

Morris Ready To Back Up Charges Of Regime 'Fear'

Accepts Invitation To Give Testimony

Washington—(U.P.)—Newbold Morris said Wednesday he is ready to back up his charges that the Truman administration is afraid of a "real" corruption investigation.

He "willingly" accepted an invitation to testify Thursday before a House Judiciary subcommittee which is investigating his angry backstage feud with former Attorney General J. Howard McGrath. McGrath fired Morris as government cleanup chief last Thursday, and was in turn fired by President Truman. May Call McGrath.

The subcommittee may call McGrath to the witness stand later. Chairman Frank L. Chelf, D-Ky., said subcommittee investigators are now in McGrath's home state of Rhode Island, checking on his affairs.

Morris indicated he might give a preview of his congressional testimony in his speech before a National Press club luncheon Wednesday.

Wouldn't Need Subpoena

He said he did not prepare a formal address for the Press club function because "I wouldn't want to appear before the nation's best newspapermen and hand them a press release."

Chelf said Morris would be subpoenaed if he declined the subcommittee's "invitation" to testify.

"They won't need a subpoena for me," Morris snorted. "I'm a citizen of the United States and I try to help people out."

2 Guard Companies Undergo Federal Inspection Here

The annual federal inspection of National Guard units was in its second day here today as 6th Army officers and representatives of the state adjutant general's office in Salem inspected Headquarters company, 1st battalion, 180th infantry, Oregon National Guard.

The inspection team yesterday looked over records and personnel of Company A, Medford's other National Guard unit.

Members of the team include Col. Robert C. Harris, senior Army instructor, Portland; Maj. Louis F. deLester, assistant inspector general, 6th Army, Presidio, San Francisco and Sgt. John E. Benning, IG section, 6th Army.

Others Aid

Also aiding the inspection team are Maj. Olaf I. Carlson, Army advisor, 1st battalion, 186th infantry; Capt. George Bennett, Ashland, commanding officer of Company A; Lt. Kenneth Black, Camp White, commanding officer of Headquarters company; Sgt. Alex J. Austin, National Guard administrative assistant here, and Master Sgt. Henry H. Lind, Army instructor, 1st battalion, 186th infantry.

Items inspected by the team include records, administration, regulations, security, funds, physical facilities and training. Inspections are conducted annually before National Guard units leave for Ft. Lewis, Wash., for two weeks of summer training. The Medford units will leave for Ft. Lewis June 9.

The inspection here had been scheduled for an earlier date but was delayed by the fire which destroyed a large portion of the armory last fall.

Prospective Blood Donors Sought Here

Prospective donors may now make appointments to give blood during the next visit of the American Red Cross collection unit in Medford, according to Mrs. Leston Huntley of the county Red Cross blood collection program.

The unit will be at the Elks temple from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 16.

Appointments may be made by telephoning 3-3813 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Draft Board Inducts Six County Residents

Six young Jackson county men have been sent to the induction station at Portland to enter the armed forces through the selective service system, it was reported today by Jackson county draft board No. 17, Medford.

They are Donald Campbell Browne and Donald Lee Harper, Medford; Alfred Coffman and Tad V. Gandee, Ashland; Odell William Sallee, Gold Hill, and Chan Albert Stokes Jr., Lake Creek.

Oregon City—(U.P.)—John Calvin Reagan, 59, burned to death Tuesday night in a fire which destroyed his two-room shack 14 miles east of here, Coroner Ray Raliance reported.



Marshal Stalin in Moscow, International

Enemy Negotiators Accused of Raising 'Phony' Russ Issue

Panmunjom, Korea—(U.P.)—A United Nations truce negotiator has accused the Communists of raising the "phony" issue of Russia in order to trade it against the "vital" issue of building airfields in North Korea during an armistice.

Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison said the Communists were trying to trade "nothing for something." Such a bargain is "absolutely not acceptable" to the UN command, he warned.

