

Steel Industry Publicly Defies Government Threat of Seizure



POISONED BY MOTHER. Mrs. Elizabeth Pinne, 31, Navy flier's widow, Jonathan, 7, is in critical condition at Los Angeles General Hospital. Mother decided to kill herself and son but changed mind after giving him seven pills, called for help. (International)

Flood Waters Leave Thousands Homeless

By UNITED PRESS
Rampaging waters in the Missouri River Valley made thousands homeless Thursday after a state of emergency was declared in a Montana community and the weather bureau warned of new dangers.

Late-winter blizzards clogged streams from Montana through the Dakotas and into Iowa and Minnesota as flood relief crews worked feverishly to throw up new dikes and repair old ones.

Havre Disaster Area
Hardest struck was the area around Havre, Mont. Acting Gov. Paul Cannon declared North Havre a disaster area when an 80-mile stretch of lowland was swamped by the overflowing Milk river. Nearly 2,000 persons were homeless and damage toward the million-dollar mark.

Another 150 persons were forced to flee their homes at nearby Chinook as the Milk river flood tide rose. Four hundred other Chinook residents were protected by a hastily constructed dike.

But a 13-year-old dike at Malta, 80 miles to the east, appeared threatened and the National Guard was ordered to stand by for flood control duty.

Farmers Move Stock
Farmers warned of the approaching high waters began moving their stock to higher ground at Harlem, 20 miles east of Chinook.

The situation was eased in extreme Eastern Montana as the Yellowstone river slowly receded. About 3,000 acres of land were swamped earlier this week.

Steel Allocated for UO Training Hospital

Portland—(U.P.)—The government has allocated the steel necessary for construction of the proposed \$6,000,000 350-bed teaching hospital at the University of Oregon medical school, Dr. David W. E. Baird, dean of the school, said Thursday.

Dr. Baird said he received word from Washington, D. C., that the National Production Authority has granted the steel allocation out of the nation's third quarter steel production period.

This means, Dr. Baird said, that plans for the hospital will be presented to the State Board of Higher Education at its meeting April 21-22 for approval.

Grants Pass Child Drowns in Well

Grants Pass, Ore. — (U.P.) — Two-year-old Barbara Sue Wytheley drowned late Wednesday when she fell into a shallow well at her home at Green creek, four miles south of here.

The child had been playing with an older sister, Patricia Irene, when she was missed by her mother, Mrs. Oliver Wytheley. The father found Barbara in the well. The board cover had been removed, the father said.

Dutch Queen Urges U.S. To Press Cold War

Washington — (U.P.) — Queen Juliana of the Netherlands urged Congress Thursday to press the "cold war for peace" to build the strength and unity of the free world.

The 42-year-old queen appealed for continued American aid to dispel the "universal fear of war and annihilation."

"Mankind in its distress has to trust largely to your good judgment for its deliverance," she said.

Most Congressmen Present
Juliana, with Prince Bernhard at her side, spoke in a quiet, slightly-accented voice in the same chamber in which her mother, Queen Wilhelmina, addressed another Congress 10 years ago.

Most of the 531 senators and representatives turned out for the speech. Some who have

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McGrath Fires Morris

WESTERN UNION EMPLOYEES QUIT OVER PAY ISSUE

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The vast telegraphic services of Western Union were all but shut down Thursday by a strike of 40,000 employees across the nation and workers were poised to strike in the steel, telephone, oil and manufacturing fields.

Limited Telegraph Service
Limited telegraphic service was resumed in about 60 cities by supervisory, non-striking personnel about 12 hours after the Western Union walkout began.

The strike was called over a 50-cent hourly "package" pay raise which the company said would put "the industry in bankruptcy" if it were paid.

The Communications Workers of America CIO, meanwhile, postponed four days a scheduled strike by 41,000 telephone workers in Michigan, Ohio and Northern California to "permit further" negotiations with the companies involved.

Time Coincides
The strike automatically became a double threat to the telephone industry because the new 6 a. m. local time deadline Monday coincided with a scheduled walkout by 15,000 telephone installers and distributors of the Western Electric company.

At Cleveland, the threat of a new railroad strike was raised by D. B. Robertson, president of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen.

Some 200,000 members of CIO, AFL and independent unions have demanded a 25-cent hourly wage boost and industry-wide bargaining in a dispute with 75 oil companies. The union says a strike would stop "cold" the flow of oil.

Portland — (U.P.) — Portland's Western Union office was locked up five minutes after employees walked off their jobs at 9 p. m. Wednesday.

W. H. War, Portland office superintendent, fastened a sign to the door saying the office was closed by the strike. Employees began picketing as soon as the strike was called.

Service throughout the Northwest was suspended.

School Administrative Changes Reported
Changes in the administrative personnel of four Jackson county schools were reported at the county school superintendent's office today.

Charles Funk, Prospect superintendent of schools, has resigned and John Harr, former Jacksonville high school instructor, has been named to replace him.

Dick Boyd, Jacksonville superintendent of schools, stated today that he will not accept a new contract.

