

STEEL WAGE BOOST DEMANDED

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
IN Washington yesterday there was a closed-door meeting of state department, military, atomic and CONGRESSIONAL policy makers. Because the DOOR WAS CLOSED to reporters, among others) our ordinary folk don't know in detail what went on.

But after the session ended President Truman, speaking through Secretary of State Acheson, told the senate-house atomic committee that he feels any action on the share-the-atom-knowledge issue must have the support of BOTH CONGRESS and the executive branch of the government.

An alert AP correspondent, after talking to those who were present at the closed-door meeting, starts his dispatch of this way: "Congress members appeared today to have WON A MAJOR VICTORY in the hot dispute over their right to help decide whether atomic secrets are to be shared with other nations."

I KNOW the foregoing paragraphs probably sound stuffy and bore-some. But listen:

What happened at that closed-door session in Washington yesterday COULD BE THE MOST IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT OF THIS GENERATION!

THIS is our present situation: The United States of America, the greatest nation on earth, is HEADED TOWARD A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN. Its debt is already more than a quarter of a TRILLION dollars.

Instead of recognizing that a debt of that size can't be trifled with, we are deliberately re-embarking upon a policy of spending more than we are taking in. The spending is FOR THINGS WE COULD DO WITHOUT.

In other words, we're piling up the mortgage on the house to buy frills.

NOBODY needs to be told what that means if it is continued long enough. It means national bankruptcy. It can't mean anything else.

UNDER the wise plan provided for us by the founding fathers, the congress was named as the keeper of the purse-strings. Under this wise plan, the executive branch of our government could spend no more than the congress was willing to APPROPRIATE.

But in recent years the congress has ABDICATED its authority as the keeper of the purse-strings, and more or less appropriated whatever sums of money the executive branch has demanded.

It is now reaching the point where congress seems to be AFRAID not to appropriate whatever money the executive demands for whatever wild and woolly scheme he may hatch up as a means of keeping his party in power.

IT has seemed to a lot of us that within the past year the congress has been saying to the President: "Please, Mr. don't ask us to appropriate a lot of money for a lot of things that we can't afford, because if you do ask it we won't have the courage to refuse. We'll (Continued on Page 2)

Fire Eaters In Salem Jail

SALEM, July 28 (AP)—Two men, charged with armed robbery and automobile theft, were returned to the Marion county jail last night from Red Bluff, Calif., where they were captured.

The men, J. B. Rich, 20, and Norman Betts, 21, were to be arraigned in district court today.

Both are carnival workers, and are accused of the holdups last week of two men, taking the cars and wallets of each. One of the holdups was here, and the other was north of Eugene.

They were captured at Red Bluff on a tip by two girls, aged 14 and 16, whom they had taken across the state line to California.

Traffic Unit Says Viaduct 'Bottleneck'

The new city highway committee lost little time in getting to the crux of the city's highway problems during its Wednesday night meeting, when members pointed to the South Sixth street viaduct as Klamath Falls' "number one bottleneck" and took initial steps toward eliminating this traffic hazard.

Tom Walters, committee member, was named to confer with the state highway department in an attempt to work out preliminary plans for construction of a new viaduct.

Urgent Problem
The committee's action brings to a head months of discussion concerning the city's most urgent highway problem. Opinion has differed concerning what highway construction task should be given first priority, some favoring the proposed westside by-pass, others feeling that the eastside road should be placed as the first chore on the construction agenda.

The decision of the committee concurs with a recent city council discussion when improvement of the South Sixth viaduct was put down as the problem first to be tackled.

Flow of traffic in and out of the city has long been hindered by the narrow bridge spanning the Southern Pacific tracks.

Ease Burden
The city highway committee, of which Dr. C. J. Cox is chairman, was named by council approval recently to coordinate highway matters in the city and, at the same time, take a load from the planning commission, already burdened with long-range zoning problems.

Members of the committee, in addition to Walters, are Fred Heasland, Klamath County chamber of commerce president; Harry Bolvin and Ed Bell.

The committee was unanimous in naming the South Sixth viaduct as the most pressing highway problem now facing the city.

Fremont Marks Up Biggest Business Year

The Fremont national forest did a record business in the fiscal year 1948 just closed, according to Forest Supervisor Merle S. Lowden. Total receipts received from timber sales, grazing use, and other permit fees amounted to \$760,940.87, which exceeded the previous high of last year when receipts were \$706,840.87.

The high receipts for last year are attributed to the high stumpage values received by the forest service and to the large amount of cutting which approximated the allowable annual cut under sustained yield management for the forest.

The Fremont forest ranked sixth among the 19 national forests in Oregon and Washington. Twenty-five per cent of these receipts will be turned over to Lake and Klamath counties in proportion to the amount of the forest within the two counties.

