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TRUCE BREAK HINTED BY NEW COMMIE MOVES

Panmunjom, Korea — (U.P.)— Two surprise moves by the Communists hinted Wednesday a major break may be imminent in the Korean truce negotiations.

In apparently related actions, the Chinese Communists decided to recognize the Geneva Convention for the treatment of war prisoners, and Red Truce negotiators asked for a further two-day recess in the armistice talks here.

Next Meeting Friday

An important development seemed likely when the two sides meet next at 11 a.m., Friday. The session presumably will be secret, as were the 10 meetings preceding the recess which began Monday.

Radio Peiping broadcast Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-Lai's recognition of the Geneva Convention.

A few hours later, Communist liaison officers asked a two-day extension of the original two-day recess called at their request. Both sides were to have met again Wednesday.

Never Listens to Comment

Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckols, official UN spokesman, said the UN "never listens to, makes any comment on or pays any attention to Communist propaganda broadcasts," such as today's.

Observors here were convinced the Reds either were preparing to make a new proposal or working over a United Nations suggestion that a neutral "protecting power" be called in to mediate the prisoner exchange deadlock.

Might Bring Armistice

The move might bring an armistice in a few days. The question of prisoner exchange would remain open, with the neutral "protecting power" intervening to mediate a solution while the armistice was in effect.

The armistice agreement is complete except for the paragraph dealing with the return of prisoners.

STEEL "COMMAND PERFORMANCE"—C. I. O. President Philip Murray, Joseph Larkin, left, Bethlehem Steel vice president, and John Morse, general counsel of Bethlehem, meet at a "command performance" to end steel strike. They were not immedaitely able to reach a settlement.

President Truman Signs 'Catch All' Appropriation Bill

HST Attacks Economy Cuts as 'Dangerous'

Washington —(U.P.)— President Truman took another swing at "exceedingly dangerous" congressional economy cuts Tuesday night as he signed the $11,793,776,339 "catch-all" appropriations bill.

The measure provides funds for foreign aid, atomic expansion and construction of a global network of secret air bases during fiscal 1953 which began July 1.

Last Money Bill

The measure was the last of the fiscal 1953 money bills requiring the president's signature and brought total appropriations to $75,327,182,112. Mr. Truman had asked for $83,963,150,796.

Mr. Truman said in a statement he was particularly concerned about slashes in appropriations for civil defense, anti-inflation controls and mutual security.

Repeats Gross Error

The president said Congress repeated "the gross error of the last two years" when it chopped requested civil defense funds by 90 per cent. He said the appropriations for economic stabilization agencies were "another case of reckless slashing without regard to the consequences to our people or to defense."

Reductions in foreign aid funds, Mr. Truman said, were "an exceedingly dangerous thing for the Congress to have done." He said cuts for Asiatic nations were "even more cruel" because they were made at a time when these countries face severe economic pressure.

Atomic Program "Saved"

Some congressmen succeeded in saving the atomic expansion program from "disastrous curtailment," the president said, but many of the cuts approved during the dying days of the 82nd Congress will "seriously hamper our total defense effort."

DEMOS STUDY CONCLAVE SITE — In Chicago's International Amphitheater, Democratic convention "bigwigs" survey scene they'll take over next week for the Democratic national convention. Left to right: Frank E. McKinney, chairman of the national committee; Lawrence Westbrook, assistant chairman; Leslie M. Biffle, sergeant at arms; Joseph M. Howard, assistant chairman.

Red Mig Shot Down; Destroyer Blasts Communist Train

Seoul, Korea — (U.P.) — American Sabrejets jumped more than 50 Communist MIG-15 jets high over "MIG Alley" Wednesday in three air battles and shot down at least one of the Russian-built fighters.

Capt. Arthur M. McCarthy, of Dearborn, Mich., was credited with knocking the MIG out of the skies. It was his first claim.

Best MIG Pilot

He described his opponent as "the best MIG pilot I have seen up there," reflecting the aggressiveness of the enemy flier.

It was the largest MIG force sighted in several days.

The Navy disclosed an American destroyer trapped and destoryed a 20-car Communist train taking tanks, guns and ammunition to the front Tuesday. It was one of the biggest train kills of the year.

