

PHILADELPHIA HIT BY WALKOUT

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THE new wage-price "formula" that has been stewing on the White House stove for days and days (maybe WEEKS; time certainly does slip by) seems this morning to be about ready to come to a boil.

White House Press Secretary Ross meets the reporters at a press conference, and carefully says nothing but HINTS quite a lot.

(SETTLEMENT of the steel strike and possibly other strikes may be wrapped up in this wage-price formula package, so you can see why Washington is so twittered up about it.)

IT is a great secret, but we gather from what has leaked out that one school of bureaucrats wants the price line held, whereas another school holds that the thing to do NOW (since the industrial situation has been laid up) is to hold the price line just enough to break the deadlock that has developed, and so get business going again.

There are rumors and rumors—one of them to the effect that OPA Boss Bowles is to be given the COMBINED job of holding prices down and jacking production up, which would be something like riding two horses going in opposite directions.

IT is obvious that some kind of rabbit has to be pulled out of the hat—for things have gone so far by this time that if something isn't done to improve the strike situation there may be a lot of NEW FACES in Washington after the election this fall—which, in inside political circles, is regarded as a calamity ranking alongside unrestricted atomic warfare.

BUREAUCRACY, you see, isn't all beer and skittles. There is always the horrid prospect of what will happen if the bureaucrats fail to please the voting customers.

WITH the industrial situation bad and getting no better at the moment (there is a TRANSIT strike in Philadelphia, making 3,000,000 people WALK TO WORK, which always leaves them hot under the collar) Washington is pouring the heat on its multi-billion-dollar housing program.

This housing program is being pushed hard at the present moment, for two reasons:
1. We all need HOUSES.
2. Washington needs a COUNTER-IRRITANT.

WHEN you have a toothache, you put hot water bottle (or, if you're old-fashioned, a bag of hot salt) against your face—the hotter the better. The idea is that the HEAT makes you forget the ACHE.

Washington hopes the glitter and the promise of the multi-billion-dollar housing program will cause the voters to forget the industrial deadlock situation, which has been going sour.

THE "housing administrator," Mr. Wilson W. Wyatt, holds a news conference this morning.

Changes In Top Federal Posts Near

Formula For Settling Steel Strike To Be Announced

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP)—The White House said officially for the first time today that changes are in prospect in top administration personnel and indicated announcement of a formula for settling the steel strike was imminent.

Press Secretary Charles G. Ross told a news conference, in reply to questions, that personnel changes "are in prospect," but he declined to elaborate.

Asked whether they had to do with the stabilization high command, he left it for reporters to use their own phraseology.

At the same time, Ross said: "When and if a steel settlement is announced, there will be a full explanation of all the mathematics entering into it."

"One Package"
At one point, Ross indicated that a series of developments might be wrapped up into "one package."

Reporters got the impression he meant that there was a possibility of one statement covering personnel changes, a steel settlement and a price-wage formula. However, Ross did not clear up this point.

Ross said the announcement would come from the White House.

Asked whether such an announcement was not already prepared, he merely smiled.

Asked about a possibility that John C. Collet will retire as economic stabilizer and be succeeded by OPA Administrator Chester Bowles with broadened authority over pricing, Ross simply said there was nothing official yet on any personnel changes.

"Any possibility of action on that today?" a reporter asked. He replied in the affirmative.

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Party Rift Seen Over Pauley Tiff

Appointment Appears To Face Defeat In Senate

By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP)—A rift between congressional and national committee democrats appeared to be developing today over President Truman's controversial nomination of Edwin W. Pauley as undersecretary of the navy.

Administration supporters on Capitol hill complained in private conversations with reporters that they had not been consulted about Mr. Truman's final decision to submit Pauley's name.

They said further they had not been asked for their views before the president made it plain he did not plan to withdraw Pauley's appointment despite indications that it faces almost certain defeat in the senate.

Little Chance
On the other hand, National Chairman Robert E. Hannegan and his associates on the democratic national committee were quoted by some persons to whom they had talked as saying the administration leadership in the senate had done little to advance Pauley's chances for confirmation.

Significantly, administration lieutenants said they had made no poll of senate sentiment on the appointment but were certain after a cross check that there is little hope of obtaining a favorable vote.

Ordinarily when the issue is close, polls are made and pressure is brought to bear on senators who may be wavering.

Homes To Cost Around \$6000
WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP)—Housing Administrator Wilson W. Wyatt said today most of the building materials set aside for homes will be channeled into homes costing \$6000 and under.

Wyatt, heading for a powwow with congressional leaders on the big homes-for-veterans program, told a news conference he had "every indication of cooperation from bi-partisan groups in both houses of congress."

The favorable signs, he said, indicate house and senate support even for the controversial plan for \$600,000,000 in subsidies or "premium payments" to producers of building supplies.

