

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Here is a question that is being widely discussed in America today: Did President Truman have clear authority, under the law and the constitution, to seize the steel plants—which are private property?

That I don't know. It is a question that will have to be answered by the courts.

But, law or no law—constitution or no constitution—HE SEIZED THEM.

Let's look at a parallel case—This bold braver Batista had no clear authority under the law or the constitution to seize the presidency of CUBA.

Law or no law, constitution or no constitution, HE SEIZED IT!

Our government now holds the railroads and it holds the steel industry. Already we've taken a long step toward socialism.

Suppose we substituted in a referendum vote this question: "Shall We or Shall We Not Have Socialism in the United States?"

The vote, in such a case, would be about 10 to one AGAINST! But, taking it a step at a time, we CAN GET USED TO THE IDEA OF SOCIALISM. We don't want it, but it is fed to us persistently in small doses we can come in time to tolerate it.

Alexander Pope, in his Essay on Man, tells us truly: "Vice is a monster of so frightful mien As to be hated needs but to be seen."

Yet, seen too oft, familiar with her face, We first endure, then pity, then embrace."

It can be that way with socialism.

Let's look at the subject of steel profits. Our President says they're scandalously big. Steel spokesmen admit profits of about 19 billion dollars—but, they say, of the 19 billions about 12 billions GO TO THE GOVERNMENT IN TAXES.

If the government squeezes the profits out of the steel industry, it will lose the 12 billions in tax money it now collects from private steel makers.

That raises this question: If the government loses the 12 billions it now gets from steel, where will it go to get the money? You know where it will go. IT WILL GO TO THE REST OF US. We'll have to pay more taxes to make up the loss.

If you have doubts on that point, take a look at Oregon, where the government owns about half of our steel and which has TAKEN ALL THAT PROPERTY we'd be selling pretty.

Another question: Who owns the steel industry—perhaps we'd better say who did control the steel industry before the government seized it?

In the case of steel, I do not have the figures before me. So let's take the telephone—which also is struck and which might be taken by the government. The American Telephone & Telegraph Company now has more than a MILLION stockholders, which is far more than the total number of its employees.

I imagine the same situation exists in the case of steel.

That is to say: In seizing the steel industry, in order to make good demands of the steel workers for more pay, President Truman favored one class of people against another class of people—and he did it by EDICT and not by law.

Why? I presume it was because he thought the crowd he favored had more voting power than the crowd he hurt. That is the POLITICAL way of settling such things. Personally, I think he figured it out wrong and hurt more people than he helped. Anyway, that's a bad way in which to run a country like this.

So far, this piece has been highly critical of President Truman. But the fault isn't all his. Congress shares the blame—for the trouble started with the stabilization law that was enacted by Congress.

Steel Spokesman Charges Seizure Political Payoff Tax



MIKE DE CICCO, Portland tire distributor and candidate for Democratic National Committee, was in town today and plans to be back April 17 to spend a couple of days campaigning. He is opposing Monroe Sweetland of Portland, sweet Demo National Committee.

NEW YORK (AP)—A steel industry spokesman asserted angrily Wednesday night that President Truman had abused his power by seizing the steel mills—a "corrupt political payoff tax."

Clarence B. Randall, spokesman of Inland Steel Co., said the government's seizure of steel mills was "a corrupt political payoff tax."

"This evil deed, without precedent in American history, discharged a political debt to the CIO," Phil Murray now gives Harry S. Truman a receipt marked "paid in full."

Randall's no-holds-barred address was the industry's first formal comment on the seizure, which was made over four major radio and four major television networks.

The seizure, Randall said, was done "without the slightest shadow of legal right."

He noted that Truman had said the steel industry made \$19.50 profit on each ton.

This, the steel spokesman said, was a "basic misrepresentation" and didn't include the fact that he (Truman) takes at least two-thirds of that away in taxes.

He added: "The truth is that in terms of net profit, by which I mean the money the company has left after all costs are paid the steel companies made 17 cents a ton, less than one-third of that \$19.50 that the President talked about."

Elaborating on his "corrupt political deal" statement, Randall said one of the principals was the Wage Stabilization Board which recommended a 17-cent an hour wage increase for the CIO United Steelworkers.

