

Steel Dispute Settlement Thought Possible

Committee Ponders Cross-Examination Of McGrath, Morris

Full Inside Story Would Be Sought

Washington—(U.P.)—A House Judiciary subcommittee was called into special session Tuesday to consider cross examining J. Howard McGrath and Newbold Morris about their ouster from the government.

Chairman Frank L. Chelf, D-Ky., promised an immediate vote on the proposal of Rep. Kenneth B. Keating, R-N.Y., that the subcommittee go after the "full inside story" of the Morris-McGrath feud over corruption in the government.

Probe Under Way
The Chelf subcommittee is already conducting an investigation of McGrath's operation of the Justice Department. Keating said it is the "logical forum" to hear both sides of the bitter backstage controversy which resulted last week in McGrath firing Morris as cleanup chief, and President Truman firing McGrath as attorney general.

Morris said meanwhile that he planned to call at the White House Tuesday to deliver a final report to President Truman, outlining recommendations for combating corruption in the government. Morris, who tried in vain to talk to Mr. Truman after his ouster Thursday, conceded that he does not know whether the President will pay any heed to his report.

Made Farewell Speech
McGrath formally departed from the Cabinet late Monday with a farewell speech to some 2,000 Justice Department employees. He praised Mr. Truman as a "great president" and said, "I leave here with no animosity in my heart toward any man."

Solicitor General Philip B. Perlman took over as acting attorney general, until the Senate acts on Mr. Truman's nomination of Federal Judge James P. McGranery to succeed McGrath.

Copco Authorized To Revise Rates For Industries

Salem—(U.P.)—State Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel granted the California-Oregon Power Co. authority Tuesday to clarify its electric rates and bring charges for such industrial business and sawmills and lumber manufacturing up to date.

The main change in the company's tariff is the revision of "Schedule Z" which the company proposes to cancel and to provide service under the general light and power schedule.

Will Mean Increases
Heltzel noted that some of the customers under Schedule Z, such as sawmills and lumber manufacturing industries, would receive increases up to nearly 100 per cent on their monthly billings. The Schedule Z was originally established in 1919 as an off-peak rate to provide energy at a special low rate per kilowatt hour.

The schedule also provided that in event of a shortage of energy the customers served under the schedule could be discontinued during the shortage.

Because of the growth in use of electrical energy, Heltzel said, it has become necessary for the company to build additional power plants "under present high cost conditions and to acquire electrical energy for peaking purposes from outside sources, and the rates in Schedule Z no longer cover the actual cost of obtaining the energy served thereunder."

It is estimated elimination of Schedule Z will increase the company's annual revenue by \$234,893.65 of the total adjustment of \$289,463.82 requested by the company and granted by the public utilities commissioner.

Commie Negotiators Hint Desire for Package Deal

Panmunjom, Korea—(U.P.)—Communist truce negotiators hinted Tuesday they would like to make a package deal on the deadlocked issues of Russia as a neutral inspector and the rebuilding of North Korean airfields.

New Formula Seen Ready
The hint came after United Nations officers, in secret conference, were believed to have completed a new formula to solve the stalemate on prisoner exchange. Staff officers, it was understood, would put the formula in final shape before presenting it to the Communists.

Chinese Maj. Gen. Hsieh Fang said during a brief truce supervision meeting by sub-delegates that "we suggested resumption

MEDFORD-ASHLAND DOUBLE ROAD SEEN

Engineer Baldock Reveals Planning For Future Routes

4-Lane Route Plus Later By-Pass Eyed

The State Highway Commission plans to build both a four-lane highway between Medford and Ashland and a larger, high-speed highway by-passing both cities, it was revealed here today.

The by-pass route lies in the future. But the reasons why both are to be built, and why the direct four-lane highway is to be built immediately, were outlined in a letter last week from R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer.

Preliminary Work Started
The highway commission has previously made public its plans for the direct four-lane route's construction, and preliminary work is already under way, mostly on the section between Medford and Phoenix.

The letter was addressed to State Rep. Robert Root, Medford, in response to queries Root had made to the highway department.

Baldock said that traffic between Medford and Ashland has increased to the point where the congestion makes it desirable to build a four-lane highway. "The traffic at the mid-point is approximately 6,650 vehicles per day, while the traffic on the south edge of Medford is 10,200 and on the north edge of Ashland is 6,500 vehicles for an average 24-hour day. Some of this is through traffic that does not desire to stop in either city, part of it is intercity traffic and other portions are purely local from the near rural area into the one city or the other," Baldock's letter said.

