

Knowland's Remarks on Red China Talks May Aid Administration

Three Auto Contracts To Expire Sunday; GAW Talks to Continue

Detroit — (U.P.)—The five-year wage contracts at Ford, General Motors and American Motors are due to expire at the end of May, but contract negotiations crucial to the U.S. economy may be far from settled when that date rolls around.

In some industries this might mean a work stoppage under the "no contract, no work" policy. But in the auto industry, the calendar probably will flip to June 1 with no plan for an interruption of production.

Make Or Break

Economists view the success or failure of efforts to maintain peace in the auto industry as a make-or-break proposition for the highriding economic boom in America.

A settlement of the negotiations—or a strike—may not come before mid-June, mid-July or even later, as the CIO United Auto Workers have announced they won't necessarily follow the "no contract, no work" policy which the United Mine Workers and some other unions have used.

Contracts Continued

What will happen when the UAW contracts expire? If negotiations are making progress, the present contracts would be continued in effect. But on a day-to-day basis, with the union free to act whenever it wished.

The companies would have the right to terminate the contracts at any time, too. But no one expects them to, not with the demand for cars running as high as it is.

Negotiators started meeting early in April to try to work out new agreements to replace the contracts signed in 1950. The union demand for a guaranteed annual wage, higher pay, better pensions and bigger health programs wasn't all that had to be taken up.

"Just re-working all the little technical differences could take from now until the contracts run out," a spokesman said "Of course no one wants to settle anything until they've settled everything, so things really move slow."

Meanwhile, information that creeps out of the closed-door negotiations has been pleasant enough so far. Both sides have refrained from blasting each other in public. When they get into serious disagreement, this is sure to change.

Newsmen covering the long negotiating sessions are coming up with little except the date for the next meeting. They did figure out that the guaranteed annual wage had come into the talks. The union called in its GAW experts.

General Motors talks are held in a green-walled, green-carpeted room on the fifth floor of the GM building. Ford and American Motors are holding their meetings in banquet rooms in downtown Detroit.

The "bargaining table" always referred to in stories about the negotiations actually exists. The top men on each side sit at the middle of long tables, flanked by their negotiating teams. There the issues are thrown out on the table for discussion.

Court Records

POLICE COURT
Frank Lambro, failure to stop at stop sign, \$5.
Frank Warren Southwell, operating motor vehicle wrong direction on one way street, \$5, operating motor vehicle without Oregon driver's license, \$10.
Keith Setz, failure to yield right to way from stop sign, \$10.
Charles Lloyd Woody, failure to stop at stop sign, \$5.
Leo Benjamin Williams, failure to stop at stop sign, \$5.
Oliver Henry Bingham, 32, of route 1, box 308, Ashland, failure to yield right of way to oncoming traffic, pleaded innocent, found guilty, \$10 fine or 2 1/2 days in jail.
John William Bunker, 17, of Butte Falls Star route, Eagle Point, reckless driving, \$25.

DISTRICT COURT
Alex J. Carrara, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.
James E. Better, marked on paved section of highway, \$5.
Harold F. Hixon, no safety chain, \$15.
Charles C. Babb, overload, \$15.
Donald C. Miller, overload, \$51.
Ernest W. Hinkle, overload, \$59.

CIRCUIT COURT
Agnes E. Nelson vs. Alfred Nelson, divorce complaint.
Stella L. Teel vs. Richard L. Teel, divorce complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Don Floyd Martin, 24, of 811 Stewart ave., and Barbara Lou Rankin, 17, of 445 Normal st., Ashland.

Dead line Sunday. Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

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By LYLE C. WILSON
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It appears that the fears Knowland expressed were groundless so far as surrender of territory was concerned. And, since he discussed the matter with the State Department before making a statement, it seems fair to assume that Knowland was fully aware of Mr. Eisenhower's firm position.

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City's Planners Schedule Meeting

A special meeting of the Medford Planning commission will be held in the city council chamber of the city hall at 7:30 p.m. today. Members will discuss the proposed annexation to the city of fringe areas, and possibilities of obtaining a budget allotment for a county planning director.

The meeting was called after a special meeting of the commission last week end, at which Howard Buford, director of the Lane county and Eugene planning commission, spoke regarding problems of zoning, planning, fringe area development, and related matters. Attending were planning commission members, city officials and members of the city council.

Tonight's meeting will be presented with research on areas proposed for annexation. The commission is charged with the responsibility of recommending precinct boundaries in the areas.

Candidates Ready For SOC Elections

Ashland—Twenty-six candidates will vie for nine major student body offices at Southern Oregon college in an election to be held Friday, May 6.

In the race for student body president are Chick Quinowski, Klamath Falls; Jim Womack, Klamath Falls; Charles Weir, Grants Pass; and Chuck Plumer, Roseburg.

Candidates for first vice-president are Leon McDougall, Medford, and Leonard Weber, Malin; for the second vice-president, Bob Myrick, Ashland; Dick Bonney, Grants Pass; and Don Lowrance, Junction City; for secretary, Barbara Havlina, Malin; Patsy Roberts, Smith River, Calif.; Norma Weech, Grants Pass; and Delores McFarland, Klamath Falls, and for treasurer, Ron Lamb, Medford, and Jim Stuckey, Ashland.

Eleven are in the running for the four representative-at-large positions. They include Anna May Walters, Prineville; Jim Thomas, Ashland; Paul Clute, Ashland; Riley Winchell, Medford; Isobel Garr, Medford; Jack Rawls, Grants Pass; Dean Reeter, Ashland; Worlow Purdin, Ashland; Ann Hammersley, Lakeview; Neal Wyatt, Ashland, and Gayle Turner, Ashland.

nadians and others that the U.S. is not yet ready to suggest territorial concessions to the Chinese Communists.

And from other sources there were indications today that Knowland would not necessarily break with the administration if talks with Red China were undertaken, provided there was an absolute taboo on territorial concessions at the expense of Chiang.

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Rubirosa Divorced From Babs Hutton

Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic — (U.P.) — Porfirio Rubirosa was granted a divorce from Woolworth heiress Barbara Hutton by a Dominican court justice Thursday night.

The court approved the petition for the divorce decree filed by the Dominican playboy-diplomat last month. Attorneys for Rubirosa based his plea for an end to his marriage on "incompatibility of character."

Miss Hutton, 42, and Rubirosa, 46, were married in the Dominican consulate in New York City on Dec. 30, 1953. Less than three months later, they announced they had decided on a "friendly separation."

It was Miss Hutton's fifth marriage; Rubirosa's fourth.



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