The housing chief said he expected aircraft factories and other unused war plants to be used "very extensively" in mass production of pre-fabricated homes, with the government guaranteeing a market for the makers.

Plane With Nose In Lake

5 Survive Ice Landing; Plane Sinks
Craft Forced Down On Upper Klamath Lake Sunday Morning

A twin-motored plane made a forced landing on Upper Klamath lake Sunday morning, and the pilot and four passengers clambered to safety as the heavy plane cracked the ice and sank to the bottom of the lake.

After trouble developed in the right motor 50 miles north, Pilot Dan Frink made a desperate effort to bring the plane into the Klamath airport, but the motor went out over the lake and he was forced to attempt the ice landing about 11:10 a. m.

The Cessna plane skidded about a quarter of a mile onto thin ice just off Sucker springs, near Barclay springs, 15 miles north of town. As it came to a stop, the ice cracked and the craft submerged.

Helps Survivors
The passengers, who had kicked the safety catch to release a door, came through the opening onto the ice. E. O. Foster, 829 Jefferson, who was fishing in open water a short distance away, pushed a plank across the ice to help the survivors reach shore.

Mrs. Frink, wife of the pilot, bruised her legs when she walked out on the wing of the plane and motion of the plane knocked her against the ice.

Other members of the party were Claude Odell, Clyde Winchester and William Koltsch, all of Portland, and all licensed pilots bound for Phoenix, Ariz., to pick up army planes they planned to ferry to Portland.

The plane was about 200 feet off shore. Pilot Praised
Passersby picked up the plane passengers and brought them to the Winema hotel. Other members of the party warmly praised the work of Frink, an ex-B-29 pilot, in bringing the crippled ship to a landing. Had the plane not encountered the thin ice near the open water off the springs, it probably would have been damaged and might have been repaired for a take-off from the lake surface.

It is still in the lake, with only the tail protruding above the surface. What will be done to salvage it was not certain today.

CIO Transit Men Quit In Quaker City

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 11 (AP)—A strike paralyzing transit facilities for 3,000,000 persons today threw Philadelphia into what Police Commissioner Herbert Kitchenman described as the biggest traffic jam in its history.

Trolleys, buses, subway and elevated trains and trackless trolleys were idle in the strike of 9855 employees of the Philadelphia Transportation company. The workers, members of the CIO Transport Workers union, walked out last midnight in support of wage demands.

While some city residents were fortunate enough to find rides in automobiles, thousands of other persons sought means of getting to work. Suburbanites flocked to railroad stations.

Kitchenman said the thousands of automobiles jamming downtown Philadelphia streets made many sections almost impassable for as much as an hour at a time.

Another police official estimated 50,000 cars swept into a downtown Philadelphia area which normally accommodates about 5000.

Downtown parking regulations were relaxed to provide for the tremendous traffic.

In clear, crisp weather, hosts of policemen handled the thousands of cars. Residents of outlying areas said it took an hour and a-half to drive what was normally a 20-minute trip.

Picketed Carbons
Stalled in picketed carbons were 3628 trolley cars, buses, subway and elevated trains and trackless trolleys.

The strike began at one minute after midnight, but some of the transit workers headed for carbons as early as 9 p. m. last night.

Local 234, Transport Workers Union of America (CIO), ordered the strike upon collapse of negotiations for a 25-cents-an-hour wage increase and 27 other demands. The company offered a 12-cent boost.

Tugboat Men Will Accept Arbitration

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (AP)—Striking tugboat workers in New York harbor voted at a mass meeting today to accept arbitration of grievances which led to their week-old walkout.

Capt. William Bradley, president of local 333 of the United Marine Division of the AFL International Longshoremen's association, told 1500 rank and file members they would be advised later by radio "on when you go back to work."

The strikers voted on an agreement reached yesterday by committees representing the union and the tugboat companies affected. The owners met simultaneously to act on the agreement but had reached no decision when they adjourned for lunch.

The agreement provides:
1. That the 3500 tugmen return to work immediately upon the signing of an arbitration agreement.

2. The wage agreement that may result from the arbitration would be retroactive to January 1, when the former agreement was terminated.

3. The government seizure order would be lifted after both sides accepted arbitration.

Hearings Set On Case Bill
WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP)—The senate labor committee decided today to delay action upon strike control legislation until it has conducted public hearings on the case bill passed by the house.

Chairman Murray (D-Mont.) announced the full committee would meet in closed session Thursday to decide upon hearing procedure on the house-approved measure.

"We will have to have additional hearings because there are a lot of matters in this case bill that are not covered in our hearings," Murray told his committee.

Court Refuses Homma Petitions
WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP)—The supreme court refused today to intervene in Manila proceedings in which Japanese Lt. General Masaharu Homma was convicted as a war criminal and sentenced to be shot.

