

Legal Moves Could Strike as Illegal Teamster Contracts

Washington — (UPI) — Legal moves here underway today which could strike down as illegal teamster contracts covering thousands of truck drivers in 11 western states.

General counsel Stuart Rothman of the National Labor Relations Board took the first step when he signed a complaint Wednesday night challenging the legality of the contracts. The complaint was filed by three union members.

The complaint is against the Western Conference of Teamsters, 105 of its affiliated local unions, and eight big employer associations. It accuses them of enforcing illegal union shop contracts.

The complaint hinges on whether the Western Conference is a "labor organization" under the Taft-Hartley Act and therefore must file with the NLRB financial reports and non-Communist affidavits by its officers. The conference has not submitted such data in the past.

Rothman said the contracts contain a provision requiring drivers to join a teamster local within 30 days after they are hired or lose their jobs. The union shop is permitted by the Taft-Hartley Act only if the labor organizations involved have filed the required data.

Contracts Illegal

Rothman said the contracts also were illegal because they permitted the employers to give encouragement to the union. He said the firms recommended that new workers become members of the union and referred them to union agents.

The contracts cannot be declared illegal, however, until a hearing is held and a trial examiner's report is submitted to the board. Either side can appeal the examiner's ruling to the five-member board and its decision can be reviewed by the courts. The entire procedure could take as long as two years.

Nixon Not Disclosing Strategy On How to Handle Red Premier

Editor's note: The following dispatch is by the United Press International reporter who accompanied Vice President Nixon on his tour of the Soviet Union and Poland. Nixon flew part way back from Poland on the press plane.

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Washington — (UPI) — What is the most effective way of dealing with Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev?

How is his health? What, if anything, will his September visit to the United States accomplish?

What manner of man is the Soviet boss? How is the Communist "hate America" campaign faring?

Why didn't Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski of Poland get together while Nixon was in Warsaw?

These and similar questions are to the fore now that Nixon has returned from his historic journey to the Soviet Union and Poland, and President Eisenhower will play host to Khrushchev next month before going to Russia himself.

Nixon presumably brought back with him some up-to-date tips for the President on how to deal with Khrushchev.

Wasn't Disclosing Strategy

The vice president, who picked up valuable experience on that count in his now-famous "kitchen meeting" with Khrushchev, was not disclosing any strategy.

However the consensus is that, as far as the Russian leaders are concerned, American leaders must get across to them the fact that the United States is strong and that it has the will to use that strength.

One school of thought is that the sweetness-and-light-and-sugar approach does not help in dealing with the Russians. This group feels that while tough talk should be answered with talk just as tough, sometimes the situation calls for finessing a point. For example, this view is that American officials should finesse Khrushchev off whenever he flexes his "missiles."

That view can be stated as follows:

There is no point in arguing about detail if Khrushchev says he can destroy London with four missiles and New York with six. The best answer is to smile and say "Fine, we are not going to argue or question that; but we are strong, too, and neither you nor we are strong enough to knock the other out. But whoever starts anything is going to get the hell kicked out of him, too. It will be suicide for the one who starts it. It will be a double knockout."

This school also holds that

Observers who saw Khrushchev at close quarters publicly and some who saw him in private conversations came to the same general conclusion — he seemed full of rugged stamina, alert and in

as to military position, "there is nothing worse we can do than shiver and shake and say we are worried; we must not only assume that he (Khrushchev) has strength but the will to use it. If we don't go to the bargaining table with the same strength he'll kick hell out of us at the bargaining table."

Some observers thought that he was ready to "blow his stack." At 64, Khrushchev drives himself unmercifully, and the pace sometimes shows, especially at the end of a long day.

Some of those who compare Khrushchev to Stalin, say that whereas Communism was a means of power for Stalin, it is a religion with Khrushchev. As such one view is that regardless of what he sees in the United States he will see it through Communist eyes and magnify, distort and compress what he sees to suit the purpose of his Communist training.

