

MEAT INDUSTRY SEIZURE LOOMS

Appropriation Asked By Vets Administration For New Hospital In Klamath

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (AP)—The veterans' administration asked congress today to appropriate funds for new general medical hospitals in Klamath Falls and Spokane. Each institution would have 200 beds and cost \$3,002,347.

Congress Seen In Agreement On High Taxes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (AP)—Congress seemed inclined today to support some extension of price controls and to keep taxes at a high level. But the remainder of President Truman's domestic legislative program provoked as much criticism as praise.

Republicans sparked the criticism, with Senator Bridges (R-N. H.) observing to reporters that the president's 30,000-word accounting of administration aims ought to be labeled "a message on the sorry state of the union."

On the other hand Senator Mead (D-N. Y.) commented that the president's economic proposals are "sound and necessary."

Senator Morse (R-Ore.) generally endorsed the goals set forth by Mr. Truman, but he said "his fact-finding proposal will not solve labor disputes."

Price Controls
Among 25 requests in his state of the union message yesterday, Mr. Truman asked for a full year's extension of price controls. The reaction was mixed on this score, but most legislators who were asked about it said they thought some curbs must be retained to prevent runaway inflation.

Senator Ball (R-Minn.) suggested that a "sane" program be adopted under which price increases of possibly 5 per cent would be allowed to make up for some of the wage raises that have been granted.

Congressional fiscal experts appeared pretty well agreed that Mr. Truman's proposal would prevent any substantial tax cuts this year.

Short Charges 'Buck Passing'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (AP) Mal. Sen. Walter C. Short asserted today the war department had treated him unfairly and had attempted to make him the "scapegoat" of the Pearl Harbor disaster.

Attired in a blue civilian suit, the 65-year-old retired general appeared before a senate-house inquiry committee to read a 13,000-word defense of his decisions and actions as the 1941 commander of army forces in Hawaii. It was his first public testimony since the Japanese struck the mid-Pacific base Dec. 7, 1941.

Postmaster General Robert E. Hannegan, democratic national chairman, conferred briefly with Committee Chairman Barkley (D-Ky.) before Short began his testimony. Barkley told reporters the conference had "nothing to do with this hearing."

In his prepared statement, Short confessed that in four months of official silence, his superior officers in Washington had "passed the buck" to him until the congressional inquiry "forced the revelation of facts."

Lumber Mill OK's 15-Cent Increase

BAKER, Ore., Jan. 22 (AP)—Last of the lumber mills in the Blue mountain area to reach a wage agreement with employees after a four month strike is the Oregon Trail Lumber company of Union which yesterday afternoon signed a contract with its 80 employees.

The contract is essentially the same as contracts signed by other pine mills in the Baker area and includes a straight across the board 15 cents per hour pay raise, according to D. H. Reed, business agent for the Blue Mountain Labor Council, AFL.

G. Irving Hess, Oregon Trail Lumber company general manager, said the planing mill is expected to open February 1 and the remainder of the plant will open March 1.

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MURRAY SAYS BUSINESS PRECIPITATED STRIKES

Policy Of British Hit By Soviets

Reds Ask Withdrawal Of English Troops In Java, Greece

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
LONDON, Jan. 22 (AP)—The explosive problems of Greece and Java were tossed into the lap of the United Nations organization today by Soviet delegates, providing a full scale test of the ability of the great powers to cooperate with the UNO.

Referring to the Soviet action, British Prime Minister Attlee in answer to questions in commons said today that the British aimed only at "an amicable settlement" between the Dutch government and Indonesian nationalists in Java. He made no mention of Greece which also has a British occupation force.

Soviet delegates earlier had asked the security council to investigate and take measures against the maintenance of British troops in Greece and Java.

Declaring the Java situation appeared improved, Attlee expressed the hope that conversations between Dr. H. J. Van Mook, acting governor general of The Netherlands East Indies, and Indonesian nationalists would be resumed shortly. He said if a "fuller statement" were required it would have to come from Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin.

The prime minister spoke in answer to questions from Laborite Tom Dribers and Conservative Capt. L. D. Gammans. UNO officials privately agreed that the charges against Britain made by delegates representing the Soviet Union and the Ukraine, coupled with earlier charges made by Iran against Russia, had ended the honeymoon period of the UNO.

American delegates were playing down talk of a crisis in the world peace agency, but it was apparent the organization was confronted with some of the toughest problems it could be asked to meet. Some Americans said privately that the United States apparently was moving into a middle man position between Russia and Britain.

WEATHER

(January 22)
Max. (Jan. 21) 38. Min. 12. Precipitation last 24 hours .12 Stream year to date .841 Normal .5.96 Last year .484 Forecast: Intermittent showers.

Chinese Maul U. S. Sailors

SHANGHAI, Jan. 22 (AP)—Several American sailors were beaten by demonstrators unemployed Chinese today during a parade in protest against the municipal government.

