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STEEL STRIKE SETTLEMENT COMES

TEN PLANTS SIGN AGREEMENT BASED ON WAGE BOOSTS

Work To Start Monday; Union Opens Contract Signing Drive

Pittsburgh, Feb. 16—(U.P.)—The CIO United Steelworkers of America obtained agreements today ending the strike of more than 324,000 of the 750,000 striking steel and aluminum workers.

The union started a country-wide, large-scale contract signing drive today after U. S. Steel Corp. settled with the union for 18½ cents an hour and before nightfall two of the largest independent steel producers and the Aluminum company of America had come to terms.

At least 10 companies, including U. S. Steel, Bethlehem and Republic, the three biggest basic producers, had signed or reached agreements.

Companies signing today were Bethlehem, Republic, Aluminum company of America, Pittsburgh Steel Co., Sheffield Steel Corp., Houston, Tex., Great Lakes Steel Corp., Detroit, Blaw-Knox Co., Pittsburgh, and Rustless Iron & Steel Corp., Baltimore.

The Crucible Steel Co., operating eight eastern plants, had reached agreement and will sign a contract in New York tomorrow, according to Joseph Goney, USW regional director here. The company employs about 25,000.

All settlements were based on the 18½ cents an hour increase granted by U. S. Steel for its 125,000 employees with one exception. The Aluminum company signed for 19 cents after receiving a union promise to give "wholehearted cooperation" for increased productivity and efficiency.

Work will be resumed Monday at all plants reaching agreement today. Production, however, will not get underway for several days and full employment at the mills is not expected for at least another week.

One possible hitch among basic producers developed, however, when Allegheny-Ludlum Steel Corp. said it planned to seek further clarification of the national wage-price policy which brought about settlement of the steel strike.

The company agreed to the 18½ cent increase effective Monday for those who struck, and effective Jan. 21 for maintenance workers and others who remained on the job in accordance with customary union practice during strikes.

U. S. Steel also agreed to pay 9½ cents of an increase retroactively for all from Jan. 1 to Jan. 21.

Surveys of the union's district offices, responsible for signing contracts with the companies in their areas, revealed that although many negotiation meetings were held today, most of the conferences will not be held until next week.

The idle workers were anxious to get back to their jobs. Small groups of pickets celebrated the settlement last night but many—despite the settlement—will be called back to work until late next week.

This was pointed out by industry sources and borne out by a statement of J. L. Perry, president of Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp., chief operating subsidiary of U. S. Steel. Perry said that to get operations synchronized and in full production "requires not the push of a button but three to four weeks' time—assuming everything goes well and facilities have not been seriously damaged during the shut-down period."

TAMPERER GETS TERM
Portland, Ore., Feb. 16—(U.P.)—Robert D. Lampkin, 33, was sentenced today to serve 30 days in the county jail for contempt of court in allegedly tampering with members of the circuit court jury panel in the trial of Lawrence R. Ogilvie, 30, for first degree murder in the fatal shooting of Deputy Sheriff Al Bowe.

St. Peters Will Be Scene of Cardinal Rites



(Acme Telephoto) Thirty-two archbishops of the world will be invested in the Sacred College of Cardinals, receiving their ring, red hats and titles, in ceremonies at St. Peter's, Vatican, Rome, Italy, shown from square in front of the famed structure.

Rome, Feb. 16—(U.P.)—American cardinals-elect spent today in semi-seclusion in preparation for the arduous, week-long consistory program scheduled to start on Monday.

Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York said mass at St. Paul's outside the Walls Cathedral and then conducted a tour, explaining the Basilica's history and displaying intimate bits of knowledge gained during previous visits to Rome.

QUICK END SEEN IN AUTO WALKOUT, TALKS UNDERWAY

Detroit, Feb. 16—(U.P.)—Hope for a quick end to the 88-day General Motors strike persisted today as top officials of the corporation and CIO United Auto Workers met in day-long conferences with federal mediator James F. Dewey.

Dewey declined to comment on progress of the talks during the noon recess, but he remarked earlier that prospects for a settlement were "very promising" in view of agreement in the nationwide steel deadlock.

Negotiating committees at today's sessions were headed by GM President C. E. Wilson and President R. J. Thomas of the UAW.