The destroyer Orleck was patroling off the Korean East coast when two officers of the early watch heard the train racing south.

Smashed Rails

The Orleck sped south along the coast, smashed the tracks in front of the train and derailed the last car to prevent the train from escaping by backing up.

The Orleck's guns then hammered the train into junk, blowing up 14 cars of ammunition, one flat car hauling tanks and five others carrying 14 heavy-caliber artillery pieces.

State Commission Denies Application For PGE Pelton Dam

Salem —(U.P.)— Action by the Oregon Hydroelectric commission Wednesday blocked construction of Portland General Electric company's proposed Pelton dam on the Deschutes river.

The commission Tuesday denied the application of the firm for a permit to construct the dam.

A report to the commission by Dr. Willis H. Rich, professor of biology at Stanford university, said the dam would destroy all fish life above the proposed site.

Commission Requested Survey

The commission last March directed the State Fish Commission and Portland General Electric to try to reach some agreement on the construction of the dam. When the two organizationss failed to get together, the Hydroelectric commission requested Dr. Rich to make his survey.

The proposed power project has been vigorously opposed by sportsmen and the State Fish commission. The commission operates a hatchery on the Metolius river which empties into the Deschutes above the Pelton site in central Oregon.

Would Eliminate Fish

The order denying the permit stated the proposed dam would eliminate the entire salmon and steelhead runs above the dam. It also said the requirements of the Oregon law for protection of fish life in the Deschutes have not and could not be complied with.

Portland General Elctric had offered to replace the hatchery at a site that would not be effected by the proposed Pelton dam. But the Hydroelectric commission was informed that a suitable hatchery could not be built elsewhere for a price Portland General Electric was willing to pay.

Cooler Temperatures In Rogue Valley Today

Cool air which invaded Oregon Tuesday and lingered resulted in temperature drop in this area today but a rising trend was forecast for Thursday, the Medford office of the weather bureau reported.

While Medford continued to lead in the state with a 98-degree maximum Tuesday, the anticipated high temperature for today was about 95.

The bureau predicted that the rising trend will being a 98 to 100 maximum on Thursday.

Other highs yesterday in Oregon included Ontario 97, Pendleton 94, Burns and Eugene 92, The Dalles, Baker and Redmond 91, Portland 82, North Bend 67, and Newport 64.

Bad Break Reported In Irrigation Ditch

The Medford irrigation district's ditch broke badly at the Eagle Gulch flume yesterday and the area served by the district is expected to be without water until Saturday, it was learned today.

A crew was sent to repair the ditch at 2 p.m. Tuesday when the break occurred.

County Agent W. B. Tucker said this morning that "it will be very bad for the crops" if they have no water until the end of the week. He said this was the only ditch the district has, so far as he knew.

New Talks Scheduled By Steel Negotiators

Pittsburgh—(U.P.)—Dr. John R. Steelman, acting director of defense mobilization, was expected to make a second try Wednesday to settle the nationwide steel strike which has idled 1,250,000 workers across the nation.

A two-hour conference arranged by Steelman Tuesday between Philip Murray, president of the United Steelworkers CIO, and Joseph M. Larkin, vice president of Bethlehem Steel, collapsed over the union shop issue.

Union Blamed

Larkin blamed collapse of the latest talks on the Steelworkers' insistence for a "compulsory" union shop. He claimed the union would not discuss other issues until the union shop issue had been solved.

Murray countered the company charges by branding the industry's latest offer "inadequate and unsatisfactory." He also accused the steel companies of handing out "distorted propaganda."

An industry statement revealed the union had been offered wage increases averaging 16 cents an hour, six paid holidays, improved vacations and increased shift differentials.

Grimness Apparent

The grimness of the situation became apparent immediately after the talks broke off. Murray immediately called for a meeting of the union's 175-man wage policy committee to meet here next Monday for what was tantamount to a vote of confidence.

The powerful committee was expected to back Murray by voting overwhelmingly in favor of continuing the strike of the 600,000 steel and iron ore workers.

Trunk Water Main Completed by City

With the cutting in of a 12-inch trunkline water main this morning on West Main street, a project begun in 1948 was completed, according to City Superintendent Robert Duff.