Said 'Ideal Way'
"In cities the size of Medford and Ashland, the ideal way is to either widen the present city streets or install one-way traffic streets to handle the traffic that wants to go into the city and to by-pass the through traffic by a circumferential route around the city."

"The city of Salem is an example wherein a one-way street system was put through the city and a circumferential or by-pass route is now being built around the city. If and when the by-pass route is put around Medford and Ashland, the new route will, in the main, serve the through traffic, whereas the present highway will serve the local traffic."

There is too much local traffic now for the two-lane road, and it is necessary to widen it to a four-lane road soon. Taking first things first, it is more important to serve the local traffic than to serve the through traffic at this time, inasmuch as the local traffic represents about 70 per cent of the total traffic.

By-Pass in Ten Years
"In consequence, plans were made to widen the present road between Medford and Ashland from two-lane to four-lane. At some later date, perhaps in about 10 years, the much more costly by-pass line will be surveyed and built, which facility, together with the four-lane road serving the local traffic, will complete the modernization of U. S. 99 in the Medford-Ashland area."

The highway commission has not revealed the dates on which it will call for bids on the first section of the direct four-lane highway to be built between Medford and Phoenix. But it has indicated that bids will be called soon, and the original completion date of this section was understood to be in the fall of 1952.

Washington—(U.P.)—Col. Emerson C. Itchner, who has been 5th Army engineer at Chicago since last November, Tuesday was named North Pacific engineer at Portland, Ore.

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Early Illinois Balloting Heavy, Reports Indicate

Big Stevenson Vote Expected

Chicago—(U.P.)—Illinois voters turned out in "heavy" numbers in the nation's largest presidential preference primary.

Balloting matched the on-the-ballot candidacies of Sen. Robert A. Taft, Harold E. Stassen and Sen. Estes Kefauver against the "write-in" possibilities of Gen. Dwight Eisenhower and Gov. Adlai Stevenson in respective party contests.

Warm Sun Shines
In most of the state, a warm spring sun shone from a cloudless sky. Early morning balloting ranged from "normally heavy" in Chicago to "extra heavy" at some points elsewhere in the state, election officials reported.

It appeared that pre-primary predictions of a near record 1,800,000 turnout might be borne out. Polls opened at 6 a.m. and remain open until 5 p.m.

Rockford and Moline, industrial cities in the northern part of the state; Quincy, Springfield, Decatur, Marion, Murphysboro and West Frankfort, Belleville and East St. Louis reported good turnouts.

Big Stevenson Vote Seen
In the Democratic primary, Stevenson was expected to draw a heavy write-in vote against Kefauver, whose name is the only one printed on the Democratic ballot, although the governor has disclaimed any support of a write-in movement.

Taft's backers, mindful of his organizational backing in Illinois and the turnouts which he drew on his campaign tours of the state, predicted that he would "sweep" the popularity contest.

He is opposed formally by only Harold E. Stassen and a minor candidate, ex-wrestler Riley Bender.

Vigorous Ike Campaign
But Eisenhower's backers, led by Gov. John Lodge of Connecticut, have campaigned vigorously for write-in support for the general and their efforts were expected to show results as they have in other states.

Fifty delegates are to be elected in a separate vote from the presidential preference race. They are not bound by the outcome of the popularity contest. Ten other delegates will be chosen later at state conventions.

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All-Time Records of Snow Water Content Broken; Extremes Seen

Mountain snow cover this year is breaking all-time records, and will probably produce record-breaking streamflow throughout the Rogue, Umpqua and Klamath basins, it was reported today.

Extremes of high water can be expected in many sections. The report was made by W. T. Frost, snow survey and water forecast leader for the cooperative snow survey throughout Oregon. His forecast was made following the 17th annual session of the southern Oregon water forecast group, which met yesterday in Grants Pass.

92% Over Average
Rogue river watershed snow cover water content is 88 per cent greater than last year and 92 per cent greater than average, Frost said. As an example, Frost cited the Annie Springs snow course, where the water content of the snow is now 77.3 inches, compared with 58.5 inches last year and a 19-year average of 44.5 inches.

