

Fairless Nixes Union Address

PITTSBURGH (AP)—The President of the United States Steel Corp. has turned down an invitation to address the CIO United Steelworkers convention when it meets Thursday to decide future policy in the current wage dispute.

The invitation to speak had been extended to Benjamin F. Fairless by Philip Murray, president of the CIO and the steelworkers. Replying Monday, Fairless said he believes the opinions of the delegates already are fixed.

INFLATION

"Your organization has yet to explain satisfactorily how this country can have round after round of large wage increases and resulting price increases without more and more inflation which is certain to injure everyone," he said.

The union is demanding an 18 cent hourly pay boost and other contract gains which steel officials say would amount to a total hourly advance of nearly 50 cents an hour. Workers now average about \$1.96 an hour.

THREAT

President Truman has referred the dispute to the Wage Stabilization Board and the union, which previously announced it would not work unless it obtained a new contract to replace the one which expired Monday midnight, agreed to postpone any strike action pending a decision by the special convention which meets at Atlantic City.

A strike appears to be inevitable if the convention refuses to let the WSB make a recommended settlement.

Registration At SOCE Set

Registration for winter quarter at Southern Oregon college will begin Wednesday, Jan. 2 announces Mrs. Mabel W. Winston, registrar and dean of women. Classes will reconvene the following day and registration for new courses will continue through Jan. 16.

Faculty members will attend registration meetings to give counseling service to students, assuring that proper course work is planned. The curriculum offered will be the same as that of fall term with the addition of a class in comparative government to be taught by Dr. Arthur S. Taylor, professor of social science.

Forty-two Klamath county students were enrolled in the Ashland institution during the recently completed quarter, Mrs. Winston reports. Thirty-two of that number are residents of Klamath Falls.

Extra-curricular activities will begin with a registration dance on Jan. 2 followed by a weekend basketball series with Oregon College of Education. Special events planned during the winter term include the third annual high school speech conference, a festival of arts and the annual B school basketball tourney.

Physical expansion of the campus plant will continue as construction is started on an annex to the women's dormitory. A scenic mall will also be landscaped in front of the new library-classroom building.

Blaze Suit Said Settled

EUGENE, (AP)—A suit arising out of the 3-month-long Little Fall Creek forest fire of 1950 has been settled out of court.

The Lane County Circuit Court last week dismissed the case of the State of Oregon vs. Portland Manufacturing Co., M. and M. Woodworking Co., Rasor Logging Co., and the C. W. Guerrier Lumber Co.

The suit asked \$80,000 of the four companies as repayment of funds spent in suppressing the fire. Dismissal of the case followed receipt of a statement by Elliot Jenkins, president of the Eastern Lane Forest Protective Association, that the suit "has been compromised and settled."

Another suit, brought by Booth-Kelly Lumber Co., is still pending. It asks damages of more than \$300,000 from the same four companies.

Portland Manufacturing and the M. and M. Companies were the owners of the land where the fire started, later spreading over Booth-Kelly lands. Guerrier was purchasing the timber from the two firms, and Rasor was under contract to Guerrier to cut the timber.

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