Trade Hint Recognized

In an extensive press briefing, Harrison formally recognized for the first time three Communist hints for a trade.

The Reds have indicated through their newsmen and across the bargaining table that they would give up trying to make the Soviet Union one of the neutral armistice supervisors if the UN would drop its demand for a ban on airfield reconstruction during an armistice.

"Absolutely not," Harrison snapped when asked if the UN would consider such a trade.

"The USSR is strictly a phony issue."

Said Bargaining Issue

"I am convinced the issue was raised only to bargain it against airfields. Restrictions on airfields is really a vital matter in regard to the stability of an armistice."

Harrison's statement dampened hopes that a compromise is in the making on the twin issues blocking agreement on armistice supervision.

Man Pleads Guilty; Writes Bad Checks

Wayne Myers, 37, of 837 Howard street, Roseburg, was arraigned in court here today and entered a plea of guilty to charges of passing worthless checks. Myers, a disabled veteran working in southern Oregon as an insurance salesman, was arrested Monday in Roseburg by state police.

In a signed statement given city police, who returned him here, Myers stated that at the present time he has outstanding bad checks amounting to some \$632.40. The checks include eight passed in Medford and various others passed in seven other southern Oregon towns.

Myers told officers that in "bad times" he wrote worthless checks and when his income increased he paid them off. A notebook which he carried appeared to verify this. He said he started writing the checks in September, 1951, and had about \$1,000 out when he started paying money back. Myers stated he cut the total down to about \$200 at one time.

Myers is married and the father of two children. He said his wife helped him pay back money on the bad checks.

Two Medals Awarded To Navy Man's Widow

Jacksonville—Presentation of two gold stars in lieu of additional air medals was made Saturday to Mrs. John L. Mitchell, Jacksonville. Award of the posthumous medals was made by members of the Naval Reserve Volunteer Aviation unit commanded by Lt. Cmdr. Loren E. Messenger, USNR, Ashland.

Mrs. Mitchell is the widow of Chief Aviation Ordnanceman John L. Mitchell, USN, who died in the Korean theater Dec. 14, 1951. The gold stars were presented in recognition of Chief Mitchell's service with Patrol Squadron 6 while on aerial reconnaissance during the period Oct. 1 to Dec. 29, 1950.

Attending the simple home ceremony with Mrs. Mitchell were her children John, 8, and twins Carol and Darrel, 5.

The citations were forwarded by Vice Admiral C. T. Joy, USN, commander of the Far East naval forces.

Steel Mills Under U.S. Seizure; Taft, Kefauver Win Primary

General Suffers Worst Setback In Illinois Vote

Stevenson Write-In Lags Far Behind

Chicago—(U.P.)—Sen. Robert A. Taft won his most impressive victory in the Illinois Republican presidential primary, and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower suffered his worst setback.

The Ohio senator took a commanding lead at the outset and made the race a runaway. With about two thirds of the precincts counted he held a lead of better than 5 to 1 over Harold E. Stassen on the GOP ballot, with Eisenhower in third place on write-in votes.

In addition, Taft captured 48 of the 50 delegates up for election. Ten more will be selected at the state Republican convention, and Taft seemed sure to get all of them.

182 Delegates Garnered

On a nationwide basis, Taft appeared to have garnered 182 delegates to Eisenhower's 83 in primaries and state conventions held thus far.

It was Taft's third Midwest victory in a week in the torrid presidential race.

Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, unopposed on the Democratic presidential ballot was an easy victory. A write-in effort for Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois lagged far behind.

Taft Holds Lead

Returns from 8,473 of the state's 9,611 precincts gave Taft 777,271 votes to Stassen's 124,755. Eisenhower had 119,131 from 8,324 precincts. Kefauver got 397,909 votes in 7,267 precincts to Stevenson's 52,697 votes in 6,336 precincts.

A Taft spokesman at his Illinois headquarters said it was Taft's "most significant victory to date, overshadowing Wisconsin and Nebraska."