It is expected that the past year will be the highest for some time since timber prices have declined, and cutting this year is not expected to be up to that for the past 13 months.

"Bomb" Rumor Proves False

NEW YORK, July 28 (AP)—An anonymous telephone call saying that four bombs had been set to go off at 10 a.m. (EST) today touched off an intensive police search of the International Telephone and Telegraph building.

The call was received shortly before 10 a.m.

The anonymous call was received by the superintendent of the building. He gave the alarm.

After a fruitless search that lasted 45 minutes, police concluded the call was the work of a crank.

The 32-story building was not evacuated during the search.

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Acheson Tells Of Soviet Threat

Copco Pole Through Stretch Of Modoc Forest Attacked By Hungry Porcupines; Sheathing Ends Meals

The peculiarities of the porcupine's palate have cost the California Oregon Power company a tidy sum in porky-proofing its poles on a line through about 20 miles of the Modoc national forest north of Canby.

Some time ago Modoc forest men observed evidences of porcupine attacks on the poles. The little animals, myriad in that area, were gnawing at the base of the poles, evidently enticed by the creosote used in treating them.

In numerous instances, they had supplanted this unusual diet by taking substantial bites out of the cross-arms of the tops of the big wooden stikes.

This added up to the possibility of line breakdowns, short-circuits and resultant fires, and forest and Copco officials got together to decide on a defensive action. There was a suggestion that extra cross-arms be installed and treated with poison that would send the porkies tumbling, but this plan was rejected for another considered a more permanent, and incidentally more humane solution to the problem.

It was decided to encase the base of each pole in metal, which would be impervious to porcupine teeth and would be so hard and slick that the little animals could not get their claws in to climb the poles to the enticing cross-arms.

That has been done. The gleaming metal can be seen on the poles to the east of highway 139 for many miles through the Modoc. The porkies in that area are getting along without sumptuous meals of creosote-soaked wood and cross-arms.



MODERN VERSION—The old-fashioned lemonade stand has gone modern. Today the small fry sell second-hand comic books, and this enterprising pair, Stanley Jackson, 10, left, and Donald Leach, 9, report that business is booming. The boys set up business at the corner of Oregon avenue and Front street. Donald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Leach of 2300 Yale, and Stanley, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jackson of 2244 California.

Five LA Police Officials Indicted Today In Probe Of Vice; Cohen Buddy Dies

LOS ANGELES, July 28 (AP)—Five top Los Angeles police officials were indicted today in the city's many-sided vice probe, shortly after the death of Edward (Neddie) Herbert from gunshot wounds inflicted by rival gangsters in an assassination attempt against his boss, Gambler Mickey Cohen.

Winding up 12 weeks of investigation, the grand jury returned indictments charging perjury against C. B. Horrall, recently resigned police chief, and his assistant, Joe Reed; Capt. Cecil Wisdom, Lt. Rudy Wellpot and Sgt. E. V. Jackson. The jury also charged Jackson and Wellpot with bribery.

The investigation started on the basis of developments following a raid last year on the plush bordello of Brenda Allen, located near the Sunset strip which links Beverly Hills and Hollywood. The jury heard Miss Allen, serving a year in jail, testify she paid protection money to certain officers at the rate of \$150 weekly for each girl.

Coinciding with the filing of the true bills with Superior Judge Robert Scott, Mayor Fletcher L. Brown excoriated the jury, saying its investigation was a "flagrant violation of the law in that in no sense has the investigation been secret."

The mayor, who resisted efforts to oust Chief Horrall until a few weeks ago, charged that there is a "striking parallel between these indictments and those returned against Horrall and myself in 1942, indictments which later were dismissed because there was not one scintilla of evidence to support them."

Bail was set at \$500 for Horrall, Reed and Wisdom; \$1000 for Wellpot and Jackson.

Edward (Neddie) Herbert, henchman of Gambler Mickey Cohen, died early today of gunshot wounds suffered July 20 at the hands of rival gangsters.

Herbert had been in a critical condition since the shooting. The slugs blasted his liver, spleen and kidneys. Cohen, a former movie bit actress and a state-appointed bodyguard for the gambling boss also were hit but are recovering.

Herbert had escaped 11 shots from

WEATHER
Klamath Falls and Vicinity—Fair today and Friday. High today 81. Low tonight 45 to 50. High Friday 85. Max. (July 27) 81. Min. 48. Precipitation last 24 hours .00

Union Asks Package Up Of 30 Cents

NEW YORK, July 28 (AP)—President Philip Murray of the CIO Steelworkers announced today his union wants a package increase of 30 cents per hour in their current dispute with the steel companies, including a fourth round wage increase of 12 1/2 cents.

Murray revealed the demands for the first time at the opening session of the fact finding board appointed by President Truman to avert a strike in the dispute.