In the same area, a lightning bolt just missed the old city hall at Los Gatos and ripped a redwood tree 75 yards away. The bolt struck the face of a passery, John Silva. Had it as big as marbles fell in Sunnyvale for 10 minutes.

Role of Underdog

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SEN. TAFT found himself the underdog Thursday in the New Jersey contest delegates to Eisenhower for 38 GOP convention delegates—and the Ohioan's backers are not unhappy about it.

This situation grew out of Taft's unsuccessful attempt to have his name taken off the ballot in next Tuesday's presidential preference primary.

The New Jersey court saw "no" Taft feuding with New Jersey's Gov. Driscoll over the governor's support of Eisenhower, refused to campaign.

So there are no delegate candidates for him officially on the ballot, although 11 people supporting him are candidates for seats.

KANSAS Eisenhower also is the overwhelming favorite to pick up all 10 delegates in Thursday's convention of Kansas Republicans in Topeka.

Nine of his supporters will be chosen without a fight, Eisenhower's forces will have to battle a Taft man for the other spot.

Kansas district conventions already have chosen 12 delegates, for Eisenhower, two for Taft. Taft however, seemed to hold the upper hand in a series of district Republican conventions opening in Kentucky Thursday to send delegates to the national convention.

Four district conventions are being held Thursday, three Friday and one Saturday to choose two delegates each. The state convention opening Saturday will choose the other four.

NEW JERSEY This is how Lehman Morin, Associated Press roving political reporter, found Taft leaders reacting in the New Jersey fight.

Pickets Hit, Miss N.W. Phone Units

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FIRE SCENE—This is the interior of a gutted house at 422 Mt. Whitney, residence of the Donald Lee Smith family, which burned in the early morning hours of April 2. Smith, 24, is in the County Jail on an arson charge and has admitted putting the torch to his own house to collect the insurance.

Pickets appeared at telephone exchanges in a dozen or more Pacific Northwest cities Thursday but were withdrawn from four other places in an apparent quick shift strategy.

Pacific Telephone & Telegraph generally were staying off the job at exchanges picketed by striking Western Electric Co. workers, members of the CIO Communications Workers union.

Exchanges were picketed Thursday at Portland, Eugene and St. Helens, Ore., and in at least nine Washington cities.

These are Aberdeen, Hoquiam, Raymond and Longview, where exchanges are operated manually, and Olympia, Yakima, Centralia, Chehalis and Shelton, all with dial systems.

Pickets were withdrawn from Spokane and Bellingham, Wash., and from Albany and Corvallis, Ore., where they first appeared Wednesday.

In Portland Arne Gravem, international union representative, said tactics will vary from day to day to keep the company guessing.

Company spokesmen in Portland and Seattle said supervisory employees were seeking to maintain normal service.

The company reported all calls were being handled at picketed Washington points Thursday morning with the exception of Yakima. There only urgent long distance calls were being accepted.

River Rages In Streets Of Pierre

PIERRE, S.D. (AP)—Waters of the muddy Missouri River, on its worst spring rampage here in 71 years, raced four feet deep through the main street of this capital city of South Dakota Thursday.

At mid-morning the flood waters hit a stage of 25 feet — the previously predicted crest — and continued their climb. The water has driven 1,600 of Pierre's 6,700 persons from their homes.

Heavy damage to the main Pierre business section was certain. The Daily Capital — Journal suspended publication and the Pierre Associated Press bureau, housed in the same building, moved to higher ground in the telephone exchange.

NO PUMPS The last of Pierre's four municipal water pumping stations was knocked out by high water early Thursday.

A 1,500,000 gallon reservoir supply was believed enough to last several days if used sparingly.

A touch-and-go battle to save the city power plant continued after an upsurge of water inside the sandbagged building area threatened to leave the stricken city without light and power.

Crews brought the water under control, at least temporarily. Two fire scares Wednesday night — one from a burning motor in a rescue boat — added to the confusion. A car also caught fire. A gas storage tank was swept loose but a National Guard "duck" took it in tow before it broke.

Pierre's main residential district, part of the business district, and the capitol building itself are on higher ground.

In Fort Pierre, a smaller community just across the river from Pierre, some homes were submerged.

SURRENDER In Fort Pierre, efforts to battle the flood waters called on all but two business buildings. Telephone company employees battled all night to keep water out of the phone building and were prepared to cut a hole in the roof, if necessary, to lift out expensive installations.

