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Steelman To Talk To Union Chiefs Friday

WASHINGTON, May 6 (AP)—The White House today called a conference of railroad brotherhood chiefs for tomorrow to try to head off the threatened railroad strike.

Dr. John R. Steelman, presidential assistant and labor expert, telephoned the heads of three unions which have called a strike for next Tuesday. He asked them to meet with him at 10:00 a. m. tomorrow (7 a. m. PST).

Presidential Press Secretary Charles G. Ross, who made the announcement, was asked if any definite proposal would be presented to the brotherhood leaders.

"I can't say any more than I have," Ross replied.

The brotherhood leaders are Alvanley Johnston of the Locomotive Engineers, David B. Robertson of the Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, and A. J. Glover of the Switchmen's union.

Johnston, who was in Cleveland today, said he would leave for Washington tonight. Robertson is already there.

Johnston told reporters Steelman indicated to him that he wanted to talk first with the union men, then call in representatives of railroad management.

Steelman has been keeping in constant touch with the railroad situation and reporting to President Truman.

Ross was asked whether Steelman would have a similar conference with representatives of the railroads.

"I can't say as yet," Ross said, "I have told you all that has been done to date."

Glover To Attend
Steelman reached Glover by telephone at Buffalo and got assurance Glover would attend. Robertson said he would.

White House aides would not discuss what possible action might be taken if Steelman cannot persuade the parties to reach an agreement.

They turned aside such questions as whether Mr. Truman will talk personally with the disputants, whether the union leaders might be asked to postpone the strike date, or whether the government might seize the railroads.

A plea by the president for the railroad owners and the unions to settle their wage dispute without a strike is known to be under consideration. White House aides will recommend it only if convinced there is a possibility the plea would be heeded.

Because of the strike threat, railroads began serving notice to thousands of shop and other employees that they will be laid off if the engineers, firemen and switchmen quit work.

Through the Association of American Railroads, a dozen lines gave notice today that they would stop accepting perishable freight shipments this week-end. Other roads were taking similar action individually.

Johnston said in Cleveland that he was not alarmed by such talk. "You can bet the railroads won't abolish any jobs that will make money for them," he said.

Dewey Takes Firm Stand On Reds

Candidates Both Claim Ohio Victory

By REED SMITH
COLUMBUS, O., May 6 (AP)—Harold E. Stassen's capture of nine Ohio republican presidential delegates today was called victory or defeat—depending on which way you looked.

Sen. Robert A. Taft won the other 14 contested delegates, plus 30 without opposition from the former Minnesota governor, nearly complete returns showed.

Both Taft and Stassen hailed the outcome of Tuesday's primary election as a personal victory. Their delegates are pledged to support them for the GOP presidential nomination at the national convention next month.

Taft from Washington said his 44 Ohio delegates assured him of more first ballot convention votes than any other candidate.

Stassen said his was a "clear cut victory—one of the most significant developments of the entire national campaign."

"The republicans of Ohio have advanced as another step toward nomination at Philadelphia," Stassen asserted at Minneapolis.

Flush from victories in Wisconsin, Nebraska and Pennsylvania primaries, Stassen had predicted he would get a dozen Ohio delegates, including one from the state at large.

He selected industrial areas principally for his battle ground, apparently expecting to capitalize on sentiment against the Taft-Hartley law.

Carrington T. Marshall, Columbus attorney and former chief justice of the Ohio supreme court, was Stassen's only delegate-at-large candidate. With nine to be elected on a statewide basis, Marshall ran a distant tenth.

There was no contest for delegates on the democratic side. All 80 democratic convention delegates are committed to vote for President Truman.