An all-time high streamflow on the Rogue river above Prospect was forecast, with 445,000 acre feet of water being predicted between April and September. Last year the flow was 345,500 acre feet, and the 10-year average is 305,000. The previous high was in 1933, when the flow totaled 430,500.

Umpqua streamflow also will break existing records by some 5,500 acre feet, the forecast predicted.

"Abundant" Water
Medford and Rogue River Irrigation districts should have abundant water, with inflow to Fournille lake set at 11,500 acre feet, compared to 8,600 in 1950 and 8,100 as a 10-year average. Discharge at Fish lake is also expected to go some 5,000 feet above average.

Talent Irrigation district, which has sometimes been short of irrigation water, should have ample supplies. The forecast is 9,000 acre feet into Hyatt reservoir. Ten-year average is 5,800 and last year's inflow was 3,800.

Flow of the Applegate river near Ruch was forecast at 300,000 acre feet, compared to a previous record flow of 274,500 set in 1938. The predicted flow is nearly three times the 10-year average of 114,800.

The Illinois river will also have a "very high" flow, the report predicted, probably exceeding the 1937 record flow of 367,500 acre feet.

"Astounding Amounts"
Snow cover on Klamath Lake basin watersheds is the heaviest measured since snow survey records began, the report revealed. It said:

"Astounding amounts of water have been measured in the snow this year and an excellent example is Park Headquarters at Crater lake, where the rangers

found 90.5 inches, compared with 72.5 inches last year and an eight-year average of 61.5 inches. Low elevations, too, have a heavy snow cover."

The meeting was the last of a series of eight local forecast sessions, sponsored as a joint project of the Soil Conservation service and the Oregon Agricultural Experiment station. Representatives of a number of participating agencies and companies attended the meeting, each giving his own estimate of the situation based on years of experience and on snow measurements.

At the same time, Robert Church, meteorologist in charge of the Medford weather bureau, gave the bureau's streamflow forecast, which corroborated the snow survey prediction, through made through different methods.

The above-average precipitation trend continued through the winter, it said, and in March was generally 150 per cent of normal in this area except in the eastern portion of the Klamath drainage.

Water runoff in the Rogue, Umpqua and Klamath basins will be well above normal in all cases, it said with discharge from the middle fork of the Rogue 121 per cent of normal.



SHE WANTED A SISTER—Mr. and Mrs. James Clark (left) breath a sigh of relief as they embrace their 3½-month-old daughter, Mary Kathryn, after she was returned to them. The infant was kidnapped from her carriage by 9-year-old Mary Lou Wagner (right) who said she had "always wanted a baby sister."

Worst Missouri Flood In 70 Years Forecast

Pierre, S. D.—(U.P.)—The worst Missouri valley flood in 70 years was predicted Tuesday as the Big Muddy, fed by the runoff of melting highland snows, churned south into South Dakota and Iowa.

The river stood more than 21 inches above flood stage at Pierre. The weather bureau predicted that by next Tuesday it would rise 4 or 5 feet above the levels which brought the disastrous floods of 1943.

River Recedes Slowly
But the river receded slowly at Bismarck where 2,000 persons were driven from their homes. Its tributaries also were on the rampage.

To the east, the Red River of the North rose almost 2 feet Monday at Fargo, N. D. Weather Observer R. S. Schultz warned that the worst flood since 1943 would strike Fargo Tuesday.

All along the Missouri, the level rose dangerously. The National Red Cross issued a sobering warning of potential floods brewing in Central California, New England, Utah and the Rio Grande region in addition to the Missouri valley.

The relief agency said that continued warm weather and any prolonged rainy periods would bring serious flood threats also to the Lake Erie and Huron regions.

But for the moment, the greatest danger lay along the Missouri between Bismarck and Moberly, S. D.

All residents were warned to be ready to flee and river towns were at work sandbagging against the rising waters of the river.

UN Fighter-Bombers Blast Red Soldiers

Seoul, Korea—(U.P.)—Allied fighter-bombers swept low over the Korean battlefronts Tuesday to kill 130 Communist soldiers near their bunkers with bombs and napalm.

Marine Corsairs destroyed six bunkers and took the lives of 75 Red infantrymen. Fighter-bombers of the 18th wing took credit for the other casualties.

Foul weather grounded all 5th Air Force missions before noon. When the skies partially cleared, American Sabrejets took off for MIG Alley but found only six Red fighters. There was no engagement.