Murray was the first speaker for the union before the board.

The demands also include 11.23 cents per hour for pensions and 6.27 cents per hour for social insurance.

"The union is not afraid to have its side of the dispute examined in the public interest," the gray-haired union head told the board.

"The industry, on the other hand, has been desperately anxious to conceal the economic facts from impartial scrutiny."

HUGE PROFITS
"The industry is amassing profits at the staggering rate of approximately one billion dollars annually, after all taxes. This is a record high never approached before, even in the boom year of 1929."

The union says that the current average basic wage rate of steel workers is \$1.65 per hour. In the previous three rounds of postwar wage increases, the union got 10 1/2 cents in 1946, 15 cents in 1947, and 13 cents in 1948. The figures for the last two years include some fringe benefits.

As the hearing opened the fact finding board ruled that it would consider evidence on pensions for steel workers along with the two other issues at stake.

This was what the CIO Steel Workers had asked at a preliminary meeting on Tuesday of the three-man board set up to hear the case for and against a fourth round wage increase.

Pension Issue
The companies, led by U. S. Steel, had proposed that the board hear evidence and then decide first whether the pension issue was a proper matter for consideration.

It is the companies' contention that the reopening clause in their contracts with the union, under which negotiations are being conducted this year, does not permit pensions to be brought up.

The companies agree that the other two issues involved, a wage increase and social insurance, are covered in the reopening clause.

The fact finding board, set up by President Truman to head off a threatened strike July 16, will hear evidence for 16 days.

McKay Okays Rent Curb End For Medford

SALEM, July 28 (AP)—Governor Douglas McKay approved today ending of rent control in Medford, just as he previously had done for Eugene and Ashland.

The governor's approval of decontrol in those cities has gone to Washington, D. C., where Tighe Woods, national housing expediter, will pass on them. But Woods' approval is considered routine.

The Medford city council approved unanimously decontrol of rents, but Medford veterans and labor groups urged rent control be retained.

The governor said again that when a city council recommends decontrol, he just about has to go along.

The Salem city council also has recommended decontrol for Salem, but the matter hasn't come before the governor yet.

Appeal Made To Re-Arm Pact Nations

WASHINGTON, July 28 (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson told congress today the United States should begin promptly to help rearm Western Europe because "the possibilities of direct military aggression" by huge Soviet forces cannot be ignored.

Leading off the administration's drive for congressional approval of a \$1,450,000,000 arms aid program, Acheson pictured Western European countries as living under the shadow and constant fear of Russian armies which are the greatest threat the world has known in peacetime.

He also suggested that Russia is approaching a crossroads in its policies toward the West where it may have to choose whether to continue trying conquest by political means or to resort to "military means."

Red Threat
Acheson appeared before the house foreign affairs committee to make his plea for the arms program, already under attack by influential congress members.

Acheson said "the mere presence" of the large Russian force "has had a psychological effect that has been damaging to recovery and stability, and has been a major influence in the loss of freedom and self-determination in important areas of Europe."

"Nor can the possibilities of direct military aggression be ignored," he said. "When political aggression fails, as it has failed so far in Western Europe, totalitarian regimes are often tempted to gain their objectives by military means, particularly when they consider that no effective resistance is possible."

"It is our aim to forestall that possibility by making it clear that military aggression against the nations of Western Europe can be undertaken only at great cost and with no assurance of success."

Acheson repeatedly told the committee that if this country would back up the pledges of the North Atlantic treaty with military assistance he believes peace would be secured and no aggressor would dare take on the whole combination of western powers.

"The fundamental pledge of the treaty, that an attack on one signatory will mean an attack on all, closes the door to piecemeal aggression," Acheson said.

The bulk of the proposed arms aid would go to pact nations.

Springfield Clear-Fir Plant Burns

SPRINGFIELD, Ore., July 28 (AP)—The remanufacturing plant of the Clear-Fir Products company was wiped out here last night by fire. Damage was estimated at \$250,000.

Firemen from Eugene helped local companies save a door plant under construction and prevent the flames from spreading to the nearby Booth-Kelly and Springfield Plywood company plants.

Cold-decked logs owned by the Springfield Plywood company were close enough to the blaze that the heat set off an automatic sprinkler system and soaked them. They were valued at about \$500,000.

Cause of the fire was not known. Manager William H. Gonyea said the 80 by 500-foot structure was partially insured. The operation employed 27 to 40 men. He said he did not know whether it would be rebuilt. The plant was three years old.

Also affected is the sawmill operation at Creswell where 15 men are employed. The mill sawed the logs into rough lumber for the remanufacturing mill.

The operations are owned by Henry Gonyea, Tacoma, and his sons, William and Douglas.

