

# Seizure Reversal Brings Quick Steel Shutdown

By ED CREAUGH

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Judge David A. Pine formally ordered the government Wednesday to give the nation's steel mills back to their owners as a wildfire strike closed the billion dollar industry down light.

Government lawyers immediately moved to appeal Pine's action and seek a higher court reversal of the judge's ruling that President Truman's April 8 seizure of the steel industry—to head off a walk-out—was illegal.

Across the nation, virtually all the 650,000 members of the CIO United Steelworkers of America were leaving their jobs in history's quickest shutdown of the vital industry.

Pine's formal order restraining the government from "controlling the seizure and possession" of the steel plants came less than 2 hours after he (1) ruled the President's

seizure action unconstitutional and (2) denied what he called Truman's claim of "unlimited and unrestrained power."

Assistant Attorney General Holmes Baldrige, representing the government as Wednesday's order was issued, told the judge his action would cause "incalculable" damage.

Baldrige asked Pine, a Democratic appointee of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt to postpone the effective date of his give-back-the-mills order. Pine refused to do so.

With Pine's ruling the final step at the level of his court was service of the order on Secretary of Commerce Sawyer, custodian of the mills for the government.

Immediately Baldrige filed notice the order would be appealed. Presumably this will be done in the U.S. Court of Appeals and then taken to the Supreme Court as quickly as possible if the appeal

court allows the ruling to stand.

The steel companies undoubtedly will appeal themselves if the higher court ruling goes against them. Pine's injunction was a temporary one, to remain in effect pending a final hearing and determination of the case.

At the White House Presidential Secretary Joseph Short said Truman was keeping in "very close touch with the situation" but declined to say what possible moves were under consideration.

"Is there a speech or message to Congress in preparation by the President?" a reporter asked.

"I can't talk about this matter at all," Short said.

Asked whether there might be something during the day from the White House, Short said he could not answer that question.

He was asked specifically whether the President might invoke the Taft-Hartley act but declined to discuss this.

Top Stabilization officials told newsmen they did not know what the government would do next in an effort to maintain steel production.

Roger L. Putnam, economic stabilization director, hinted there might be a White House conference on the situation later in the day.

But he and Price Stabilizer Ellis Arnall both said they had not been in touch with President Truman on the matter.

Nathan Feinsinger, chairman of the wage Stabilization Board, told reporters, "All I know is what I read in the papers."

With the vast steel industry shutting down, the government slapped an embargo on shipments of steel from warehouses to producers of civilian goods and to foreign countries.

The National Production Authority issued the order within two

hours of Pine's decision in a move to conserve the supplies on hand until it is determined whether they will have to be diverted from civilian to military use.

Outside of the courts, one further course was open to Truman: To invoke the Taft-Hartley law.

Philip Murray sought to nip such a move in advance, saying the union already has complied with Taft-Hartley provisions.

Murray declared the strike would continue until the workers get a contract along the lines recommended by the Wage Stabilization Board.

Judge Pine strongly indicated in Tuesday's decision that the President should invoke Taft-Hartley, which requires an 80-day cooling-off period before a strike can start.

Truman has refused so far to use the Taft-Hartley act, on the ground that the union already—at his request—has postponed its strike well

over 80 days.

But in the light of his declaration that all-out production of steel must be continued or the defense program will break down, he may have to use the law he opposes in the event Justice Department lawyers fail to suspend or upset Judge Pine's ruling.

The 60-year-old judge, after weighing opposing arguments since last Friday, declared in his 14-page decision:

There is no express grant of power in the constitution authorizing the President to direct this seizure. There is no grant of power from which it reasonably can be implied. There is no enactment of Congress authorizing it.

Pine said Congress could pass a law immediately to "protect the nation from this threatened disaster"—the steel strike.

But in the absence of such a law the judge said:

I believe that the contemplated strike if it came, with all its awful results, would be less injurious to the public than the injury which would flow from a timorous judicial recognition that there is some basis for this claim to unlimited and unrestrained executive power.

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## Giant Plane Vanishes, 50 Aboard

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — One of the biggest air hunts ever made in Brazil got underway Wednesday for the lost Pan-American Stratocruiser which vanished with 50 persons aboard Tuesday while en route to New York.