"In it, he won the largest number of delegates he has received in any primary," the spokesman said.

Illinois delegates are unpledged, but a pre-primary poll showed that 66 of the 91 delegate candidates favored Taft, and it was expected that he would win most of the 50 delegate-seats at stake.

Eisenhower's backers had no immediate comment.

A Stassen spokesman said that the former Minnesota governor got "nearly twice the percentage of votes predicted for him by Chicago newspapers."

Drew Solid Support

Taft drew solid support from the Illinois GOP organization, which apparently handicapped opposition. The Eisenhower organization in Illinois did not issue a formal bid for write-in support, but sent Gov. John Lodge of Connecticut on a two-day stumping tour in the general's behalf.

A darkhorse presidential possibility, Stevenson has not announced that he would accept the nomination. He is said to be President Truman's personal choice.

Vandals Ransack, Damage Church Here

Police reported this morning that vandals broke windows and ransacked the building early yesterday at the Full Gospel church, 608 Western avenue.

Nothing was reported stolen by the vandals, who ransacked the church pulpit and a cabinet, overturned a desk and scattered papers around the church floor. Windows were also broken from a small utility building near the church.

Entry to the building was gained through a rear window, according to investigating officers.

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Gold Hill Asked To Give Up Park For New Highway

Survey Puts Road Through Picnic Spot

Gold Hill—The city of Gold Hill, which actively opposed the plan to reroute Highway 99 so that it will by-pass the town, is now asked to give up one of its prized possessions, Ben Hur Lampman park, located across the river from Gold Hill, in order to provide the necessary right-of-way for the new highway route. The request was made at Monday night's meeting of the city council.

W. G. Stuntz, right-of-way agent for the State Highway department, appeared before the council and displayed a map showing the route of the new four-lane, limited-access stretch of highway to be built on the south side of the river across from Gold Hill.

Park Is Picnic Spot

He showed that in order to maintain the straight line which the highway engineers have surveyed for the new road, the state must acquire the park which was donated to Gold Hill by Jackson county two years ago. The park was to have been maintained as a picnic spot and to give access to the river for fishermen.

The right-of-way agent said that funds allocated for the highway project would not permit any possibility of changing the route to go around the park.

September Start

Stuntz said that bids would be advertised in June for construction of the new highway section, and it was expected that the work would start in September.

The council discussed the matter and several members stated their objections to the manner in which the public hearing held in Gold Hill last winter on the proposed rerouting of the highway had been handled, and the fact that R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, would make no promises about allowing Gold Hill to have a reasonably close access road to the new highway portion.

Stuntz showed the access road on his map. It is to be located just east of where the Old Stage road joins 99 highway at the present time. He said it would provide better access than the town now has to the other side of the river.

Upon being questioned about the rumor that the Sams Valley highway is to be joined to 99 highway at a cloverleaf on the Davis cafe property on Blackwell hill, Stuntz stated that he had telephoned Salem in regard to that rumor, and had been told that no such plan was contemplated. He said that as far as he knew, the Sams Valley junction would remain in Gold Hill where it is at the present time.

The council took no action on the request to allow the state to acquire Ben Hur Lampman park, but referred the matter to its "Highway 99" committee, the committee which was appointed last year to work to prevent the rerouting of the highway to by-pass Gold Hill.

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Fitzgerald as members of the city library board. They succeed Otto Frohnmayer, resigned, and Mrs. W. E. Lantz, who has moved from the city. Mrs. Frances Cochran and Mrs. Allen R. Smith were reappointed.

The council also heard Councilman John Snider discuss the advisability of amending the city ordinance which requires that all dogs within the city limits be confined during the gardening months of April, May, June and July.

Snider revealed that there are 397 licensed dogs in the city limits. He contrasted this number with the amount of money budgeted this year for the enforcement of the ordinance, \$1,100. Snider also said he is checking with veterinarians regarding the effect confinement has on dogs, and he cited a recent incident where an ordinarily gentle dog bit two chil-



1400 FLEE BIG SIOUX FLOOD—Flood waters of the Big Sioux River inundate Sioux Falls, S. D., after the river broke through a dike, forcing some 1400 persons from their homes.