Weather
FORECAST: Fair through Wednesday with rising temperatures. Low tonight 32, high Wednesday 73. Highest Yesterday 81. Lowest this Morning 51. To 4:30 a. m. Today Trace

Midnight Walkout Might Be Averted

New York—(U.P.)—Wage Stabilization Chief Nathan P. Feinsinger emerged from a session with steel union leaders Tuesday and said, "if I were a gambling man, I would not bet against a settlement."

New York—(U.P.)—Government Wage Chief Nathan P. Feinsinger said Tuesday he had "some confidence" that union and industry representatives may be receptive to suggestions he is making in a last-minute attempt to avert a nationwide steel strike at midnight.

Feinsinger's announcement came as President Truman summoned Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer back to Washington from a nationwide tour, apparently to prepare for government seizure of the industry.

Already thousands of workers were jumping the midnight strike deadline, and 100,000 other steelworkers were idled by the companies as they closed down steelmaking facilities in anticipation of the strike.

Feinsinger reported his "confidence" after meeting for an hour and a half with representatives of the six major steel companies.

Possible Settlement Suggestions Made
"I am making certain suggestions to the parties as a basis for possible settlement," he said. "I wouldn't have embarked on that course had I not felt some confidence that the parties would be receptive."

Feinsinger said he planned next to confer with Philip Murray, president of the United Steelworkers of America CIO, and other union representatives.

Feinsinger, who flew here Friday after joint negotiations had collapsed, said he was making the suggestions to both sides. He said Tuesday was the first time he had begun making suggestions.

He was smiling when he met reporters after the talk with industry leaders.

Won't Commit Self
However, he would not say whether he felt a strike could be averted.

He declined specifically to comment on a report that he had proposed to industry leaders a contract longer than the 18-month agreement which the board had suggested.

The Steelworkers union has demanded acceptance of the board's recommendations. These include a "package" settlement which would give steel workers an average of 26½ cents more per hour by next January 1. The industry countered with an offer which it said amounted to 16 cents an hour and which the union said amounted to 14.4 cents.

Steel workers now make an average wage of \$1.88 an hour.

First Heating Done In Orchards Today

First orchard heating of 1952 was reported early today in the Table Rock area, according to C. B. Cordy, county agent for horticulture. Smudge pots were lighted at about 4:30 a.m. when temperatures dropped to a minimum of about 26 degrees, the county agent said.

Orchards, which last week were reported to be about 10 days behind normal development, have started "to catch up" during the recent warm weather, Cordy states. Pears, under present weather conditions, will probably be in full bloom some time before April 15, he says. In a normal year, pears would now be in full bloom.

Apricots, mostly centered in the Coker Butte, Fern Valley and Ashland areas, are just past full bloom at the present time, Cordy says. Peaches, in the area west of Medford and Phoenix, are now in full bloom.

DST Decision To Be Made Next Week

Salem—(U.P.)—Gov. Douglas McKay said Tuesday he would make his decision next week on whether to declare daylight saving time in Oregon.

If Oregon does go on fast time, it will be April 27.

Under Oregon law the governor is directed to declare daylight saving time in Oregon if adjoining states also have the fast time. Indications are that this will be done again this year.

Lovett Refuses Comment On Letter From Gen. Ike

Washington—(U.P.)—Defense Secretary Robert A. Lovett refused after a White House conference Tuesday to say whether he has received a letter from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower asking to be relieved from his European command.

Lovett conferred for 15 minutes with President Truman. It was their usual Tuesday meeting.

Experiments Recreating Rare Prehistoric Trees Reaching Successful Climax in City

In Lithia park, the Medford club has placed its in Hawthorne park, and the Grants Pass club is planting its in the park in that city. Ceremonies of presentation will be held later this spring.

A story in this morning's Oregonian also described other experiments in this area in growing the trees. Gribble reported that the tree, the scientific name of which is *metasequoia*, is the only sequoia-type tree which is deciduous, and which loses its needles in the fall. His trees are just now beginning to leaf out, he said. Gribble speculates that it might be distantly related to the Larch. Other scientists believe it may also be related to the swamp cypress.

Growth experiments have revealed that it grows faster than Douglas fir.

They are now being grown on this continent from Alaska to Honduras, he said.

Gribble has presented three of the trees to southern Oregon Garden clubs. The Ashland Garden club has had its tree planted