The sailors, in a navy truck loaded with supplies, were trying to get into a side street from the bund. Some 10,000 to 20,000 Chinese were marching five abreast with banners accusing Shanghai authorities of failure to solve unemployment problems.

Witnesses said the Chinese swarmed over the truck, beating several sailors and hurling pieces of broken bottles at others, but rejoined the parade after navy shore patrolmen drew pistols. None of the sailors was injured seriously.

The demonstrators' banners urged the municipal government to open war-closed factories and permit "freedom" in organization of labor unions.

Oregon Rivers Reported Rising

PORTLAND, Jan. 22 (AP)—The Willamette river and its tributaries were rising again today under heavy rains and the weather bureau forecast the Santiam river would pass flood stage at Jefferson by tonight.

Only moderate rises, however, were forecast in other areas. The Santiam was expected to exceed flood stage only slightly.

The weather bureau reported 2.53 inches of rain within the last 24 hours at Quartzville; 2.38 inches at Detroit; 2.61 at Falls City.

Irate War Mothers Gripe To Ike On Demobilization

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST
WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower told a group of irate war mothers who confronted him today on Capitol Hill that if all fathers were discharged from the army "there will be no army."

A score of men, representing units of the Servicemen's Wives and Children's association, met the chief of staff outside the office of Chairman May (D-Ky.) as he arrived to explain demobilization policy to the house military committee.

whose husbands are in service are dissatisfied with demobilization procedure and claimed that one out of every three marriages is ending in divorce, with service families involved in most of them.

Declaring that mothers, while trusting their husbands, look with alarm at pictures of fraternization of servicemen overseas, she asked Eisenhower: "How do you think we mothers feel? Marriage won't stand this isolation."

Eisenhower, when he got a chance to get in a few words, told the women there are about 700,000 fathers in the army and everything is being done to get them out in an orderly manner as rapidly as possible.

Wilbur Is Sick



Judith Payne, Los Angeles, looks sadly at her puppy, Wilbur, who has a cold and won't play. She adopted Wilbur (and changed his name to Gladys) when the pup's photo was published as an unwanted waif.

'Shasta Daylights' To Roll Through Here By End Of '46

Red, orange and black streamliners will be rolling through Klamath Falls by the end of 1946, according to plans of the Southern Pacific announced in Portland yesterday and received in more detail by local railroad officials today.

Known as the "Shasta Daylights," the new fast trains will be postwar editions of the SP's famous steam-powered Daylights on the coast and valley runs between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Diesel power will be used on the de luxe Shasta Daylights, which will make daily runs both ways between San Francisco and Portland on the Klamath line.

Each of the new trains will have 14 cars in addition to the Diesel-electric power units, and besides the coaches, will include baggage car, diner, kitchen car, coffee shop, tavern car and observation-parlor car. Sleepers will not be needed.

The red, orange and black color scheme is already in use on the L.A.-S.F. Daylights. The interior color schemes and exclusive fabrics, while not yet worked out in detail, will reflect the colors and characteristics of the Oregon scene.

The dining car and coffee shop will also be representative of Oregon through the items to be carried on the menus.

New-type windows are planned to give passengers a wide-angle view, vertically as well as horizontally.

The S.P. is also planning streamline improvements for the Cascades, which have been operated for many years through here. Three-car diner lounge units, similar to those now in use on the San Francisco-Los Angeles Larks, will be installed on the Cascades. The company hopes that these units will be delivered early in 1947. Streamlined sleeping cars will be added to the Cascades when they can be delivered by manufacturers.

The Crisler will was probated in Sacramento, Calif., as she was a resident of that state at the time of her death here last November. It was also probated here January 18 with Dola N. Clemens of Klamath Falls as ancillary administrator in Oregon.

Rollin P. Rodolph, San Francisco and Klamath Falls accountant, is executor of the estate, which is valued at about \$80,000 with property both in California and Oregon.

There has been no suit contesting the will filed in the Klamath county clerk's office and the probate hearing will be a regular session for creditor's claims and other claims against the estate. Date for the hearing will be set later and published.

1,622,000 Now Out On Strike

By The Associated Press
The 1,622,000 workers idle in strikes across the country marked at least a 27 year and perhaps an all time high records of the bureau of labor statistics showed today.

A total of 4,160,348 persons were idle in 3630 strikes in the year 1919, the records showed, but no information was available on the total idle in strikes in any single week of that year.

CIO Leader Vents Wrath On Industry

Farm Equipment Men Walk Off Jobs In Ten Plants

By The Associated Press
CIO President Philip Murray in a radio speech last night, said the steel strike in support of wage increase demands was precipitated by "an evil conspiracy among American big business" which has "set out to destroy labor unions, to provoke strikes and economic chaos and mulct the American people through uncontrolled profits and inflation."