Warning of New Flood Menace Made In Upper Midwest

Sioux City, Ia.—(U.P.)—A warning of a new flood menace was issued for the Upper Midwest where the Missouri, Red and Big Sioux rivers have driven hundreds of persons from their homes and poured over thousands of acres of land.

Critical Period Forecast

The Weather Bureau warned of new flood crests on the Mississippi and its swollen tributaries. The critical period was expected to arrive late this week or early next week. The Mississippi was expected to go 3 feet above flood stage at Aitkin, Minn., by April 14.

While the Mississippi rose, the Missouri and the Big Sioux broke through dikes in the Dakotas and Iowa.

Highest in 71 Years

The Missouri was expected to crest at 22 feet Monday at Sioux City, Ia., its highest point in 71 years. Downstream the rushing waters broke dikes in the Blencoe area, flooding thousands of acres of farmland, and cutting off highways.

The northern portion of South Sioux City, Neb., was abandoned and sealed off by a 3-foot dike. Authorities hoped to keep the waters from swamping the remainder of the city, but the dike was heavily battered and not expected to last.

Jap Musicians Snafued; Play Wrong Selection

Tokyo—(U.P.)—It was installation night for officers of the Tokyo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

"We will now have the national anthem," said the master of ceremonies.

The Japanese band obliged—or thought it did.

It played the "Missouri Waltz."

Weather

FORECAST: Fair and warm through Thursday. Possible thunderstorms Thursday evening. Low tonight 35. High Thursday 73-80.

Highest Yesterday 77. Lowest this Morning 35.

Telephone Dispute Break Seen Nearing

Pickets appeared at both Medford offices of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company—at Sixth and Bartlett streets and Jackson street and Central avenue—at about 12:30 p.m. today. They were placed there by the Communications Workers of America, CIO, in what appeared to be part of the union's strategy of "hit-and-run" picketing in Oregon.

A. E. Nitcher, Eugene union representative, is in town to organize the pickets, he said, and added that pickets were also assigned to the Grants Pass telephone company office at the same time. All are employees of Western Electric company, and no telephone company employees are involved. There was one picket at the Central avenue office and two at the Bartlett street office.

Whether or not telephone company workers will observe the picket line could not be determined immediately as shifts are not due to change until later this afternoon.

New York—(U.P.)—Hit-and-run pickets and work-stopping mass meetings threatened widespread disruption of telephone service in 43 states and the nation's capital Wednesday, but Michigan negotiators appeared nearing a wage agreement which could lead to a quick strike settlement across the nation.

To Discuss Issue

Non-striking members of the Communications Workers of America CIO were called off their switchboards and other jobs in 400 exchanges throughout the country for meetings to discuss the three-day-old strike of 68,000 CWA members against

the Western Electric Co. and Bell System companies in New Jersey, Michigan, Ohio and Northern California.

West Virginia telephone workers walked out in nine cities over a local dispute.

To Curtail Service

American Telephone and Telegraph Co. spokesmen acknowledged the meetings would curtail long distance service but said they hoped to keep service on a "pretty good level" with supervisors on the boards.

Roving picket lines increased their harassing "surprise" appearances, striking at long lines exchanges in Detroit, Kansas City, Cleveland and Cincinnati, O., early Wednesday and, for the first time at local exchanges in St. Louis and nearby Illinois towns.

Violence Reported

First "violence" of the strike was reported from Fairmont, W. Va., where a woman picket was arrested for allegedly tearing the coat of a woman worker who was attempting to pass through a picket line.

In Detroit, Walter Schaar, CWA director for Michigan and Ohio, said negotiators were "driving for a settlement today" in the wage dispute with the Michigan Bell Telephone Co. Federal mediation trouble-shooter E. Mervin Sconyers kept the union and company in round-the-clock sessions and the union appeared ready to accept a \$4 to \$7 offered weekly wage increase if the company will "remove the strings attached to it."