The search area embraced a vast 320,000 square mile area of unexplored jungle, dry plateau and river basins, many of them with sand bars that might afford suitable landings.

The same crewmen and 10 passengers were Americans.

Pan American officials said 27 planes of the U.S. Air Force and Navy, the Brazilian Air Force and commercial airlines were patrolling a wide rectangular area running 400 miles west from Barraes to Xavantina, thence north to Santarem on the Amazon and east to Belem on the coast.

The luxury two-deck plane was last heard from at 1:30 a.m. Tuesday when it made radio contact with Barraes, nearly 900 miles northwest of Rio de Janeiro. It then reported its position as 240 miles west of Barraes.

The U.S. Air Force in Washington announced that 17 planes, ranging from B-29s to a helicopter, had been ordered into the search from bases in Puerto Rico, by the Air Rescue Service and the Strategic Air Command.

A search base was set up at Belem under the coordination of a Brazilian Air Force officer. The U.S. force was commanded by Maj. Richard B. Olney of Ramey Air Base in Puerto Rico.

The Brazilian Air Force dispatched three B-17s, a C-75 transport and several small bi-planes which would be useful in searching along the rivers.

The double-decked Boeing Stratocruiser was the first plane of its kind to be reported missing. It is powered by four 2,800-horsepower engines.

Congress has done nothing to be proud of in this steel situation that has suddenly become so critical and so dangerous.

## Cancer Unit Leader Named

Mrs. Keith O'Hair has been named new commander of the Klamath County Cancer Society, replacing Ann Laurent who resigned when she moved away several months ago.

Mrs. O'Hair has been serving as education chairman of the cancer fund drive that gets underway here next week. She will serve as head of the local group for the rest of the year.

Portland went on daylight time by council proclamation Wednesday and three other Northwest cities lined up swiftly in the parade.

Still others took a fresh look at the situation which stemmed from Oregon Gov. McKay's decision that his state should not have fast time.

That decision was a week ago and promptly most radio stations tied to networks went on daylight time anyway.

Then industries and shops in the state started changing their hours to get the added evening daylight hour.

Portland's city council Tuesday proclaimed daylight time. It already had its 3,100 employees coming to work an hour earlier.

Roseburg, Keno and Longview city councils jumped right in and the two Washington cities made it effective at 2 a.m. Thursday and Roseburg at 2 a.m. Sunday.

The Oregon State Grange promptly put attorneys at work considering whether the grange could go to court to put Portland back in the standard time zone.

In the opinion of Attorney General George Neuner, Portland's action is legal because it is voluntary.

He said that Wednesday, adding an individual could do anything he wanted to do to the hands of his clock and presumably a corporation could also.

Many Portlanders found the state of daylight time an unpleasant experience. The Portland traction company didn't catch up with the change and there was a windy rainstorm in progress while hundreds lined the curbs at bus stops, waiting for buses that weren't on the way.

Gordon Steele, traction company president, said things would be better Thursday.

## Timbermen Deadlocked On Issues

There was no change on the five-state lumber strike this morning, according to the Associated Press in Portland and both labor and management representatives here in Klamath Falls.

About 40,000 lumber workers throughout the Northwest walked off their jobs yesterday, among them 325 employees of Car-Ad-Co and Klamath Basin Pine Mills in Klamath Falls.

One local spokesman for the lumber industry said there were reports that the Fir Milling and Planing Company in Ashland had settled at a 7 1/2 cents per hour increase with the contract extended another year. A similar negotiation was reported completed between the union and the Red Bluff Lumber Company of Eagle Point and Præspect.

In Klamath Falls picket lines were established in front of the two mills.

(A story by Hale Scarborough backgrounding the strike issues is published on page 7 today.)

## Oil Workers Go on Strike

DENVER (AP) — About half the nation's oil workers went on strike Wednesday while local negotiations continued in an effort to break the threat to defense, industry and transportation.

The walkout over wages and working conditions ended months of fruitless bargaining and government attempts at settlement.

Taking part immediately were dependent union members in refineries, pipelines and distribution plants.

Union officials estimated 44 per cent of the nation's refinery capacity was cut off. They hinted a spread of the walkout if a speedy settlement isn't reached.

