the War I members are expected to take over the convention.

Chairman Jackson will announce committee appointments and general convention plans in a few days.

Bengtson Files For Legislative Return

O. H. Bengtson, Medford attorney who served as representative from this district to the state legislature the past two years, has filed his declaration of candidacy for the coming election according to a news dispatch from Salem. Bengtson, a Republican, stated several days ago that he planned to seek re-election.

KIDNAP HOAXER FREE OF MURDER CHARGES

Boston, Feb. 15—(U.P.)—Mrs. Rose Carlan, 23-year-old mother who aroused the nation's sympathy for 16 days with the hoax that her baby son had been kidnapped, was freed today of a manslaughter charge in the infant's death.

Mrs. Carlan was arrested Dec. 14 shortly after police found the body of her 6-month-old baby Ronald hidden beneath the drawer of a China closet in her tenement. The discovery of the body ended a 16-day kidnap hunt in which Mrs. Carlan had said the baby was stolen from his carriage outside her home.

Tremblor Not Felt in This Region; Crater Activity Check Impossible

Earthquake shocks which shook coastal points in Washington and northern Oregon last night apparently were not felt in the Rogue River Valley.

Weather station attendants at the airport stated this morning that there was no evidence of the quake at the station, and that the staff had no indication of the disturbance until reports began to come in on the teletypes.

Many stations north of here reported the quake, and one naval weather station reported that the staff had been forced to vacate the station, it was said.

Crater Lake National Park service employees stated that since no one is now at the park headquarters or lake, there was no way of determining what might have taken place in the crater or that vicinity. Since the United States Geological Survey sent a geologist to the lake this winter to install a hydrophone in an attempt to determine if there is a recurrence of volcanic activity in the crater, regret was expressed that the instrument was not working and under observation last night during the quake. The cable connecting the hydrophone and the recording drum was broken by a snowslide shortly after its installation and the dangerous task of repairing it was postponed and the geologist departed for the east.

NORTHWEST HIT BY WORST SHOCK EVER RECORDED

Seattle Damage Between Quarter and Half Million Dollars—Several Injured.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 15—(U.P.)—An earthquake described by seismologists as the worst in the history of the Pacific northwest rocked a 60,000-square mile area last night and caused damage that may run into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

In Seattle alone the city engineers department estimated damage at between \$250,000 and \$500,000.

Several persons suffered slight injuries when the quake rumbled along a 300-mile coastwise front, tumbling merchandise from the shelves of drugstores, restaurants and taverns.

Second Shock
A second "after-shock" quake of minor intensity occurred at 4:16 a. m. today, lasting two minutes, but passed unnoticed except by relatively few all-night workers throughout Washington state.

Although no serious casualties were reported, cities from Salem, Ore., to Vancouver, B. C., reported cracked walls in buildings, falling plaster, broken merchandise and shattered plate glass windows.

Startled residents ran screaming into the streets in several northwest cities, including Seattle, Tacoma, Bremerton, Olympia and Wenatchee, Wash. Theaters in most cities were emptied within a few minutes when frightened patrons scurried for exits.

The shock, recorded by the University of Washington seismograph at 7:18 p. m. (PST), was reported to have been felt in more than 30 cities along the coast and 300 miles inland to Spokane, Wash.

Needle Thrown Off
The seismograph needle at the university's geology laboratory was thrown completely off its cylinder by the sudden tremor for the first time since it was installed, Professor G. E. Goodspeed said.

"It was the strongest shock in my 27-year experience at the university," Dr. Goodspeed, executive director of the geology department, said. "Disturbances kept registering on the seismograph for 16 minutes after the actual quake."

Goodspeed and Assistant Geologist Howard A. Coombs classified the tremor as "plus-six" intensity, two-thirds as strong as the disastrous 1906 San Francisco earthquake. Goodspeed and Coombs at first had logged the tremor as "plus-five."

Olympia Center
Coombs said the direction of the quake was unknown but seismographic recordings indicated that its epicenter was "slightly north and west" of Olympia, Wash., where the most extensive damage was reported.

Authorities in Olympia, Washington's capital city, reported a 100-foot cornice fell from the top of a downtown six-story building and crashed on a first-story roof. One drugstore closed after hundreds of bottles toppled into the aisles and another reported that its entire perfume counter was shattered by the force of the quake.

Cities and towns throughout the area reported extensive damage in homes, confined mostly to broken dishes, wall pictures and floor lamps. One Seattle family narrowly escaped injury when a new eight-foot-high stone wall crumbled into the back yard.

Smith Tower Sways
Heaviest single damage was reported at the Seattle Fisher Flouring mills where a 100,000 gallon tank of water burst atop the 14-story elevator and seeped through thousands of bushels of stored wheat. An old two-story brick building crumbled in south Seattle and water mains burst in several sections of town.

Coast cities, including Tacoma, Olympia, Bremerton and Seattle, reported the most severe effects. Observers saw the 42-story Smith tower, Seattle's highest structure, sway "several feet" north and south. A radio station in the tower shut off its power for 10 minutes.

BUS DRIVERS RETURN
Spokane, Wash., Feb. 15—(U.P.)—Overland Greyhound bus drivers in Spokane and Walla Walla have ended their 137-day strike with a 26 to four vote in favor of returning to work.