Thomas did not share Dewey's optimistic view of the probable outcome of today's talks, asserting as he entered the conference room that he would be "awfully surprised if there's a settlement out of this meeting."

He said last night, however, that he felt the end of the steel strike would "lead to early disposal of wage disputes in industries dependent on steel and permit full civilian production and employment."

Today's were the first Saturday conferences held since the opening of contract negotiations Oct. 2, and there were indications the talks might be continued tomorrow in an attempt to end the paralyzing strike as soon as possible.

WALLACE FAVORS OPA YEAR MORE

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 16—(U.P.)—Secretary of Commerce Henry Wallace tonight called upon all producers' groups and farmers to back the office of price administration "to the limit for one more year."

Speaking at the closing session of the eighth annual national farm institute, Wallace said support of the OPA "is the best and cheapest insurance I know against deflationary disaster."

He pleaded for support of OPA administrator Chester Bowles, whom he described as "the most dramatic figure in Washington."

"The special interest groups and speculative wolves are hot on Chester Bowles' trail," he declared. "He needs help, otherwise we shall go through the disaster of 1919 and 1921 all over again."

DAIRY WAGE PENALTY
San Francisco, Feb. 16—(U.P.)—The California office of the U. S. Department of Agriculture today announced assessment of the first penalties for violation of the USDA wage rate ceilings for dairy labor in the Los Angeles area.

STATERS DEFEAT COUGARS 54-33, IDAHO TRIUMPHS

Teams Tied For Top In Northern Division—Rocha High Scorer

Corvallis, Ore., Feb. 16—(U.P.)—Oregon State maintained its position as co-leader in the northern division of the Pacific Coast conference basketball championship race here tonight by winning over Washington State, 54 to 33.

Led by "Red" Rocha, who scored 18 points, including seven field goals, the Orangemen smothered the Cougars with their man-to-man defense. The tightness of the defense was revealed in the basket scoring of the Cougars, who made four field goals in the first period and five in the second.

Taking the lead in the first second of play when Rocha popped in a basket, the Beavers outplayed the Cougars almost throughout the entire contest. Only once and that after 14 minutes of play in the first period did the Washington Staters display any shooting ability and during that period picked up seven points to make the score 17 to 14.

During the last three minutes, the Beavers rolled in 11 points to wind up the first half with a 12 point lead, 28 to 16.

Gale Bishop, the Cougars' ace forward, was bottled up most of the game. He scored but two field goals out of 23 shots and converted nine free throws to pace his teammates in scoring.

Seattle, Feb. 16—(U.P.)—For the first time in the history of the Northern Division Pacific Coast basketball conference, the Idaho Vandals swept a two-game series on Washington's home floor by squeezing out a 40-38 victory over the Huskies tonight.

The win keeps Idaho tied for the lead with Oregon State. After leading most of the way, the Vandals were momentarily set back on their heels by a one-man rally late in the final period.

Henson, Washington freshman forward, canned seven successive points to close Idaho's lead to 31-30. Jorgensen followed with an angle shot to put the Huskies in the lead at 32-31, but the Vandals stormed back to take the margin again.

Two minutes before the end of the game, Henson sank a pair of foul shots that knotted the count at 38-38. However, Idaho Guard Len Pyne clamped the lid on the contest by dropping in a long, two-handed push shot.

1945 AUTO TOLL IN OREGON 349

Salem, Ore., Feb. 16—(U.P.)—Traffic death rate in Oregon last year increased slightly to 11.7 persons killed for every 100,000,000 miles of travel, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., said today. Traffic deaths in Oregon last year totaled 349.

Oregon City, Ore., Feb. 16—(U.P.)—One man was killed and four others hospitalized as result of a triple collision at the Pudding river bridge at Aurora near here today, which wrecked three cars and damaged an oil transport truck.

FOUR BIG ISSUES BEFORE CONGRESS

Washington, Feb. 16—(U.P.)—Congressmen polished up their oratory tonight to prepare for showdown votes in the house next week on housing controls, the school lunch programs, James Caesar Petrillo and the navy atom bomb tests. Fireworks are likely on all four issues.

San Francisco, Feb. 16—(U.P.)—Dairy market unchanged.