The only other building being sandbagged in Fort Pierre was the Stanley county courthouse, which contained Red Cross headquarters. The Red Cross had to move from its first floor quarters, now under five feet of water.

N. California In Storm Path

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Given an advance fanfare of thunder, lightning and hail, a mild storm moved toward Northern California from off the Pacific Thursday. Showers were forecast both for the valleys and the Sierra.

Lightning Wednesday night gouged a hole in the ceiling of the R. J. Carris home in Campbell, near San Jose, and wrecked a television set.

In the same area, a lightning bolt just missed the old city hall at Los Gatos and ripped a redwood tree 75 yards away. The bolt struck the face of a passery, John Silva. Had it as big as marbles fell in Sunnyvale for 10 minutes.

The sudden storm washed out the Pacific Coast League baseball game between San Francisco and Oakland at Emeryville.

The game at Sacramento with Portland was delayed 30 minutes by showers.

The storm knocked out several Pacific Gas and Electric transformers in Santa Clara County. The big thunderclaps rattled windows in South Peninsula communities from Burlingame to Redwood City.

To the north of San Francisco, a heavy hail storm hited Sonoma. Light rain fell in San Francisco.

New Setback

WASHINGTON (AP)—The steel industry met with a new setback Thursday in its court fight against government seizure of its mills.

Lawyers for four major companies—Bethlehem, Republic, Youngstown Sheet & Tube, and Jones & Laughlin—pleaded in vain in U.S. district court for immediate hearings of their suits for an injunction.

Judge David A. Pine ruled that he would not advance the suits under court rules.

The rules allow 30 days for the defendant, in this case the government, to reply to a suit.

In other developments: 1. President Truman declined comment at a news conference on a steel executive's charge that he seized the mills in "a corrupt political deal" with the CIO.

2. However, Philip Murray, CIO president, called the statement by Clarence B. Randall, president of Inland Steel Co., "a malicious and deliberate lie... An insult to President Truman and me."

FRONT RUNNER The Tennessee senator's solo appearance on the ballot in most of the Democratic presidential primaries so far prompted Sen. Humphrey of Minnesota, a favorite son Democratic candidate, to say that others seeking the nomination "may soon find it impossible to overtake" Kefauver.

Humphrey told a reporter in Washington he still hasn't made up his mind whom he will support for the nomination, but he added: "I certainly don't want to stop" Kefauver.

Two other senators—Lehman (D.-Lib.-Neb.) and O'Mahoney (D.-Wyo.) disagreed with Humphrey in separate interviews. Lehman said he thought the race would be wide open down to the July convention. O'Mahoney said the Democratic situation would not jell until after the 7. the Democratic July 21. Both are in Chicago.

CALIFORNIA Filing for California's presidential primaries closed Wednesday night with a tie in the Republican race and Kefauver alone on the Democratic slate.

Stassen failed to get the required 12,309 signatures. That left Warren facing Rep. Thomas H. Werdel of California in the GOP race.

Weather

FORECAST: Klamath Falls and vicinity, fair Thursday and Thursday night, mostly fair Friday with considerable high cloudiness. Low tonight 32, high Friday 62. Northern California, few scattered thunder showers central part, slightly cooler in extreme north Thursday night.

High Wednesday 67
Low last night 33
Precip Wednesday 0
Precip since Oct. 1 14.22
Normal for period 9.62
Period last year 12.38

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Few Smelt Try Sandy Venture

PORTLAND (AP)—Smelt hung around the mouth of the Sandy River for a couple of days but no more than a handful ventured upstream. Then Thursday, Sheriff's Capt. Earl Stanley said "everything seems to have disappeared."

The smelt, he said, were neither in the Columbia nor the Sandy so far as could be seen. He said he had no idea where they were.

9 O'clock Special



HAVING A CUP of coffee this morning at Walt's on Main was C. L. Bornemann, Bonanza, salesman for Western Auto. The waitress is Violet McDonald, 536 Pine.

Forest Fire Season Here

SALEM (AP)—The forest fire season is here—more than a month ahead of normal. Control measures went into effect in Western Oregon Thursday.

Acting Gov. Paul L. Patterson ordered the restrictions for the area north of Douglas County and west of the crest of the Cascade Range.

