

Federal Officials Move In To Combat Crippling Steel Shutdown

Pittsburgh—(U.P.)—Federal officials moved in on two fronts today to combat a crippling 10-day steel shutdown that brought about 40,000 coal miners into the growing ranks of sideline victims of the United Steelworkers strike.

The federal government was expected today to initiate new peace efforts to bring together company and union negotiators. The Commerce Department's Business and Defense Services Administration ordered the handful of mills still operating to reserve a larger share of their production for defense purposes.

The government actions came as the United Mine Workers ended

their annual 12-day vacation. UMW officials estimated 40,000 miners at steel company-owned "captive" coal operations were today greeted by layoffs or, at best, shorter work weeks when they returned to the pits.

Transport Field Hit

In other steel-dependent industries, particularly the transportation field, the steel strike has already forced 65,000 to 90,000 layoffs. Striking millworkers number 650,000.

Sources in Washington said Federal Mediation Director Joseph F. Finnegan has been in contact with union and company representatives in hopes of arranging new bargaining talks. The sides have not met together since negotiations collapsed in New York six hours before the strike began at 12:01 a.m. July 1.

The federal agency was expected to announce joint talks would resume this week. The site for the session was not fixed, but Washington was believed to be the most likely place.

USW President David J. McDonald was in Washington attending a meeting of the AFL-CIO Executive Board.

The strike, which has cut off 87 per cent of the nation's steel production, continued to sap the country's economy.

More Thousands Idled

A United Press spot survey showed 22,000 workers, including 14,000 strikers, were strike-idled in Michigan. Washington state officials reported 1,740 workers off the job, 290 allied industry victims. Alabama had 26,100 steelworkers and 3,500 sideliners out of work because of the walkout.

About 1,000 coal miners today joined the 9,000 millworkers affected by the strike in Colorado. About 1,400 steel-dependent workers in Missouri have been idled. Pennsylvania had 202,900 out of work because of the strike, including 185,800 strikers, 11,200 furloughed railroad workers and 5,900 laid-off in steel-dependent industries.

State officials in Arizona, New Mexico, Idaho and Nebraska reported no noticeable impact on employment in their states thus far. But leaders in New Mexico said the steel shutdown had forced an indefinite delay in the new highway construction program authorized by Congress.

Federal Order Varies

To prevent a curtailment of military production, the government ordered still-operating steel mills to set aside additional steel supplies for companies with defense orders.

The government order varies from mill to mill with the increase as much as 600 per cent for some vital materials. The average is about 200 per cent increase in "set-asides." Earlier in the strike the government clamped down on warehouses, directing them to freeze certain types of steel needed for defense projects.

McKay Tours Plants On Prineville Stop

Prineville—(U.P.)—Douglas McKay continued his campaign swing through central Oregon today. He stopped here long enough to tour industrial plants and tell Republican backers that "I'm going to win this race."

The Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate post now held by Wayne Morse, told a group gathered on the county courthouse steps at Madras yesterday that he was "back here to vindicate my record. I expect to do it."

The former interior secretary was scheduled to visit Mitchell, Dayville, Mt. Vernon, Canyon City and John Day today.

Mechanical Elephant Object of Big Search

Portland—(U.P.)—A two-state alarm was sounded today for an elephant.

Officers in Oregon and Washington were asked to be on the lookout for the mechanical beast, made of steel, which disappeared Saturday while en route from Kennewick, Wash., to Portland.

Bill McGaw, owner of the elephant, offered a \$50 reward for information leading to the capture of his mechanical pachyderm, which he valued at \$8000. The beast was last seen in Seattle, he said. One of his employees had been scheduled to arrive here in time for an appearance with the elephant Saturday.

The animal is powered by an engine and is capable of walking about 10 miles an hour.

Iowa College Chosen For Animal Laboratory

Washington—(U.P.)—Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson today selected Iowa State College at Ames as the site for a new animal disease laboratory.

Benson once attended Iowa State College.

Benson announced the selection of Iowa State College on the recommendation of a site selection committee. He said the selection was subject to "completion of satisfactory arrangements locally."

The Iowa college was chosen from a group of nine colleges and universities which generally met the desired requirements regarding location of an animal disease laboratory.

Congress has under consideration an estimate for an appropriation for the construction of a new animal disease laboratory.

SALMON STUDY

Seattle—(U.P.)—The University of Washington's fisheries research institute is going to study the effect of Alaska's pulp industry on salmon fishing in the territory. The U. S. Fish and Wildlife service signed a \$35,000 contract with the school for the study.

San Francisco—(U.P.)—The average family car, according to the California State Automobile association, travels about 9,400 miles per year, the equivalent of three transcontinental trips.

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Socialist Party Scores Upset in Japan Elections

Tokyo—(U.P.)—The opposition Socialist party scored a major upset in Sunday's nationwide elections, according to complete returns today, dashing the Conservative government's hopes of revising Japan's "No War" constitution to permit full rearmament.

13 Seats Picked Up

The unofficial returns showed that the anti-rearmament Socialists had picked up 13 seats in the upper chamber, for a total of 50. With their allies, and their 31 seats not up for election, the Socialists controlled more than one-third of the seats in the 250-man house.

Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama's Conservatives and their allies, the Green Breeze party, needed to capture two-thirds of the seats to ram through the amendment program backed by the United States which would permit Japan to rearm.

Liberals Hold Own

The government Liberal-Democratic party held its own in the voting, winning 60 seats, which added to the 61 incumbents, gave it a total of 121—a loss of one.

But the middle-of-the-road Green Breeze party suffered a smashing setback, losing 12 of the 17 seats it held that were up for election.

One of the biggest surprises was the heavy Communist vote. The Communists rolled up their biggest popularity count since the 1949 elections. The 1,149,000 votes more than doubled the 558,806 total in the 1953 elections. But only two of the 34 Communist candidates won seats, including party first secretary Sanzo Nosama.

Pantomime Slated At Southern Oregon

Ashland—One of the oldest and least known of theater arts, pantomime, will be depicted by Harry Bartron at the Southern Oregon college assembly at 2 p.m., July 11, in Churchill hall.

Though scheduling difficulties encountered by the actor-pantomimist may result in the changing of the date, Hugh G. Simpson, assembly director, said any change would be publicized to allow townspeople and students to attend. There will be no admission charge.

Bartron has borrowed from French, Italian, and Russian schools of classic pantomime for his work, and has studied dramatic theory at Xavier university, Chicago; and dancing with Ivan Fehnova, formerly of the Imperial Ballet at Petrograd.

Neil Davidson Named Knife, Fork Head

Neil Davidson was elected president of the Rogue Valley Knife and Fork club at a meeting of the new board of directors yesterday noon. He has served as vice president this year, and succeeds Eric Allen Jr. as president.

R. W. Gray was named vice president, and Mrs. Scott Heatherrington was elected secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Heatherrington succeeds Mrs. Edith Eden, who has served the club in that position for the past eight years.

Members of the board voiced their appreciation to Mrs. Eden for her long and efficient service to the club. She is giving up the position so she can devote more time to other activities, she said.

New board members, elected by the club's membership earlier this year, are Mrs. T. V. Williams, William Barker and Dr. Scott Heatherrington. Retiring members are Frank Van Dyke, Dunbar Carpenter and Allen.

NOT FOR THE BANK

Niagara Falls, N. Y.—(U.P.)—Patrolman John Gross, stopping a motorist for a traffic violation, found difficulty in understanding the man's speech. He opened a glove compartment to find identification and out spilled \$10 and \$20 bills. The total was \$8.80. The motorist, who remained anonymous, said he didn't believe in banks.

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