Henry Kammann, Ruch school principal for the past three years has resigned to accept a similar position at Lone Pine, where he replaces T. A. Dodge, who has resigned.

Ed McPherson, principal at Evans Valley school, has resigned and will be replaced by Hugh Clark, former principal of Rogue River grade school.

Spokane — (U.P.) — A. W. Crawford of Huetter, Ida., was the new president of the Northwest wood products clinic Thursday.

she and Prince Philip visited this country in February.

Juliana responded with a toast to the Trumans and "the everlasting friendship of our countries." She praised the president as "a great friend of humanity" and said her country is "full of gratitude to the American people" for their "invaluable support during and after the war."

Dinner Held in Hotel
The dinner was held in the Carlton hotel because the rejuvenated White House still lacks some kitchen equipment.

Juliana and Bernhard will spend another day under the capital's klieg lights and then, in search of America's Main street, will travel to 14 cities, including New York, Philadelphia, Detroit, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Action Climaxes Quarrel Between Government Men

Morris Withholds Comment on Move

Washington — (U.P.) — President Truman announced late Thursday that Attorney General J. Howard McGrath has resigned.

The announcement came only a few hours after McGrath had fired Mr. Truman's corruption cleaner - upper, Newbold Morris.

The president selected J. P. McGranery, U. S. judge for the eastern district of Pennsylvania, to succeed McGrath.

Washington — (U.P.) — A growing feud between corruption hunter Newbold Morris and Attorney General J. Howard McGrath was brought to head Thursday when McGrath fired Morris.

McGrath handed to reporters a brief letter he had just sent to Morris informing him of the action.

Received News at Office
Morris, self-described "Abraham Lincoln" Republican and former president of the New York City council, apparently got the news at his office from an unidentified Justice Department employee at the same time reporters were giving the information to his shocked secretary.

Morris sent word from his office that he would see reporters later. There was no other immediate comment from the towering New Yorker.

Served Under McGrath
Although Morris was set up more or less as an independent officer, he had the title of special assistant attorney general and therefore was technically under McGrath's command.

McGrath declined to answer any questions about the action, including whether President Truman had approved it.

McGrath wrote to Morris: "Please be informed that your appointment as a special assistant to the attorney general is hereby terminated and your services as an employee of the Department of Justice shall cease at the close of business today."

"You are hereby requested to deliver all files, records and documents in your office to the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

"Very Truly Yours," "J. Howard McGrath."

Morris' dismissal came two months and two days after he was named on McGrath's recommendation to head Mr. Truman's anti-corruption campaign.

Morris and McGrath had a falling out mostly over the detailed financial questionnaires that the deposed corruption hunter sent to the attorney general to be filled out by McGrath and 595 other justice department officials and employees.

McGrath sat on the questionnaires.

Regrets Recommendation
McGrath told a House investigating subcommittee Monday that if he had it to do over again he would not have recommended Morris and that he had not decided yet whether he would answer the financial questionnaire.

Morris was reported earlier to be irked by the president's apparent hesitancy to fire McGrath and was said to be ready to force the issue.

Morris was represented as feeling that his whole anti-corruption program will die a-borning if McGrath gets away with his public defiance of the financial questionnaire which Morris took to the justice department for distribution among top department officials.

McGrath Fights for Life
McGrath was fighting for his official life. Besides calling at the White House Wednesday, he engaged in a spirited conversation with Mr. Truman at Washington National Airport, before the eyes of hundreds of persons who had gathered to welcome Queen Juliana of the Netherlands.

The attorney general gave every outward indication of supreme confidence that his position in the Cabinet is secure. One source close to McGrath went so far as to predict "if Morris tries to see the boss, the President won't see him."

Weather
FORECAST: Fair through Friday. Low tonight 32-35. High Friday 68-70.
Highest Yesterday 59
Lowest this Morning 35

Behind-the-Scenes Maneuvers Toward Settlement Told

Spokesmen Talking Louder and Tougher

New York — (U.P.) — Steel wage talks collapsed abruptly Thursday, all but assuring an industry-wide strike beginning at 12:01 a. m. April 9.

Washington — (U.P.) — The steel industry publicly defied government seizure threats Thursday, but reports circulated that both sides were maneuvering behind the scenes for a peaceful wage-price settlement to prevent a nationwide strike set for April 9.

Industry and government spokesmen were talking louder and tougher than ever. The steel-makers announced that they would risk a strike rather than give Phillip Murray's CIO-United Steelworkers a pay raise without matching price increases.

Acting Defense Mobilizer John R. Steelman ordered the justice and defense departments to "prepare for all eventualities" — including government seizure of the industry.

Progress Said Made
But informed quarters insisted that a considerable backstage progress was being made toward agreement. They said there was an outside chance that President Truman might unveil a compromise solution soon.

The Kaiser Steel company bolted the solid industry line Wednesday night by signing up with the steelworkers on terms recommended by the Wage Stabilization Board — 26 cents an hour in three installments spread over the next 18 months.

Kaiser agreed to take whatever price settlement the government finally grants.

Producers Holding Firm
The big steel producers still were holding firm, however. They scheduled negotiations with Murray in New York, but both parties agreed there would be no real bargaining until the price issue is settled in Washington.