The restrictions require loggers to get permits before burning any material, to post fire watchmen, provide workmen with fire tools and put their weather instruments in operation to determine when the humidity drops below 30. Logging must halt whenever the humidity goes that low.

Such restrictions normally are not applied until May 15. W. E. Hagenstein, chief forester for the Industrial Forestry Association, pointed out that humidity fell to 20 in Western Oregon Wednesday. He urged loggers to exercise caution so that fire outbreaks like last spring's can be avoided. Some 12,400 acres were burned then.

Man Confesses Starting Fire

DONALD LEE SMITH, 24 this morning in Circuit Court readily admitted setting fire to his home at 422 Mt. Whitney the morning of April 2 to collect \$6,500 in insurance on the house and furniture.

Represented by Attorney J. C. O'Neill, Smith waived grand jury indictment and pleaded guilty to charge of arson in the first degree. The charge, on conviction, carries a prison sentence of two to 20 years.

O'Neill asked that Judge David R. Vandenberg consider granting probation to Smith for several reasons: that Smith had never been in trouble before and the only reason he committed the act was because he was heavily oppressed by debts.

FAMILY O'Neill also mentioned that Smith had a wife and three small children.

According to District Attorney D. E. Van Vactor, the fire and plan to collect insurance was carefully thought out ahead of time.

The district attorney pointed out that when Smith bought the house about a year ago, only \$2,500 insurance was carried on it. Last March, according to Van Vactor, Smith put an additional \$1,500 insurance on the house and added \$2,500 on the furniture.

The day of the fire, the D. A. said, Smith was working at a mill in Roseburg. He called his wife from there, Van Vactor said, and urged her to stay that night with relatives here in town.

Then Smith left Roseburg about 8 p.m., drove here, set the fire and returned to Roseburg.

SUSPICION Fire Chief Roy Rowe called for an investigation when he noticed the pipeline to the oil heater in the front room had been disconnected.

Investigation by Capt. H. W. Howard and Lt. J. E. Tucker of the State Police arson squad revealed Smith had touched off the fire with a match after oil from tanks outside the house had poured all over the floor.

Smith was arrested in Roseburg Tuesday by the two State Police officers and brought here the same night.

Backfire

BRECKENRIDGE, Minn. (AP)—When Hugh Wing, used car dealer here, offered to peddle \$10 for each child of a car buyer, he did it without knowledge of Mike Leinen's family.

A James near Fairmont, N. D., Leinen says, Wing's newspaper ad. It also stipulated that the buyer must bring the child along when he picked out the car.

Leinen drove in with his children—Gale, 13; Gerald, 12; Virginia, 10; Ronald, 9; James, 8; Mitchell, 7; Cleitus, 6; Carroll Ann, 5; Paul, 3; and Mary, 1.

Leinen picked out a 1936 car priced at \$95. With license and title transfer, the deal came to \$103. Leinen gave Wing \$3 and the family drove home—in two cars.

Rebels Battle Bolivian Govt.

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP)—Bolivia's Army-officer government drew troops from 155 miles away as fighting continued through the night in a revolt trying to overthrow the junta regime which seized power 11 months ago.

The rebels are backers of Victor Paz Estenssoro, exiled leader of the National Revolutionary Party (MNR) who won the most votes among six candidates in last year's presidential elections but never gained office.

Brig. Gen. Antonio Seleme, interior minister in the military junta, turned against his fellow officers and helped lead the revolt which began at dawn Wednesday. At least 18 persons were killed and 60 injured during the first day's fighting.

Most of the Army reportedly remained loyal to the military regime. Its forces gathered strength at the El Alto airportarrison, on a plateau 2,000 feet above La Paz, and launched a night attack by bright moonlight on the rebels in the capital city.

Radio appeals for workers and students to join the rebels drew little response. Residents of La Paz, a city of 200,000, crowded in their homes behind tightly shuttered doors and windows. The streets remained empty except for troops and troupes of armed civilians.

Built 12,400 feet above sea level, La Paz is the world's highest capital. Gunshots cracked sharply through the thin mountain air. Several parts of the city were reported badly damaged by mortar

Jap Airliner Hits, 37 Die

TOKYO (AP)—U.S. Air Force sources said the crash of a Japan Airlines plane 65 miles south of Tokyo Wednesday killed all 37 persons aboard, including three Americans.