Oleo Hearing Given Favor

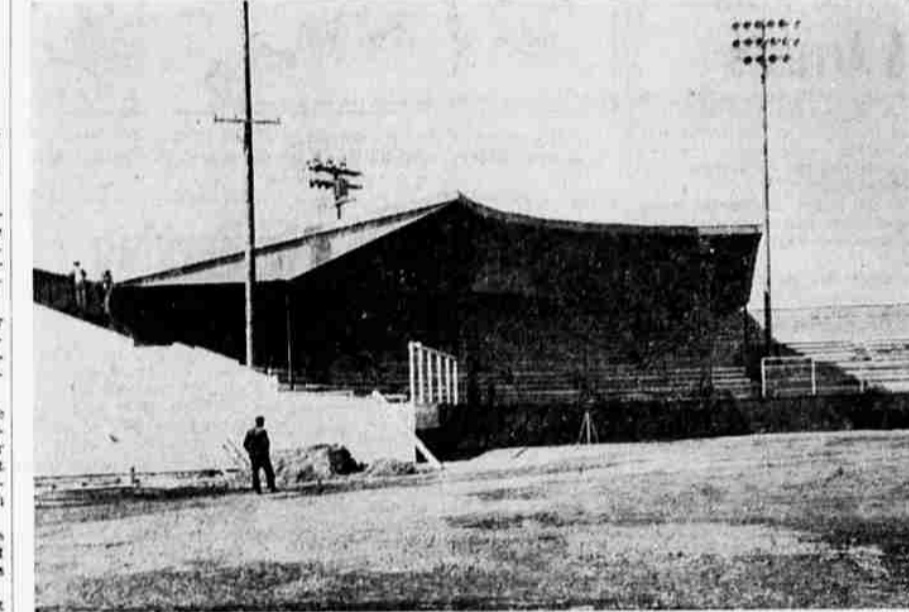
WASHINGTON, May 6 (AP)—The senate finance committee voted unanimously today to hold two days of public hearings, starting May 17, on the house-passed oleomargarine tax repeal bill.

Chairman Millikin (R-Colo.) said time at the hearings will be equally divided between supporters and opponents of the measure.

The senate voted 47 to 30 yesterday to send the bill to the finance committee. The action reversed a ruling of senate president Vandenberg (R-Mich.) who held the agriculture committee should get the measure.

It also represented a victory for backers of oleo tax repeal.

Play Ball—Home Of Gems Ready For Opener



When this picture was taken earlier this week, work was still moving ahead on the new baseball park on Crest street but the grandstand will be ready for a capacity crowd tonight as the Gems open their season against the Medford Dodgers. Game time is 8 p. m.

State Police Changes Told

Several changes in the Klamath state police patrol were announced here today by Sgt. E. W. Tichenor.

Todd Knapp, who has been with the force for a number of years, reported for duty at Lakeview to replace Tommy Martin, resigned.

Two new men, here under recruit training, have reported to the Klamath patrol. They are Leonard Balcom of Grants Pass and J. K. Cook of Roseburg.

With the addition of Balcom and Cook, the force is now composed of Sgt. Tichenor, Larry Bergman, Joe Madras, Dalford Reed, James Christensen, Robert Milton, "Swede" Harroun, Nick Barry, John Paxton, Bill Christiansen and Milton Deter.

Officers Bill Hazlewood and Fay Holley are included under the Gilchrist patrol, with Knapp and Walter Schneiderer at Lakeview.

The usual May "hot spot" session will be held later in the month. This is a general meeting of all members of the patrol for an instruction period.

FBI Hunts For Bank Robber

TACOMA, May 6 (AP)—The FBI and other enforcement officers scoured the Puget sound area today for the man who held up window 13 at the Bank of California, Tacoma branch, yesterday and walked out with "about \$8,000.00."

The holdup man, polite and well-dressed, calmly handed Mrs. Pearl Gunn, a teller, a manila envelope and told her to put money in it. He had one hand in a bandanna handkerchief, as if to conceal a gun.

Mrs. Gunn tripped the alarm as the man walked from the bank with the envelope stuffed with money.

Det. Capt. Larry Amundsen of the Tacoma police department said bank officials were unaware for several minutes of what had happened.

Amundsen called the bank when he heard the alarm. Although officials said nothing had occurred, he insisted on a check of tellers' windows. It was then they learned of the holdup.