The work was started four years ago, Duff pointed out, with a 16-inch line extended from the reservoir down to Barnett road. The projection was continued up Stewart avenue until even with Chestnut street. It then cut over to Chestnut, following to Prune street, Jeanette avenue, Western avenue and West Second street.

This line by-passed West Main and during the tie-up this morning all the water west of the Chestnut street line was turned off from 5 to 10:45 o'clock.

Radio Highlights

Richard Reeves, Grants Pass, Rogue Valley soap box derby winner, and his father will be feaured on an interview at 5:45 p.m. today on radio station KYJC (1230).

Truman Undergoes Check Up Following 'Mild Infection'

Washington —(U.P.)— President Truman was admitted to Walter Reed Army hospital Wednesday for a checkup following a four-day bout with what the White House described as a "mild virus infection."

Press Secretary Joseph Short said the Chief Executive might be in the hospital for "two or three days."

"But it won't be for very long," Short said.

Mr. Truman entered the hospital on the recommendation of White House physician Maj. Gen. Wallace H. Graham.

Short said the president entered the modern Army medical center because Graham "wanted to do some checking out there where they have equipment."

Short said Mr. Truman had no temperature Wednesday for the first time in several days. Graham said, however, there was a possibility that some "slight" fever might develop during the day.

The president has been confined to his personal quarters on the second floor of the White house since Monday. He cancelled all engagements and spent most of his time in bed. While confined, however, he has been able to work on the hundreds of bills left for his signature by Congress

GRAND JURY TO MEET

Consideration of a large docket of criminal matters will begin Thursday morning by the grand jury which is completing its term of duty with this session, according to District Attorney Paul Haviland. Among the cases to be considered is the stabbing of Carl Blair, Shady Cove, last April. A new grand jury will convene next Monday, and will consider, among others, the safety of the county bridge at Rogue River.

Meeting Cancelled Due to Eva's Illness

Buenos Aires—(U.P.)—A cabinet meeting was cancelled a few minutes before it was due to start Wednesday. It was understood the meeting was cancelled because of the increasing seriousness of the condition of Senora Eva Peron, wife of President Juan D. Peron.

Work also was stopped on a big new apartment building near the presidential palace to eliminate noise.

American Charge d'Affaires Lester Mallory cancelled a reception set for Thursday for Americans in Buenos Aires to meet Albert Nufer, the new American ambassador who arrived Wednesday.

Senora Peron's condition was reported unchanged in a medical bulletin Tuesday night. It had been announced a week ago that her condition was unsatisfactory.

Casualties in Korea Up 715 During Week

Washington — (U.P.) — American battle casualties in Korea totaled 112,843 through last Friday, the Defense Department announced Wednesday.

This is an increase of 715 over the report released last week. It covers those whose next of kin have been notified but not necessarily all casualties through last Friday.

The summary includes 19,838 deaths, 80,640 wounded, 9,520 missing, 1,460 captured and 1,385 previously reported as returned to service.

Negotiations Continue In AFL Sailors Strike

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Representatives of the AFL Sailor's Union of the Pacific and the Pacific Maritime Assn., went into the third day of joint negotiations Wednesday in an effort to end the seven-week old West Coast shipping strike.

Federal Conciliator Omar Hoskins conducted the session.

Settlement failed to materialize Tuesday. Harry Lundeberg, SUP secretary, was absent from the negotiations. Instead, Lundeberg appeared before the National Labor Relations Board in connection with charges of unfair labor practices filed by the PMA against both the SUP and the Independent International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.

Civil Rights Threat To Democratic Unity

Chicago— (U.P.) —Sen. Herbert H. Lehman of New York said Wednesday that unless the 1952 Democratic platform includes a strong civil rights and anti-filibuster plank the party will face another fight like the one which split the 1948 convention wide open.

Lehman, member of the preliminary drafting committee, said his demand for a tough stand on the touchy civil rights issue has the backing of President Truman and of "a majority" of the convention delegates. It could lead to a Southern bolt.

Hearings Open

Lehman spoke at a news conference as the committee opened four days of public hearings on all angles of the issues the Democrats will take to the electorate in November.