The Americans were Ernest G. Stewart, Hialeah, Fla., pilot; Raymond G. Cleveland, Great Falls, Mont., co-pilot, and Capt. H. L. Reed, Wichita, Kans., a passenger.

The plane was a two-engine Martin 245 on lease to Japan Airlines from Northwest Airlines. It crashed into Mihara volcano on Oshima while on a regularly scheduled southbound flight from Tokyo to Fukuoka, Kyushu Island. Oshima lies on the southern air and sea approaches to Tokyo.

A U.S. Air Force search plane sighted the wreckage Thursday. Two para-medics of the Third Air Rescue Squadron "chuted to the island, later and reported they found no survivors.

Japanese sources said the crash was the worst in Japanese civil aviation history.

Among Japanese passengers was Takashi Miki, president of Yawata Iron and Steel, Japan's largest steel company.

Music Session Set Tomorrow

KLAMATH FALLS plays host to an expected 350 Southern Oregon high school students tomorrow here for the annual Southern Oregon District solo ensemble competition festival.

Students from Ashland, Central Point, Eagle Point, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Lakeview, Medford, Myrtle Creek, Oak Grove and Prospect are slated to participate in the competition which begins at 9 a.m. at KHS.

Adjudicators for the festival include Rex Underwood, University of Portland; Ira Lee, University of Oregon; Charles W. Lawrence, University of Washington; Stacey Green, University of Oregon; and Normal Street, Benson Poly (Portland).

Several dozen Klamath students alone are slated to compete, according to Director Andrew Loney Jr.

Service Set For Tonight

MAUNDY Thursday, commemorating the Lord's Last Supper and washing of his disciples' feet, will be celebrated in most Klamath churches and by a few other organizations.

The First Presbyterian church tonight at 7:30; First Congregational plans Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m.; Methodist church plans a Holy Communion at 8 p.m.; Klamath Lutheran church has slated Holy Communion for 7:45 p.m.

24th Street church has scheduled a Holy Hour service for 7:30 p.m., while Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is underway all day—Holy Thursday.

Scottish Rite has scheduled Maundy Thursday services for 8 tonight at the Masonic Temple.

Baptist Meet Ends Tonight

THE Baptist Sunday School convention, in session here since Tuesday, winds up tonight with a banquet at Jened's, starting at 5 p.m.

A total of 404 persons have registered for the convention. In 23 Oregon and Washington. Sessions are being held at the First Baptist Church. The Klamath Baptist Association is host.

Theme of this morning's session was "Going after every member of every family" and the theme of the afternoon session was "Training facilitates the task."

Mrs. Roy Gueck and Mrs. Ben McCollum were in charge of arrangements for tonight's banquet.

Chamber Hears San Jose Plan

Russell E. Pettit, manager of the San Jose, Calif., Chamber of Commerce, discussed industrial expansion yesterday before a noon meeting of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce.

The session was held at the Wilnema and 101 persons attended. Pettit discussed industrial development at San Jose and pointed out things that could be done here to encourage the location and expansion of industry.

Congressional Candidates to Appear On Next 'Build the Basin' Program

Next Monday night's "Build the Basin" radio forum will take a somewhat different tack.

All five of the men who are candidates for Congress from the Oregon 2nd district have been invited to face the KFLW microphone for an interview that probably will be frankly political.

The public will be able to ask the questions, through Moderator Bud Chandler.

Giles French, Republican, from Moro; Ben Muss, Democrat, from The Dalles, and John G. Jones, Democrat, from La Grande, have indicated they will come to Klamath Falls to appear on the program.

Lt. Ernest Hinkle, Republican, of The Dalles, will not be able to appear. He is still in the Air Force, stationed in New York.

The fifth candidate is Sam Coon of Baker, Republican. He reports a prior engagement for Monday night, but may be able to make a switch in his program to appear on the radio forum.

The five men are seeking the Congressional post being vacated by Rep. Lowell Stockman.

The listening public will be invited to question these men on any subject pertaining to their prospective duties if sent to Washington from this district, whether it be local needs and wants, foreign policy, military spending, corruption in government or any other topic a Congressman must interest himself in.

The public service program is to be broadcast over KFLW at 8:30 p.m. Monday, sponsored jointly by the Herald and News.

It probably will be the only occasion prior to the May 16 primary election in which a majority of the Congressional candidates of the district get together on one platform or in one radio studio.