Gems Slated To Play First Home Game In New Stadium In Dodger Tilt Tonight

At 8 o'clock tonight—or shortly thereafter—an expected crowd of more than 2000 persons will settle back in its seat at Gems stadium to watch the inaugural game of professional organized baseball in Klamath Falls. The Gems will play Medford's Dodgers in the first home game.

A short formal ceremony will precede the game during which the new park on Crest street will be dedicated by Secretary of State Earl Newberry and the players introduced. Newberry will toss out the first ball.

Good weather the past few days has put the grounds into fair shape for tonight's game, but the field will not be turfed to any extent until later in the summer. Carpenters are still working on the grandstand today but it is in condition for use.

The box office will open at 6:30 for grandstand and bleacher ticket sales. Grandstand seats have been on sale in town all week.

Coming into this home opener, the Gems are far down the Far West league standings, with three losses and two wins. The rival Medford Dodgers have three victories against two losses.

In addition to initiating the park, tonight will be the first chance most local fans have had to see the Klamath Gems. The club was organized and trained in Lodi, Calif., played exhibitions around California and is making its first stop in Oregon.

A six-game series with the Dodgers is beginning, three games here and three in Medford, changing sites each day.

Better Weather Said Coming

PORTLAND, May 6 (AP)—The weather man got on the popular side today.

He said things were going to warm up and the rains would quit.

"As a matter of fact he said Western Oregon tomorrow would be 'fair and warmer.' Eastern Oregon will get a few showers.

This came after particularly heavy rainfall yesterday which at Portland totaled .88 of an inch. The rainfall was lighter to the south, measuring .21 of an inch at Salem and .12 at Eugene.

Would Name Secretary To Say 'No'

EUGENE, Ore., May 6 (AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey served blunt notice today that if elected president he would appoint a secretary of state able to say "no" to Joseph Stalin.

Two men who can do the job, he said, are John Foster Dulles, his foreign affairs advisor, and Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.), leader of the bi-partisan foreign policy in the senate and a frequently mentioned "compromise" candidate for the GOP nomination.

Dewey's statement was made during an informal question and answer period at the conclusion of a foreign policy talk last night before a University of Oregon audience.

Seven-Point Program
After outlining a seven-point program for world peace, with special stress upon formation of a United States of Europe, Dewey was asked: "Do you think you could find a secretary of state who would say 'no' to Stalin?"

"You betcha," retorted Dewey, smiling.

"I know two men intimately who have said 'no' and one is John Foster Dulles, who is one of the closest friends I have in the world. He has been saying 'no' to Stalin."

"I think they respect him more than anybody I can think of. And Senator Vandenberg does the same thing. I am sorry to say there are many more in the republican party, and apparently not being used by the present administration," Dewey asserted.

Red Issue
Dewey's statement brought into still sharper focus the issue of handling communism—an issue on which he has hammered continuously in his campaigning for Oregon's republican presidential favor over Harold E. Stassen.

His fast-paced stumping of the Willamette valley was assuming, meanwhile, more the serious aspects of general election contest than an isolated primary issue in the republican presidential race.

Surging crowds, frequently pro-Stassen, met him everywhere. The response prompted veteran Oregon politicians to shorten the odds from Stassen's favor to "about fifty-fifty."

In his speech, Dewey accused the administration of "sheer muddle headedness" in its foreign policy and proposed a seven-point foreign policy program based upon a United States of Europe.

"This federation," he declared, "should be the cornerstone of American foreign policy."

To achieve such a union, he proposed spending foreign aid funds "like hard-headed Americans instead of soft-hearted saps."

A U. S. of Europe is the "last hope for the peace of the world," he said.

Favors Draft
Dewey also told his audience, in response to a question, that he favored the draft and universal training. "Rather than," he said, "than a nation 'weak without the courage to defend itself.'"

The New Yorker's campaign was having noticeable effect in political circles in the wake of his "stem to stern" drive through the state. At Portland, where he opened his campaign last Saturday, several additional state and local committees were organized in his support.

A group of young republicans announced a committee for the metropolitan area and called on other young republicans upstate to form similar groups.