CANADIAN PROBE LINKS RUSSIA TO ESPIONAGE RING

Mounted Police Arrest Many; Radar Believed Objective; Red Aide Flees

Ottawa, Feb. 16—(U.P.)—A cabinet minister identified Soviet Russia today as the country to which an international espionage ring reported "secret and confidential information of the Canadian government."

The Royal Canadian mounted police, acting in strict secrecy, rounded up an unknown number of present and former government employees and held them incommunicado in the police barracks at Rockcliffe, a suburb of Ottawa. The government intended to have the full details of their widespread espionage before making definite charges.

Reconstruction Minister C. D. Howe denied that the atomic energy secret was involved. Authoritative sources suggested radar was the most likely objective of the ring, especially as it has been developed for arctic flying and for defense against possible air attack from the Arctic.

Among prisoners were believed to be several former Royal Canadian air force ferry command employees. Reports that 22 persons had been arrested were described as "nonsense" by a high government official who said the number was much smaller.

"What nation is involved?" a cabinet minister was asked. "Obviously it is Soviet Russia," he replied, adding that he was not to be identified by name.

His disclosure was accepted by high sources as in accordance with recognized diplomatic practices in such cases to free other diplomatic missions here from suspicion.

Government sources tied in Russia through an agent named Shimshenko, who, they said, operated both here and in the United States. A failure in liaison between Canadian security agents and the United States federal bureau of investigation was blamed for the recent return of Shimshenko to Russia from the United States, Canadian police, it was said, had expected the FBI to arrest Shimshenko "at an opportune time" and forestall his return.

Canada has taken a leading role in the development of radar because of the burden of defending its vast unprotected northern territories, reaching to and beyond the Arctic circle. Only yesterday a Canadian army unit, with American observers, pushed off into the frozen north from Fort Churchill in "operation Muskox," one of the primary purposes of which is to test radar's use in defensive flying.

SENATORS FLAIL LOAN TO BRITISH

Washington, Feb. 16—(U.P.)—The proposed \$3,750,000,000 loan to Great Britain was bitterly assailed tonight by two democratic senators, Burton K. Wheeler, Mont. and Edwin C. Johnson, Colo. They proposed instead sale of an equivalent amount in British bonds to private U. S. investors on a voluntary basis. Both spoke on NBC's "Our Foreign Policy" program.

Contending that if the loan went to a vote in congress now it would be defeated, Johnson said a sale of British bonds would constitute a referendum in America on the British loan.

"If such an investment is not attractive to American investors," Johnson said, "it certainly is not right to unload it on the hard-pressed American taxpayer against his will."

Wheeler said proponents of the loan argued that if Britain does not get the money, the British empire will collapse, "and then Russia will take over the whole show."

Chungking, Feb. 16—(U.P.)—Communists charged today that civil war has broken out in Manchuria.

STEALS THE SHOW

London, Feb. 16—(U.P.)—The UNO security council has stolen the show from the United Nations general assembly as a great town meeting of the world, it appeared tonight as preparations were made for adjournment.

Bulletin

Ashland, Feb. 16—(U.P.)—Ashland Elks turned back Rubenstein's of Eugene 67 to 41 in an inter-sectional basketball game here tonight. Wes Peters was high point man for the Elks with 18 while Cal Bonney led the Rubes with 14 markers.

Palo Alto, Cal., Feb. 16—(U.P.)—California's champion Bears topped off the 1945 southern division basketball season with a 53 to 37 win over a fighting Stanford quintet here tonight before nearly 5,000 fans.

ADMIRAL DOUBTS AUTHENTICITY ANY JAP WIND WIRES

Washington, Feb. 16—(U.P.)—The 1941 chief of naval communications told the Pearl Harbor investigating committee today he never saw—before Dec. 7, 1941—any genuine winds message revealing Japan's decision for war.

Rear Adm. Leigh Noyes testified that members of his staff brought to him several intercepted messages which they apparently regarded as implementing the Japanese winds code that had been set up to inform emissaries aboard of impending conflict.

"But I never saw one that was authentic," Noyes said.

Noyes was called before the committee because testimony of two previous witnesses pointed to him as the most likely authority on whether an authentic winds message actually was received in early December.

Navy Capt. L. F. Safford, who directed interception and decoding of Japanese messages in 1941, testified he sent to Noyes on Dec. 4 a genuine winds message indicating war by Japan on Britain and the United States within a few days.