There was no immediate reply from management. In Washington, President Truman, whose proposal of an 18 1/2 cents an hour wage increase was accepted by the CIO-USW and rejected by U. S. Steel corporation, said:

"We are having many troubles now as a result of turmoil and dissatisfaction with wages and hours and conditions of work. "But I am not a pessimist. I think this country is too great to allow personal disturbances and interior turmoil to prevent us from enjoying what I consider to be the greatest age in the history of the world."

More Idle
Yesterday's idle because of labor disputes jumped nearly 800,000, bringing the total number of workers away from their jobs to 1,622,000, the highest since shortly after the end of World War I. In addition to the 750,000 steelworkers, other walkouts involved 30,000 CIO United Farm Equipment Workers in 10 International Harvester company plants and 5000 CIO Metal, Machines and Smelter Workers in Utah.

In Detroit, the wage demands which precipitated the strike of 175,000 workers in General Motors plants two months ago was back to 30 per cent increases.

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Modified Fact Plan Approved

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (AP)—The house labor committee today approved a modified version of President Truman's proposal for fact-finding boards to handle major industrial disputes.

The 10 to 8 vote came after the committee had rejected, 13 to 5, a motion to approve without change the legislation asked by Mr. Truman.

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Fairless States Industry Went 'More Than Half Way'

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 (AP)—Benjamin F. Fairless, president of the United States Steel corporation, said today the industry met the United Steel Workers "more than half way" in wage negotiations and that responsibility for the strike "rests with the union."

"We did everything reasonably within our power to avert this disastrous steel strike," he told reporters at the company's office. "Our offer of a wage increase of 15 cents an hour met 75 per cent of the union's proposal."

Fairless declared the 15 cents increase would have cost his corporation \$60,000,000 annually, adding:

"This offer represents the biggest wage increase in the history of the steel industry. The union has answered this most substantial offer with a strike.

Like Action Out In Huge Steel Tie-up

By The Associated Press
The White House acknowledged today that government seizure of the strike-bound meat industry was under consideration but emphasized no similar proposal was being studied yet for the steel walkout.

Press Secretary Charles G. Ross told a news conference there might be some developments in the meat strike today. "It's impossible to say at this time what will be done," he added. "The matter of seizure has been under consideration."

After emphasizing that his remarks did "not refer to steel," Ross made public a letter in which President Truman instructed the steel fact-finding board to continue its "study of governmental data" and "remain available for further consultation."

A government official who declined to be quoted, said leaders of the striking CIO packinghouse workers were in Washington to discuss government seizure with Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach. It was understood government seizure would not be ordered unless it was certain the step would end the strike. The AFL Meat Packing Workers union involved in the strike has indicated it would work for the government, the official said.

In the third largest labor dispute, the week-old strike of 200,000 CIO electrical appliance workers, Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach appointed two government mediators. They are William H. Davis, former chairman of the war labor board, and Arthur S. Meyer, chairman of the New York state mediation board.

Session Held
The two went into session with officials of the General Electric and Westinghouse companies and the striking CIO United Electrical Workers.

In Detroit, the Detroit News said the Ford Motor company would offer the CIO United Auto-Workers another wage increase soon, probably paralleling President Truman's 13 1/2-cent hourly increase proposal in the steel dispute. This was denied later by Ford.

As the meat fact-finding board assembled in Chicago for public hearings today on the strike of 263,000 AFL and CIO packinghouse workers, there were reports the administration planned to offer some last minute price increases to avoid taking over the meat plants.

Strategy Confabs
Top government officials held a series of strike strategy conferences yesterday as the nation's biggest strike the walk-out of 750,000 CIO steel workers, closing nearly 1300 plants, was getting underway. Further meetings were planned today and the settlement of the meat strike reportedly held No. 1 priority.

While the meat fact-finding panel is being given every possible chance to mediate the wage dispute, sources close to the industry said the government's new price formula might involve a government commitment to purchase about three million pounds of meat at an increase in price of 35 cents a hundred pounds.

The price of meat to civilian wholesalers, it was reported unofficially in Washington, also would be hiked 25 cents a hundred pounds as against a previous proposal of 12 1/2 cents a hundred pounds, with wholesalers to absorb the raise or receive higher subsidies, leaving no increase for consumers.

Wage Demands
The striking CIO United Packinghouse Workers are demanding 17 1/2 cents an hour wage boost and the AFL Meat Cutters and Butcher Workers are asking 20 cents an hour increase. The highest offer by the packers, made by Swift and company, is a 10-cent-an-hour hike.

The first effects of paralyzing steel strike began to be felt as the country's biggest work stoppage closed steel-making and fabrication plants and affected public utilities, but there was no report of wage negotiations between the CIO United Steelworkers and major steel producers.

Despite strong demand and price advances, the North Portland livestock market has been receiving a fifth of the normal cattle arrivals—not enough for the non-striking independent packers' needs.

F. L. Ritter, secretary of the Oregon meat council, and J. D. McDonald, secretary of the AFL Oregon Federation of Butchers, urged Oregon, Idaho and Montana stockmen to ship more cattle here.

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