American officials realize that they are not going to change his idea of capitalism — the idea that American workers are oppressed, that there is widespread unemployment and that American workers can't buy the houses that American officials say they can. The main thing to American officials is the subtle effect that the visit could have over the long run.

Joint Negotiating Sessions Enter 4th Day; No Break Seen

New York — (UPI) — The longest consecutive joint negotiating sessions since the beginning of the 24-day-old nationwide steel strike went into their fourth day today. A secret meeting also was held between top union and industry spokesmen Wednesday.

Federal Mediation Director Joseph F. Finnegan said there was no sign of an immediate break in the economic deadlock but he believed contract issues were being discussed "in a more workmanlike way."

While negotiating subcommittees discussed specific contract terms Wednesday, United Steelworkers of America (USW) President David J. McDonald and the head of the industry bargaining team, R. Conrad Cooper, met separately, it was disclosed Wednesday night.

The four-man bargaining teams began negotiations for new industry-wide contracts on May 11 and broke off talks

July 14 after a two-week contract extension failed to produce any change in the position of either side.

Finnegan brought them together July 27 for their first meeting since the strike began at midnight July 14. They have met daily since Monday, Aug. 3.

At issue in the dispute, which is costing the industry and the strikers an estimated \$29 million a day, is the industry's insistence on a wage and price freeze to combat inflation, countered by the union's assertion that the profits are high enough to permit a 15-cent package increase without raising prices.

In Washington Rep. Chester A. Bowles (D-Conn.) who was head of the wartime Office of Price Administration, suggested the industry cut prices by \$10 a ton and the union forego a raise. Steel prices presently average \$150 a ton. Wages average \$3.10 an hour.

Business Research Is Meeting Topic

Most important thing about a sample in business research is its representativeness. Dr. Kenneth Baker informed members of Medford Kiwanis club yesterday.

Baker, vice president and director of research for California Oregon Television, addressed the Kiwanis luncheon at Rogue Valley Country club on "Research in Modern Business."

He stressed that a sample must be properly drawn and that its representativeness determines whether it yields useful information. Baker mentioned that probably the least important thing about a sampling is its size.

Marketing research developed as a result of an increase in unit cost distribution of products and is an attempt to take part of the guesswork out of the selling function, Baker reported. He stated that there is enormous and powerful interest in this activity and that it gained its greatest impetus during depression years.

Repurchase Important

Baker mentioned motivational research, an attempt to get away from numbers. He described findings of such study as stimulating but said they should be tested before they are accepted.

Repurchase of an item, rather than introductory sale, is the measure of whether a product is successful, Baker pointed out. He brought out that changes in the way of

life bring new products and new needs. The research man said that in the not too distant future kitchens may be overfueled combinations with meals made ready by push button, a labor-saving operation which could send housewives into the labor market.

Candidates Look To Runoff Vote

Jackson, Miss. — (UPI) — Lt. Gov. Carroll Gartin and Jackson Attorney Ross Barnett, facing a run-off for governor Aug. 25, looked hungrily today at an estimated 120,000 votes in the column of a surprising newcomer to Mississippi politics.

While each mapped plans for capturing Charles Sullivan's losing ballots in Tuesday's Democratic primary, it remained undetermined which actually would claim the lead in final tabulations of the initial vote.

With 96 of 1,855 precincts unreported, Barnett had 140,023 votes to 136,213 for Gartin. Sullivan had 120,785 and Robert F. Mason, a welder who received more laughs than votes, attracted 2,565 ballots.

SELF-EMPLOYED JUSTICE

Garden City, Ala. — (UPI) — Police Chief Ernest Johnson has been fired, it was disclosed today, after confessing that he posed as a highway patrolman during his spare time, fining motorists to supplement his city income.

Motorcyclist Killed In Portland Crash

Portland — (UPI) — A motorcyclist was fatally injured in a Wednesday night car-cycle crash in southwest Portland.

Dead was Richard Reimer, 27, of Portland. He died at a Portland hospital shortly after midnight from injuries suffered in the collision.

Driver of the auto, Ronald E. Dunham, 23, Portland was reported in good condition at Portland Sanitarium.

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