CHIPMAN CHOSEN JUNIOR CITIZEN

Harry Chipman, sports editor of the Medford Mail Tribune, was awarded the First Junior Citizenship Award for the outstanding work in Medford and Jackson county for the year of 1945 at the second Annual Founders Day banquet of the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce held in the Blue room of the Hotel Holland Saturday evening.

Mr. Chipman was selected by a secret panel of senior citizens for his outstanding work in civic and community betterment that he promoted and participated during the last year.

President Robert Voegtli presented key awards to Vic Milnes, Dale Stephenson and Robert Rucker for their outstanding work in Junior Chamber of Commerce during the year.

Dr. Elmo N. Stevenson, president of Southern Oregon College of Education, spoke on the progress of science and explained that the advancement of science had been accelerated by at least four times the normal advancement during the past five years and because of this advancement we will have more and enjoy a greater abundance of things.

Warren Whitlock of Grants Pass represented Paul Lee of Klamath Falls and presented a one hundred pounds of Klamath potatoes to Mayor Clarence Meeker as an award for Medford work in a recent salvage drive.

Carey Thompson acted as master of ceremonies. Following the dinner the group enjoyed a dance at the Hotel Medford.

Abortion Queen To Face Trial Monday

San Francisco, Feb. 16—(U.P.)—Mrs. Inez Brown Burns today was refused the delay she asked in her Superior court abortion conspiracy trial because of "serious illness."

Superior Judge William F. Traverso ruled that Mrs. Burns, accused of operating an "abortion mill" here, was well enough to appear Monday for trials as scheduled.

TRUMAN BLASTED AGAIN BY ICKES; FLAYS VERACITY

President Does Not Tell 'Street Truth' About Pauley Affair, Claim

Washington, Feb. 16—(U.P.)—Former Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes tonight accused President Truman of not telling "the strict truth" about the Pauley affair.

"Above all others," Ickes declared, "the president should speak the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth."

In a new blast at the president, the 71-year-old Ickes declared that Mr. Truman's remarks at a news conference yesterday were "an open incitement to perjury."

Ickes, who resigned Wednesday with the declaration that he would not serve in an administration that expected him "to commit perjury for the sake of the party," returned to the attack tonight.

He said Mr. Truman made two unrecalled statements in yesterday's news conference and that "one of them is not true."

He referred to statements by the president concerning the pending nomination of Edwin W. Pauley, wealthy California oil man and former democratic national chairman, to be undersecretary of navy.

Ickes began his new assault with the statement that "the greatest regret that I feel in connection with the Pauley incident is what I regard as President Truman's lack of adherence to the strict truth."

Referring to Mr. Truman's Friday press conference, Ickes continued in a public statement: "When he was asked if he thought that 'Ickes has attempted to reflect upon his integrity,' according to the newspaper correspondent, Mr. Truman said that 'Ickes would not dare attempt such a thing.'"

"After all, the President of United States is neither an absolute monarch nor a descendant of a putative sun-goddess. . . . I would dare to dispute the integrity of the president on any occasion that my country's welfare demanded it. But in this case there is no need to dispute President Truman."

"His own record made in his last two press conferences constitutes clear proof of the weight that should be given to his utterances."

Ickes had proposed in a broadcast Wednesday night that the justice department investigate his charge that Pauley perjured himself before the senate committee. Mr. Truman said yesterday that he saw no need for such an investigation because the battle between Pauley and Ickes was a political argument.

"This, to my mind, constitutes an open incitement to perjury," Ickes said. "Every word he uttered in the land, if the nation accepts such counsel, can now claim immunity for all of his sons, whatever they may be, on the grounds that those who challenge his acts, their honesty, or their worth, are just engaging in political argument."

REP. LUCE JOINS CATHOLIC CHURCH

New York, Feb. 16—(U.P.)—After five months of instructions, Rep. Clare Boothe Luce (R., Conn.) was received into the Catholic church at St. Patrick's cathedral today by Msgr. Fulton Sheen.

Sheen, who has attained prestige as a missionary among iconoclasts, declined to comment on the conversion of the glamor congresswoman.

He said instructions had been given her in Washington where he is a member of the faculty of the Catholic university.

Mrs. Luce, he said, asked him to make merely a simple announcement of her conversion.