

Swift Government Action Expected in Price Increase Announced by Big Steel Companies

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CLENCHED FIST — Both man and mill appeared fired up upon announcement by major steel producers that they had raised their prices. An unidentified mill hand at J & L

Steel corp. in Aliquippa, Pa., raised a clenched fist to express his reaction to the price hikes. (UPI)

U.S., Britain Reject Soviet Test Ban Offer

Geneva — (UPI) — The Soviet Union offered today to refrain from further nuclear testing during the present 17-nation disarmament talks if the United States and Britain would do the same.

But the Russians made no mention of international controls as demanded by the West, and the proposal was turned down by American and British delegates who said a Russian promise could not be taken at all.

"I say this with regret, but we do not have any confidence in a Soviet pledge," chief American delegate Arthur H. Dean told the conference.

British Minister of State Joseph Godber said "the United Kingdom could not take up a Soviet offer which gives us no security at all."

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Valerian Zorin pleaded that Dean's answer was inconclusive, so the American tried again.

Dean explained "I thought I made it abundantly clear," Dean said, "that the United States would find any unilateral moratorium unacceptable."

Dean reminded Zorin that the Soviet Union had declared during three years of earlier fruitless talks on a test ban agreement that it would not test nuclear weapons. Yet it broke that promise, making preparations in secret and setting off a nuclear test series last fall.

"There is no sound basis for an agreement based on pledges," Dean said. "Agreements must provide for international control. Past experience has not been happy."

Charter Copies Being Circulated

One thousand copies of the proposed home rule charter for Jackson County are being distributed by the County Citizens for Home Rule Charter.

Robert E. Collins, chairman, said "the distribution of these charters, printed at the expense of the group is in keeping with their efforts to inform all voters by allowing additional time for study of the charter prior to the publishing of the voters' pamphlet."

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Portland — (UPI) — William C. Hays, Redmond, entered a plea of guilty in Federal Court Wednesday to a charge of making false entries in the books of his employers, the Central Oregon Production Credit Association.

Motel Owners Told 1961 Senate Bill Responsible

House Speaker Robert B. Duncan said Wednesday there will "never again be a people's utility district formed in Oregon" because of the passage in 1961 of Oregon Senate bill 487.

This is the new law that lets the state public utility commissioner grant exclusive service territories to electric utilities.

The only way a PUD can be formed now, Duncan said, is for the people to vote bonds for condemnation of private facilities and this is "neither practicable nor desirable."

Duncan, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the Fourth district, spoke to the Jackson County Motel association here.

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New Orleans — (UPI) — The first flight of a four-day-old baby whooping crane, the 38th of its kind known in the world, may be in an airplane to get special medical treatment for a bad leg.

George Douglas, director of Audubon Park Zoo, would not comment on reports the little whooper chick would be flown to St. Louis for treatment.

"We don't know what's wrong and don't know what we are going to do," Douglas said of the youngster's condition. "We were not satisfied with the way the bird was walking."

Newsman could see the chick could not move its right leg properly or put weight on it. The chick was born Sunday to Josephine and Crisp, the only mated pair of whooping cranes in captivity.

Duncan Sees No More Public Utility Districts in State

Planners Schedule Hearings on Land Use Plan in Area

A public hearing schedule was set up by the Jackson County planning commission last night when the group referred to the county court a preliminary land use plan for the valley and a basic ordinance for area zoning in Jackson County.

The basic ordinance will be submitted to the county court with the recommendation that it be referred to the district attorney to check its legality.

The first public hearing on the development plan for

Picket Appears at Sea Food Market

A picket appeared Wednesday morning in front of Pitt's Fish and Seafood Market, West Main st.

A placard carried by the picket states "This is a non-union shop — please do not patronize it." It is signed by Local 503, Meatcutters Union, Amalgamated Meatcutters and Butchers Workers of North America.

Store officials said this morning that a letter had been sent them by James Cain, business secretary for the union, inviting them to join the union.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Fair with visible high cloudiness tonight and Friday. A little cooler Friday. Low tonight 40. High Friday 75.