Senate Plows Into Muddle Over European Aid Measure

WASHINGTON, July 28 (AP)—Senator Wherry (Neb.), the republican leader, said today the senate may try to reverse its action of yesterday in sending the European recovery money bill back to committee.

Wherry told reporters a motion may be made to reconsider the vote which cut off senate consideration of the \$5,723,000,000 foreign aid measure.

The appropriations group named a subcommittee consisting of Senators McKellar (D-Tenn.), Hayden (D-Ariz.) and Bridges (R-N.H.) to talk with Lucas about procedure and report back to the committee later in the day.

The whole vast issue was thrown back into the lap of the senate appropriations committee yesterday on a technical point, leaving the senate just where it stood two weeks ago.

Chairman McKellar (D-Tenn.) was expected to call the committee into extraordinary session sometime today to decide on a course of action.

Some senators demanded the entire recovery program be re-opened. The economic cooperation administration already has committed most of its emergency funds, and the European recovery program may grind to a halt before the bill gets back on the senate floor for a vote.

Briefly, here is what happened in the four hours of confusion which stalled the aid bill: Majority Leader Lucas of Illinois

BULLETINS

WASHINGTON, July 28 (AP)—The senate stamped approval today on a broad termed measure expected to bring closer teamwork between the army, navy and air forces and cut their multi-billion dollar annual costs.

By voice vote it approved a compromise between senate and house bills tightening up the original unification act of 1947.

WASHINGTON, July 28 (AP)—President Truman said today the administration and congress will "have to decide together" what course is wisest in the further development of atomic energy.

The president said the United States, Great Britain and Canada intend to explore "some of the basic questions underlying any determination of long-range policy in this field."

Blandy Calls For More Armament

SALEM, Ill., July 28 (AP)—Admiral W. H. P. Blandy, commander of the Atlantic fleet, today called for more arms and war planning to prepare for "a possible enemy."

Blandy did not name the "possible enemy" but made clear that he meant a communist country.

He said in a prepared address the time to arm is "while we still have a breathing spell before a possible enemy acquires atomic bombs and the long range planes for a worldwide delivery service."

Blandy, the chief speaker at the 68th annual Marion County Soldiers and Sailors Reunion Day of American Veterans of World War II and Veterans of Foreign Wars, said this nation's forces were unified "to insure maximum security. Each member of the team predicates its planning on a common strategic concept for the conduct of the war against our most probable enemy."

Truman Names Clark For High Court

WASHINGTON, July 28 (AP)—President Truman said today he has asked Attorney General Tom Clark to become a justice of the supreme court.

Senator J. Howard McGrath would replace Clark as attorney general.

The president said he expected both men to accept.

The surprise announcement came from Mr. Truman at a news conference. It was in reply to a reporters question.

Mr. Truman at the same time made it clear that he does not believe that a man's religious faith has any place in consideration of appointments for membership on the high court, as long as the appointee is qualified for the work.

Clark, a Texan, is a Presbyterian.

He would succeed the late Justice Frank Murphy, who was the only Roman Catholic on the high bench.

McGrath is senator from Rhode Island and chairman of the democratic national committee.

Mr. Truman said reporters could do their own speculating on whether William M. Boyle Jr., of Kansas City, now executive vice chairman, will succeed McGrath as head of the party's national committee.

McGrath is expected to resign his senate seat. That would open the way for an appointment by Gov. John O. Pastore, a democrat.

5000 Names In Antelope Pot

PORTLAND, July 28 (AP)—Some 5000 hunters' names will be mixed in a bowl Monday to determine who will get the 1000 antelope hunting tags, the state game commission reported today.

The antelope season will be from August 20 to 25 in parts of Lake, Harney and Malheur counties, and some of the successful applicants for licenses may not know of their luck until shortly before the season opens.

A commission spokesman said 3000 names will be drawn and the first 1000 notified. Past experience has shown that of the 1000, some 400 will not send the money for their tags within the time limit—about six days—so the next 400 on the list drawn will be notified. Some of these, too, will fail to respond, and their places will be filled by others farther down on the list. That procedure will continue until the last of the 1000 allowed tags has been issued.



OKINAWA TYPHOON DAMAGE—Twisted wreckage is all that remains of the Guest House at headquarters, Ryukus command on Okinawa, following a devastating typhoon which struck the Pacific island. Sixteen Americans were injured, one child was killed and millions of dollars of property damage inflicted by the storm which lashed the island with winds up to 150 miles an hour.

DIES

BAR HARBOR, Me., July 28 (AP)—Mrs. Walter Damrosch, wife of the internationally known musical conductor, died here last night. She was 82.

She was the former Margaret Blaine, daughter of James G. Blaine, who went from Maine newspaper ranks to become secretary of state.

They were married in 1890.