Harold Holmes, named Portland chairman, said the impression had been erroneously created that "young republicans in Oregon are allied in the cause of another candidate."

Two top Oregon businessmen have accepted a co-chairmanship of a Businessmen-for-Dewey committee. One is T. H. Banfield, a manufacturer and chairman of the Oregon highway commission. The other is Sid Woodbury, chairman of the board of the Portland chamber of commerce and an industrialist.

Oil Ration Proposed

WASHINGTON, May 6 (AP)—Compulsory steel allocations to the petroleum industry and perhaps nationwide oil rationing were recommended today by a house committee unless voluntary efforts improve the critical oil shortage.

A report released with unanimous approval of the armed services committee said:

"The nation is in a grave situation with respect to its petroleum. The national defense is in a precarious position. Congress is confronted by decisions on this subject that are as basic, we believe, as any matters that have arisen in recent years."

70-Group Air Force Pushed

WASHINGTON, May 6 (AP)—Bluntly warning that Russia may have the atomic bomb in the next few years, Senator Bridges (R-N.H.) today urged speedy approval of funds to begin building a 70-group air force.

Bridges, chairman of the appropriations committee, flew back here from a re-election campaign in New Hampshire to direct floor action on the \$3,233,200,000 bill to expand the nation's air power.

"By our action on this bill, we will help to determine what weapons this country shall have at its disposal in the period 1951 to 1955," Bridges told the senate. "We are warned it is in that period Russia may have erased the great military advantage which we now hold by virtue of our exclusive possession of the atomic bomb."

The senate appropriations committee approved the bill 15 to 1 a week ago. The house already has stamped its approval, 343 to 3, on a similar measure.

US Mediates Greek Crisis

ATHENS, May 6 (AP)—The United States apparently adopted the role of mediator today in a dispute over reshuffling the Greek government. Liberal and populist party cabinet members were reported to be placing their resignations at the disposal of Premier Themistokles Sophoulis.

Dwight Griswold, administrator of American aid to Greece, and a representative of the U. S. embassy, talked with the liberal party premier for an hour. Then they scheduled a meeting with Vice Premier Constantinos Tsaladaris, leader of the populist (royalist) party. A second meeting with Sophoulis was fixed for tonight or tomorrow.

Reliable sources said efforts were being made to bring about an agreement on switching cabinet posts of three or four ministries in the case of each of the two parties.

The informants said all liberal ministers already had submitted their resignations to Sophoulis and populists were about to do the same to permit the two leaders to go ahead with reshuffling the coalition government. Sophoulis last night suspended parliament for a month because he and Tsaladaris were unable to agree on changes.

Police Get Radio To Give Forth

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 6 (AP)—Police who are tired of hearing "How Dry I Am" in this prohibition state of Oklahoma coaxed a car radio into playing "Roll Out the Barrel" yesterday.

When they overhauled 24-year-old Bobby Redwine he clicked a switch on the radio panel.

"Too much static," he explained. Vice Detective Ray Reddick tinkered with the instrument. The top came off in his hands. Inside were three pints of contraband whisky in a secret compartment.

Redwine got all the bond he needed, however—\$40 worth to guarantee his appearance in court.

UN Continues Effort To Work Out Truce Covering Jerusalem

By CARTER L. DAVIDSON
JERUSALEM, May 6 (AP)—A United Nations commission tried again here today for a truce covering all Jerusalem, scene of new fighting in the fight between Arabs and Jews.

The commission—the Jerusalem consults general of the United States, Belgium and France—returned last night from Jericho, halfway to Amman, Trans-Jordan.

Authoritative sources said it had failed to bring about a truce agreement in talks there with Col. Roschier Lund of the U. N. secretariat and Arab leaders.

The Arab leaders were Deputy Foreign Minister Hussein Siraj of Trans-Jordan, Ahmed Hilmi Pasha of the Palestine Arab higher committee and Taqqiddin Al Solh, brother of the premier of Lebanon.

The commission found, the informants said, these men had no power to enter into agreements and so decided to call in higher ranking Arabs for today's negotiations.