Highest Yesterday 74
Lowest This Morning 39

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 6:49 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 5:35 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow 2:45 a.m.
Full Moon April 19

PROMINENT STAR

Spica, in the southeast 9:25 p.m.
VISIBLE PLANETS
Venus, sets 7:57 p.m.
Saturn, rises 3:12 a.m.
Jupiter, rises 4:17 a.m.
Mars, follows Jupiter.

Yo-Yo Contest Is Scheduled During Lions Sportsfair

A yo-yo contest for boys and girls in two age classifications will be held Friday and Saturday with the final contest Sunday evening.

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The contest is open to boys and girls ages 6 to 10, and from 11 to 15. Sportsfair officials said. All contestants must use a slip string yo-yo provided by the Crater Lions club to provide yo-yos of equal quality.

Elimination contests are scheduled at 7:20 p.m. Friday, 2:20 p.m. Saturday, and 8 p.m. Sunday. The final contest will be held at 7:20 p.m. Sunday.

No entrance fee will be charged, other than general admission to the Sportsfair, officials said.

Other highlights of the Sportsfair will be "fast-draw" routines and juggling "six-guns" by Jim Martolin and Jim, Bob and Dave Shepherd; dancing exhibits by the Medford Twirlers square dance club and the Colleen Hope studio; selection and coronation of the Pear Blossom Festival king and queen; and a display of Arthur Dubs' polar bear, acknowledged to be the largest such bear killed in the world.

Fashion shows are scheduled throughout the Sportsfair. Sportsfair princesses will model clothing from Burelson's.

West Coast Maritime Workers Bow To Order

San Francisco — (UPI) — The West Coast maritime industry, idled by strike for 27 days, resumed operations today under a Taft-Hartley law order requested by President Kennedy—but the trouble was far from over.

The Pacific Maritime Association and striking seamen, firemen and cooks and stewards agreed to comply with the order, although they opposed the move and expressed little hope that a settlement in their dispute could be reached during the 80-day cooling-off period.

NEWS BRIEFS

KENNEDY, SHAH HOLD CONFERENCE

Washington — (UPI) — The Shah of Iran and President Kennedy met today for an unusual "open end" conference expected to deal largely with military aid for the strategic Middle Eastern nation.

WOULDED CUBAN INVADERS TO BE FREED

Havana — (UPI) — Jubilant members of the Cuban exile delegation attempting to buy the freedom of the Bay of Pigs invasion prisoners made plans today to return to the United States with 54 wounded and sick invaders to be released under an agreement with Premier Fidel Castro.

RESERVISTS, GUARDSMEN TO BE RELEASED

Washington — (UPI) — President Kennedy has announced that the 145,000 Reservists and National Guardsmen called to duty for the Berlin crisis last year will be able to return home in August.

Kennedy Meets With Advisers; Moves Explored

Seventh Firm Tells Of Price Increase

Washington — (UPI) — President Kennedy held an unusual meeting with high Cabinet advisers on the steel price increase today and a top congressional leader forecast swift government action in the situation.

The White House meeting, summoned by the President to explore a broad range of possible federal moves to combat effects of the \$6 a ton price hike, lasted 40 minutes. The chief executive sat in on the conference for about 15 minutes.

Investigation Seen
Later, Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana predicted that the Senate and House antitrust subcommittee would move in quickly with investigations and that the Justice Department would take a "more than ordinary interest in this unnecessary rise."

"The time for talking is past," Mansfield said. "The time for action has come."

It was learned that the Justice Department was considering an antitrust suit aimed at breaking up U.S. Steel Corp., pace setter in the price increases, into several smaller firms. It was emphasized, however, that the idea was only in the discussion stage.

Seventh Firm Joins

As the administration was charting its course of action here, a seventh steel company — National Steel — announced in Pittsburgh that it was raising prices effective at midnight tonight. National is the nation's fifth-ranked producer.

Roger M. Blough, board chairman of U.S. Steel, called a mid-afternoon news conference in New York City where he is expected to give the industry's reply to the President's denunciation made at a news conference Wednesday.