Leaders of the major farm groups spoke up for continued flexible price supports. A drafting committee course said the farm plank probably will favor maintaining supports at 90 per cent of parity. It probably will sidestep the controversial Brannan subsidy plan which has been attacked by most major farm organizations.

Platform Ready Wednesday

The platform will be submitted to the full convention next Wednesday.

Lehman vowed that he would carry his fight to the convention floor next week, if necessary. His challenge exploded the hopes of some top Democratic Convention leaders that they could arrange a quiet compromise on civil rights.

One compromise proposal already has been offered by some supporters of Sen. Richard B. Russell of Georgia. They suggested that a federal fair play employment practice commission law be passed with a proviso that the individual states could veto it.

Lehman Punctures Plan

Lehman punctured that trial balloon. Georgia's Gov. Herman Talmadge, a big Russell booster, jabbed it from the other side. He said in Atlanta he is against civil rights legislation "in any form whatsoever, either voluntary or compulsory."

Lehman put almost equal emphasis on the anti-filibuster rule. The Southern senators have clung jealously to their right of unlimited debate as their best weapon against civil rights legislation.

Senator Byrd Gains Landslide Victory Over Trumanite Foe

Richmond, Va.— (U.P.) —Sen. Harry Flood Byrd (D-Va.), swept in by a landslide vote for his fourth six-year term as "watchdog of the treasury," won the most one-sided victory of his long political career Tuesday in a primary that observers thought would be his closest.

United Press returns from 1,675 of the state's 1780 precincts gave Byrd 212,881 votes to 125,678 for Col. Francis Pickens Miller.

Moderating Influence

Byrd immediately expressed a hope that his victory would "act as a moderating influence on the Democratic Party to the extent that the Democrats can get back to the real and true principles of the Democratic party."

Byrd himself was frankly surprised at the huge margin by which he defeated Miller, 57-year-old leader of the "anti-Byrd" wing of the Virginia Democratic Party.

Jubilant Byrd leaders called the renomination, tantamount to election, "a triumph for all that Senator Byrd stands for" and a repudiation by Virginia of Truman administration policies which Byrd opposes.

Klamath Program To Be Directed in KF

Sacramento—(U.P.)—The final phase of the Upper Klamath River Basin development program will be directed from Klamath Falls, Ore., by Donald A. Gray, Richard L. Boke, regional director for the U. S. Burear of Reclamation announced Wednesday.

Because he was recently resident engineer for the bureau on its Pajaro River, Calif., Basin investigations, Gray was described as being experienced in this type job.

Olympia —(U.P.)— The state of Oregon Wednesday placed a restriction upon the importation of hogs from Washington state.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN

Cleveland	0—7—13—0
New York	1—3—13—0

Lemon, Harris 7, Brissie 9, Garcia 10 and Hegan, Tipton; Sain, Morgan 3, Hogue 8, McDonald 10 and Berra.

Home runs—For Cleveland: Lemon; for New York: Berra.

Chicago	3— 9—0
Boston	7—13—0

Dobson, Kretlow 3, Judson 7, Kennedy 8 and Lollar, Masi 4; Parnell and White.

Home run—For Boston: Evers.

Little Change Noted In Vegetable Prices

By UNITED PRESS

A spot check showed Wednesday there has been little overall change in the price of vegetables during the last year.

Except for potatoes, fresh vegetables have not been subject to price controls.

The ceilings on potatoes were removed recently, and a survey showed that prices have risen, largely because of an overall shortage in the crop.

An amendment to the Defense Production Act removed canned and frozen fruits and vegetables from price control effective July 1, and Price Chief Ellis Arnall this week made the order formal.

But since June 30 grocers have been free, legally at least, to raise prices on canned and frozen fruits and vegetables.

A check of 12 major cities, however, showed that few retailers availed themselves of the opportunity.

Portland — (U.P.) — The $135,000 Gold Beach Indian trust timberland case moved a step closer to settlement Wednesday but both sides to the issue indicated they might appeal the judgment.

Weather

FORECAST: Continued fair through Thursday. Low tonight 53. High Thursday 98-100.

	Temp.
Highest Yesterday	98
Lowest this Morning	54

Ontario — (U.P.) — Polio virus continued to plague Malheur county Wednesday as the eighth victim and possibly a ninth case were confined to Malheur memorial hospital.