The new negotiations were undertaken on the traditional day of Christ's ascension into heaven from the Mount of Olives near the Holy city.

The Moslem Sheikh Warren Chatter, through which western Christian clergymen had to pass on their way to services on the mount today, resounded for an hour last night with submachinegun fire and grenade and mortar-shell explosions. Signal flares were seen.

The quarter is a few blocks north of the old walled city.

A truce has been in effect since Sunday over part of Jerusalem—the southerly Katamon suburb. It was arranged by Sir Henry Gurney, chief secretary for the Palestine government.

Great Britain gives up her mandate over the Holy land a week from next Saturday. But her under secretary of foreign affairs, Christopher Mayhew, said last night she will keep Middle Eastern bases.

Dr. George H. Merryman Sr., Pioneer Doctor Of The Klamath Basin, Dies Following Illness

Dr. George Harris Merryman, Sr., pioneer Klamath Falls physician and surgeon, died at 7:15 o'clock this morning at Hillside hospital. He was 69.

The beloved pioneer doctor leaves a host of friends throughout the state of Oregon to mourn his passing. He had been ill for the past four months.

Dr. Merryman's practice of medicine is also a history of Klamath county for the past 45 years.

He came to Klamath Falls in February of 1903. From that date until 1911 he was a "horse and buggy" doctor and he told many interesting stories of his long rides, winter and summer, administering to the care of his patients throughout the entire Klamath basin.

In 1911, Dr. Merryman purchased his first car, a Reo roadster, and he often was forced to abandon the use of the car for the horse as his calls came from isolated sections of the country. This phase of his practice held kindly memories for Dr. Merryman and he was a storehouse of early Klamath history.

Business Activities
Dr. Merryman was not only a prominent member of the medical profession but he was a business man and active in civic and state affairs. He entered politics just a year after coming to Klamath Falls and served as county coroner from 1904 to 1906. From 1906 to 1908, he represented Klamath, Lake, Grant and Crook counties in the state legislature and from 1908 to 1912 was



Dr. George H. Merryman Sr.

Alaska GOP's Split Over Convention

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, May 6 (AP)—Alaska republicans were right in the middle of a jurisdictional dispute today.

The tangle arose yesterday when Elton Engstrom, Juneau, chairman of the territorial republican central committee, issued a convention call for May 18 at Sitka.

Earlier, Sig Bredlie, secretary of the fourth division republican club, had issued a call for a convention at Mount McKinley park during the first week in June. He said he acted on behalf of "rank and file republicans of Alaska."

The double call raised the possibility that Alaska may send two delegations to the national republican convention, each seeking official recognition.

"Kissing Jim" Folsom Weds The Girl Who Left Him Speechless

MONTGOMERY, Ala., May 6 (AP)—Gov. James E. Folsom of Alabama, whose antics with the women earned him the title of "Kissing Jim," has married the 21-year-old girl who once left him speechless.

The surprise wedding of the six-foot, eight-inch widower to Miss Janelle Moore, who stands five-feet-five, took place late yesterday at Rockford, Ala.

For the 39-year-old governor and father of two small daughters, his marriage to the brunette, state-employed secretary was the climax to a busy 24-months, political and otherwise.

Early last March he was named defendant in a paternity suit brought by an attractive red-haired divorcee who charged he was the father of her two-year-old son. He shortly thereafter took a trip to Washington and New York.

The governor told the newspapermen of his first meeting with the young girl who now is the first lady of Alabama.

"I was making a speech," he said, "when I was running for governor. I saw her in the crowd and I stopped speaking. I missed about a minute of my speech before I could catch up."

The new Mrs. Folsom, toyed with a lock of hair and observed, "I feel like I'm going around in circles."

While the governor was talking with newspapermen, his two daughters, Rachel, 8, and Melissa, 5, played on the lawn outside the executive mansion. His first wife died in 1944.

"The girls," said Folsom, "are all for it."

The paternity suit against Folsom was brought by Mrs. Christine Johnston of Hanceville. A hearing has been set for May 12.