Informed sources reported that Economic Stabilizer Roger L. Putnam informally assured the Kaiser company that the government will "stretch" its price rules far enough to grant an increase of about \$4 a ton on steel.

That is about twice as much as Price Stabilizer Ellis Arnall has previously contended that the steel industry is entitled to get under the so-called "Capehart" regulation, which permits manufacturers to raise prices to cover cost increases through July 26, 1951.

But it is only one third of the \$12 a ton increase which the steel industry claims it must have to cover the increase recommended by the wage board.

Gen. Ridgway, Joy Hold Discussions
Panmunjom, Korea — (U.P.) — Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway met Thursday with Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy, senior UN delegate to the Korean truce talks, and other top-ranking officers in a conference that may lead to a break in the deadlocked armistice negotiations.

The supreme commander flew to Korea from Japan in what he said was a "regular visit."

After visiting Fifth Air Force facilities, he then flew to Munsan, the UN base camp, where Joy was waiting for him.

Authorities refused to comment on the significance, if any, of Ridgway's visit.

Portland Retail Group Approves Daylight Time
Portland — (U.P.) — The Portland retail trade bureau announced Thursday its board of trustees has voted in favor of daylight saving time for the state and will inform Gov. Douglas McKay of the action.



THEY'RE RARE. Mrs. Mary Marcus is 38—and a record holder. Each of her seven children was born by caesarian section. Above, in a Detroit hospital, Mrs. Marcus cuddles her latest, Kathleen.



SUPERINTENDENT — John B. Wosky, above, has arrived in Medford to assume his duties as superintendent of Crater Lake National park, succeeding Ernest P. Leavitt. A native of Carbonate, Ia., he is 47. He attended public schools in Des Moines, Ia., and later studied and practiced architecture for a number of years he was landscape architect for the park service. Mr. and Mrs. Wosky's daughter, Joan, 19, is in nurse's training at St. Francis hospital, San Francisco.

Camp Construction Delay Possibility Seen in Crops OK

Possibility that the construction of Camp White, originally scheduled to begin May 1, may be considerably delayed was seen today in a statement to ranchers of the area that it would be permissible for them to plant spring crops in the camp area.

The reactivation of the wartime Army training site has been in an on-again-off-again status for nearly a year and a half. This development indicated that the Army still may have no definite time schedule for the limited reactivation previously announced.

A committee of Camp White area landowners were advised yesterday by an Army officer here from Washington, D. C., on an inspection tour, that they could plant crops which would not be harvested until sometime in August.

Previously it had been announced that some \$5,500,000 had been allocated for construction of limited stand-by facilities in the area, and that contracts would be let about April 15, with construction to begin May 1.

Kefauver To Visit Oregon Next Week
Portland — (U.P.) — Democratic presidential aspirant Estes Kefauver will pay an overnight visit to Oregon next week, his supporters here said Thursday.

The Tennessee senator will speak at a Democrat rally at Benson Tech auditorium at 8:40 p. m. April 10. He will leave here the next day for Boise, Ida.

Kefauver, who said Oregon's May 16 primary was his next big bet, will arrive here by plane from San Francisco at 12:40 p. m. next Thursday. Purpose of his visit is to map a plan for his campaign between now and the primary and to confer with his backers here.

Barber Continues 50 Cent Haircuts

Portland — (U.P.) — Barber Earl La Forge went on giving haircuts for 50 cents Thursday and had a state supreme court decision to back him up.

The court has tossed out as unconstitutional a 1945 state law which fixed the minimum price of haircuts at 75 cents. Most haircuts here cost \$1.25.

The board of barber examiners got an injunction to prevent La Forge from cutting prices. But Circuit Judge James W. Crawford decided for La Forge and the high court backed him up.

Said La Forge: "I've operated a non-union shop for 18 years... and 50 cents is enough for a haircut."

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Chinese, Nationalist Troops Mix in Burma

Rangoon, Burma — (U.P.) — Chinese Communist and Nationalist troops clashed in the area of the Burma-China frontier, dispatches from Northern Burma said Thursday.

According to the brief advices, the clash occurred two miles inside the Burma border at Lukaw. This would mean the Chinese Reds had penetrated Burmese territory.

The report said 30 Communists were killed and that the Communists captured 1 Nationalist officer and 10 men.

Astoria — (U.P.) — Melvin G. Smith, 35, Redmond, has been appointed principal of the Lewis and Clark consolidated school here for the next term, succeeding Dewey Van, who resigned.

Lodge Believes Eisenhower Can Win Without Campaign

Paris — (U.P.) — Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., "I Like Ike" campaign manager, arrived Thursday for conferences with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and said the general could win the Republican presidential nomination even if he did not go home to campaign.

Discounting Sen. Robert A. Taft's successes in Nebraska and Wisconsin, Lodge expressed complete confidence in an Eisenhower victory.

Wanted by Americans
"He is the man the American people want," Lodge said. "He is the man the Republicans want, the Democrats want and the independents want."

The Massachusetts Republican said he would start his talks, which will be frankly political, Friday.

It is expected that they will