Montana Voters Show Unexpected Interest

Helena, Mont. — (U.P.) — Democratic and Republican Congressional races in Montana's western district Wednesday stole the show from all other contests in Montana's primary election which attracted a turnout surprising to political "experts."

It appeared political candidates had underestimated voter interest in this go-round which fell between national GOP and Democratic conventions.

After slicing the lead of Lt. Gov. Paul Cannon of Butte to within striking distance, Lee Metcalf of Helena watched his opponent inch away to a 1,500-vote lead in the hot first district race for the post vacated by Democratic Rep. Mike Mansfield of Missoula, unopposed for the senatorial nomination.

On the Republican side, state Rep. Winfield (Windy) Page of Missoula, who had moved out in front of Helena attorney Wellington Pankin at one time during the night, dropped behind again on the basis of the latest tabluation. Rankin is the brother of former Congresswoman Jeanette Rankin.

Valley Men Elected By Rural Carriers

Bend — (U.P.) — Oregon Rural Letter Carriers will hold their 50th annual convention in Salem next year.

The selection of the site for the 1953 convention came at the end of the carriers' 1952 conference here Tuesday.

The conference also elected Warren Coombs, Eugene, as president. Harry E. Root, Estacada, was the choice for first vice president; E. Loyde Johnson, Ashland, was named second vice president; and Hans Hammin, Eagle Point, was elected treasurer.

Wholesale Food Prices Register New Increases

New York— (U.P.) —Wholesale food prices registered their third consecutive advance this week —a gain of 10 cents which moved the Dun & Bradstreet index to the highest level of the year.

Higher prices for 13 of the 31 food components used by Dun & Bradstreet in the index moved the figure for the week ended July 15 to $6.61 from $6.51 the week before, giving a three-week cumulative rise of 22 cents.

Wholesale food costs still are below the 1952 top of $6.54 established January 1.

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of State Dean Acheson Wednesday challenged Red China to live up fully to its newly-professed adherence to the Geneva Convention on humane treatment of war prisoners.

350-Man Crew Battling Big Washington Forest Blaze

Marblemount, Wash.—(U.P.)— A grimy 350-man crew fought Wednesday to control a 500-acre forest fire in high timber east of here after the raging blaze burned to death a man and his son.

Foresters said Shirley Cook, about 45, and his 20-year-old son, Charles, perished when flames trapped them. Four other members of a road crew with whom the Cooks were working escaped.

Rescue Failed

Foresters said the father and son died after the elder Cook collapsed and the youth failed in an effort to carry him to safety.

Cause of the fire was undermined, but some authorities believe it might have been started from blasting.

Burning Through Timber

Every available man in the vicinity was pressed into service to battle the spreading blaze. The fire was burning through timber on the west slope of the Cascade mountains in northeastern Skagit county just east of Marblemount.

Ruggedness of the terrain prevented use of mechanical fire-fighting equipment and the fire crew was fighting it out hand-to-hand with the blaze.

Oswego Postmistress Within Rights in Assigning Numbers

Salem — (U.P.) — The postmistress of Oswego was within her legal rights in assigning house numbers to residences outside the city limits but served by the Oswego postoffice, Attorney General George Neuner said Wednesday.

The opinion involved the vexatious question of identificationof houses on rural free delivery routes and was of interest throughout Oregon.

Must Be Sensible

But he suggesed that the postmistress should be sure her plan was "sensible."

Neuner's opinion was sought by former Clackamas County District Attorney Leonard I. Lindas, who said: "Question has arisen as to who has the jurisdiction of assigning house numbers to buildings beyond the limits of an incorporated city but lying within the six mile radius thereof."

Assigned Numbers

The Oswego postmistress, the opinion observed, on her own initiative assigned house numbers to dwellings located within the territory served by the Oswego postoffice but beyond that city's limits. The opinion noted that the numbering system so established "does not follow that within the city nor does it conform to any other established plan."

Neuner said the naming of streets and numbering of houses is a legislative matter. Assigning of house numbers is a mutual matter.

BULLETINS

Helsinki —(U.P.)— The U. S. soccer team was eliminated from the Olympic qualifying tournament by Italy, 8-0, Wednesday.