Teacher Resignations Accepted by Board

The Medford city school board last night accepted resignations from two teachers and elected three others for the coming year.

Resignations were accepted from Miss Nancy Kirkpatrick, high school vocal music instructor, and Mrs. Mabel Denny Grimes, first grade teacher at Jackson school. Both resignations are effective immediately and were requested because of illness. Miss Kirkpatrick has returned to her home in Lebanon, Ore., and Mrs. Grimes to her home in Pennsylvania.

Three junior high school instructors elected by the board included Donald D. Davis, former teacher here who has been affiliated with the state rehabilitation service for the past year; James King, Portland, who is now attending Lewis and Clark college, and Miss Janet Rutherford, McMinnville, now attending Oregon State college.

The council also authorized the city administration to lease the recently acquired Biddle property north of the airport for \$100 per month. The property was purchased so that a new instrument landing system could be located on it, but the ILS will not prevent use of the property for other purposes.

Companies Appeal To Federal Courts To Nullify Move

President Orders Possession Taken

Washington—(U.P.)—Federal Judge Alexander Holtzoff Wednesday refused to issue an injunction against President Truman's seizure of the steel industry.

By direction of President Truman, Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer at midnight took nominal possession of the industry to prevent a strike by 650,000 CIO United Steelworkers set for that hour.

Hearing Ordered

Mr. Truman's action set off these events:

1. Federal Judge Walter M. Bastion ordered an immediate hearing on a petition by two big steel companies for a court order blocking the seizure.

2. CIO President Philip Murray ordered his steelworkers to stay on the job, putting off a strike for the fifth time.

3. Acting Defense Mobilizer John R. Steelman set up meetings with the union and steel company negotiators at 3 p.m. Wednesday. Industry spokesmen saw little hope for an early agreement.

Three Days Needed

4. Industry managers in Pittsburgh said it would take about three days to get open hearths, which had been banked Sunday, into full operation again. They said morning shifts Wednesday would go to work as usual, in keeping with the President's request to keep production going for defense.

5. Sawyer sent telegrams to the presidents of the 88 basic steel companies, designating them as "operating managers" of their plants and ordering them to fly the U. S. flag and post notice of the government taking possession. He told them to set up separate books for the period of government operation, although profits will revert to the private owners.

Industry Blamed

Mr. Truman announced his action in a radio-television broadcast to the nation Tuesday night. Blaming the industry for the deadlock, he said the steel companies could grant the full 26-cent hourly wage increase recommended by the wage stabilization board and still clear profits of about \$17 a ton on steel without any price increase.

John C. Gall, attorney for Republic Steel Corp. and Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co., the nation's third and sixth largest producers, arrived at Federal Judge Walter M. Bastion's home 27 minutes after Mr. Truman finished speaking with a request for an injunction forbidding Sawyer to implement the seizure order.

Violation Contended

Gall, who predicted that other major steelmakers would join the case, contended that the seizure was a violation of the constitutional prohibition against depriving a person of property without due process of law.

Gall said the companies feared that Sawyer would order into effect the wage increases recommended by the wage board.

But Sawyer said he had no present plans for signing a new wage contract with the union. He said he would "await the result" of the new union-management talks convened by Steelman before doing anything about putting the higher wage scale into effect.

Mr. Truman's order specifically authorized Sawyer to "bargain collectively" with the union and "prescribe terms and conditions of employment." There were indications that the government may sign a wage increase contract with the union if there is any protracted delay in reaching a settlement to return the industry to private hands.

Steelmakers Blasted

Mr. Truman blasted the steelmakers in the most bitter tones he has used against industry in seven years in office, accusing them of being "greedy" and making "outrageous" price demands to offset wage boosts.

He asserted that the companies "have said, in short, that unless they can have what they want, the steel industry will shut down."