Only spot shortages of gasoline for trucks and autos threatened immediately. Stocks are at a seasonal high. But Joseph A. Lentz, Denver regional manager for Continental Oil said if the strike continues long enough, "we'll all be walking and then they'll settle it."

Railroads, anticipating the long-threatened walkout, have stockpiled Diesel fuel. The Santa Fe reported a two-month supply; the New York Central enough for 30 days.

Industry and utilities also have built up stocks and some are ready to switch from oil to coal.

Supervisory personnel helped keep natural gas flowing to the Midwest and East Coast but both were threatened with up to a 50 per cent cut in gas.

The most optimistic notes came from the West Coast. Workers were told to stay on their jobs as a key part of the Korean war effort. And negotiators moved toward a compromise on workers' original demands for a 25 per cent hourly wage increase and improved shift differentials.

## Wind Brings Dust Clouds

High winds closed visibility around Klamath Falls to six miles yesterday as it raised a cloud of dust over the Basin, and gusts were still reaching above the 40-mile per hour mark this morning.

The CAA reported yesterday's wind velocities registered along the 30-mile mark most of the afternoon. During the night the wind apparently dropped down a little, picking up again today.

## Motorist Killed Near Chemult

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## Eight Yankee Airmen Killed

TOKYO (AP) — Eight American airmen were killed in two transport plane crashes in Southern Japan within 12 hours, the Far East Air Forces said Wednesday.

A C-46 transport on a routine investigational flight crashed into the rim of Mt. Aso, 550 miles southwest of Tokyo Wednesday morning.

Myron F. Hancock, a helicopter pilot from Brownstown, Ill., reached the scene shortly after the crash. He said all crewmen were dead.

A C-119 cargo transport hit a ridge Tuesday night on an instrument approach to Ashiya Air Base on Kyushu Island. FEAF said its four airmen were killed.

Names of all crewmen were withheld.

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## Near Sweep Slashes Taft Lead

BOSTON (AP) — Gen. Eisenhower's popular vote total passed the 229,000 mark in the Massachusetts primary Wednesday, and a near-sweep of the delegate elections virtually closed the gap between him and Sen. Taft in their nationwide race for the Republican presidential nomination.

It was almost a shut-out by Eisenhower, his most convincing primary victory of any to date.

Along with his overwhelming count in the Republican election, Eisenhower also got a big Democratic vote, big enough to put him in second place behind Sen. Keafauer, of Tennessee, the expected winner.

When reporters gave him the figures, at an airport in Frankfurt, Germany, the general grinned, and said, "Is that good?"

Later in Paris, he said the results were "an overpowering sort of thing. It has begun to look kind of serious."

Massachusetts has 38 GOP convention votes, and Eisenhower Wednesday has 29 of them as a result of 27 victories and two previously allotted by agreement.

Taft won one delegate and also got two by agreement. The other six presumably will be uncommitted at the nomination convention in July.

Eisenhower's nation-wide delegate total moved up to 265 as a result of the added delegates. Three more for Taft put his tally at 268, although his managers are claiming 305.

The figures, compiled by the Associated Press, are based on delegates pledged, favorable, or publicly committed to the two leading Republican contenders for the nomination.

A popular vote that smashed all records in Massachusetts put these dimensions to Eisenhower's victory.

1. His GOP write-ins alone were more than all the votes cast for all other candidates, both Republican and Democratic.

2. He was running nearly 130,000 ahead of Taft, and he had nearly 89 per cent of the entire Republican vote.

3. In a number of cities and towns, he led both the Democratic and Republican tickets. In Boston, Keafauer topped him by 5,835 to 5,081. He beat Taft in the capital by 15,242 to 6,811.



LEAVE FOR JUAREZ—Actress Shelley Winters and Italian actor Vittorio Gassman pictured as they boarded a plane in Los Angeles for El Paso, Tex., and Juarez, Mex. Gassman hoped for a quick Mexican divorce so he and Shelley can wed "in a few days."



ON THEIR WAY to get a little learning this morning, Jinnie Watson, 529 Torrey St., and Paul Fields, 541 Mt. Pitt St. were snapped by the Special photographer. Both lads attend the Pelican Grade School.