Homma sent petitions by air mail from Manila asking the high court to take him out of the hands of the military. He also asked review of the refusal by the Philippines supreme court to grant him a writ of habeas corpus. (See also page 7).

Sailor Killed In Wild Chase

SALEM, Feb. 11 (AP)—A Camp Adair naval hospital sailor, Robert Heath, was killed last night in an automobile accident after he crashed a stolen car during a wild police chase on the Pacific highway near Chemawa, six miles north of here.

Heath and Frederick Lindsay, another sailor, were driving a car which had been stolen from Irvin Weathers, Grand Ronde, city police said. The officers chased them, the sailors crashing into a car driven by Arthur C. Wilson of Salem.

Lindsay was in a hospital today, while Mrs. Wilson was slightly injured.

Lindsay's condition could not be learned. The home towns of the sailors were unavailable.

Weather
February 11, 1946
Max. (Feb. 10) 30 Min. 17
Precipitation last 24 hours .04
Stream year to date .85
Normal 7.33 Last year 8.05
Forecast: Clearing Tuesday.

4 Children Die In Blaze; 18 Lives Claimed By Fires

By The Associated Press
The deaths of four children early today in a flaming house at Spokane brought to at least 18 the number of persons who lost their lives in weekend fires throughout the nation.

The children, ranging in ages from three to seven, were trapped in upstairs bedrooms of their frame home in Spokane's foothills district. Their mother, Mrs. George L. Ocher, was injured but another child, 18 months old, was rescued unharmed. The fire was believed to have started from an overheated stove.

Seven elderly men, all but one lumberjacks, perished yesterday in a blaze that swept a three-story frame building at Marquette, Mich. Police Chief Don McCormick said the fire—Marquette's worst disaster—apparently started when a roomer fell asleep in bed with a lighted cigarette.

At Tallman, N. Y., six elderly women were burned fatally when flames destroyed the central interior of the three-story Pinehurst Convalescent home. Ten other inmates were injured. Cause of the blaze was not immediately determined.

Blast Fatal To Two Men

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 11 (AP)—An explosion and fire in a Portland General Electric company sub-station here yesterday were fatal to two power house workers.

W. M. Hamilton, Salem plant superintendent, reported Lyle L. Davis and Alvin C. Steinke died in the hospital after injury in a blast in the control room of the plant. He said cause had not been determined.

Both men are survived by their widows and each was the father of two children.

Stabbing Victim Said Improved
Lola Gallagher, 22-year-old Klamath Indian woman who suffered a deep stab wound in the abdomen Saturday morning, was reported improving at Hillside hospital where she underwent major surgery that day.

In the meantime, Osborn "Beegie" Ball, Klamath Indian, was transferred from the Chilquin city jail to the Klamath county jail here and Special Indian Officer John Arkell said today that he would file a charge of assault with intent to kill against Ball before U. S. Commissioner Bert C. Thomas. Ball was originally held on a drunk charge.

"Electricity Killed The Cat"

Curiosity and electricity killed a valuable Siamese cat owned by Capt. and Mrs. George Corcoran of the Marine Barracks.

The cat was in the Corcoran home at the Marine Barracks last night when the family went out.

Slater Building Bought By Schuss

Purchase of the two-story brick and tile building at 115-117 South Seventh, formerly known as the Slater building, was announced today by Charles Schuss, local business man who plans to establish a large retail wine establishment on the lower floor of the structure.

The building, which was sold to Schuss by Dr. R. W. Stearns, now houses the Virginia apartments upstairs, and the Cummings Fur shop and the Uptown Cleaners on the street floor. The fur shop is to move March 1 and the cleaners April 1, clearing the way for a remodeling program and establishment of the wine store by Schuss. Consideration is the deal was not announced.

Mac Calls For Free Travel To Japan For Army Wives

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP)—General Douglas MacArthur called on congress today to provide transportation to Japan for wives of U. S. military personnel of "all ranks" stationed there.

MacArthur, in a statement in Tokyo, said that he plans to open occupied areas to wives of servicemen about May 1 and that he "hopes sincerely that congress will broaden the base (of pending permissive legislation) to include free transportation for all ranks."

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in many ways with those of continental America.

"It will represent a type of pioneering reminiscent of the pioneer days of our own west during the 19th century, but just as those days developed the best of American womanhood, so it is believed that wives of our officers and soldiers will welcome the opportunity to share hardships with their husbands."

There was no immediate comment by the war department on reports from Tokyo that the department was "stalling" on allowing wives to go to Japan by refusing to sanction housing projects there.

Retail Stores Open Tomorrow

In observance of Lincoln's birthday tomorrow, banks, city and county offices, and the state liquor store will be closed.

The post office, libraries and retail stores will open as usual. Schools will not be closed although many will have special programs.

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