Opposition Noted To Charter Plan

More than 100 persons attended a public meeting last night in opposition to the proposed Jackson County home rule charter.

The meeting was held following a dinner for campaign workers of K. C. (Swede) Wernmark at Kim's restaurant. Wernmark was master of ceremonies.

William Deatheridge, Medford lawyer, spoke on the legal aspects of the charter and reviewed objections to it. He felt that it would not be wise for voters to rush into such a charter in which they would lose control of the county court and four or five other offices in the county; that non-partisan government would mean destruction of the American two party system, and that non-partisan government makes the way clear for special interest groups.

Among the candidates speaking in opposition to the charter were E. M. Madden, Berle Stephens, Herb Hunter, Wernmark and Larry Sheehan.

Dunbar Carpenter spoke in favor of the proposed charter.



WHOLLY UNJUSTIFIABLE — An angry President Kennedy, powerfully emphasizing his point, is shown as he told his news conference in Washington, D.C., Wednesday that the steel price increase announced by major producers was "wholly unjustifiable." He said that a "tiny handful... had acted in utter contempt of the interests of 185 million other Americans." (UPI)

Assessor's Budget Considered During Committee Session

The Jackson County budget committee was to consider the proposed county assessor's budget of \$165,020 this afternoon.

Requested budgets for the juvenile detention home and the county's share of the budget for the Public Library of Medford and Jackson County will be considered during department head interviews starting April 24, County Judge Earl M. Miller said this morning.

The committee is nearing its final deliberations and should have a revised budget total soon, Miller said.

Most of this morning's discussion was on a letter from the Jackson County Employees' association requesting increases in fringe benefits.

The committee also considered the county engineer's requested budget total of \$1,766,656.50.

The committee requested the county court study and re-

view the employees' association letter and refer it back to the budget committee. Representatives of the association may be called before the committee to discuss the requests.

The association requested a change in accumulated sick leave time, revision of present sick leave benefits, asked that the county pay the employees' portion of the premium for National Hospital sickness and accident insurance plan, and that the county pay in full premiums of the Washington National Insurance company, and that the present vacation policy be revised.

No General Increase
No general county-wide salary or wage rate increases were requested for fiscal year 1962-63, the association letter stated, other than the merit increases requested by department heads.

The committee this morning allowed the county engineer a \$624 annual pay increase, bringing his salary to \$9,768 for 1962-63 fiscal year.

It approved a combined salary of \$11,556, or combined increase of \$276, for two engineering draftsmen in the engineer's department.

A \$1,500 part time salary allocation for one per diem assistant was allowed instead of the two requested at a total of \$3,000. The part-time help is needed to compile a road department year book as a permanent department record and an employee's handbook, County Engineer Robert J. Carstensen had explained.

Salary for the engineer's principal clerk was set at \$4,452 instead of the requested \$4,680, same as the current year. Salary for a clerk-stenographer was set at \$3,456 instead of the requested \$3,636, reflecting a \$180 increase.

Senator Morse will introduce Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy, principal speaker at the dinner at McLoughlin Junior High school. The dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.

Morse will be accompanied by his administrative assistant, Charles Brooks, and will attend a scheduled meeting of local businessmen.

Prior to the dinner, Senator Morse will appear on station KBST-TV. Following the dinner and a later reception at McLoughlin, Morse and Brooks will leave for Lane County where Morse will speak at a breakfast meeting at Vida, Ore.

Senator McCarthy will arrive in Medford from New Orleans where he has a scheduled address Friday. He will remain overnight in Medford, returning to Washington, D.C., by plane Sunday afternoon.

The Eleanor Roosevelt League will be hostess and assist in serving at this year's dinner, according to Mrs. Frank Christian, president. The Jackson County Democratic Social club headed by Thomas J. Reeder will be host for a reception following the dinner.

FIRST MINUTEMAN

Hill AFB, Utah — (UPI) — The first Minuteman missile rolled off the assembly line at Air Force Plant 77 today, marking a major milestone in the nation's ballistic missile program.

