

STEEL SEIZURE ARGUMENTS END

U.S. Holds Nation On War Status

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By KARL BAUMAN

WASHINGTON (AP) — Main arguments in the steel seizure case wound up before the Supreme Court Tuesday with the administration contending "we are at war" and seizure of the steel mills was the only way President Truman could assure their continued operation.

Solicitor General Philip B. Perlman, in likening the present international situation to war, said the nation's very existence is threatened.

Scornfully, he contended that industry's claimed fears of "irreparable damage" from government operation of the mills are "a lot of fantastic hodgepodge." John W. Davis retorted for the steel companies: "our property is taken away, our bargaining power is by-passed." He said that was real injury.

Davis used but 10 minutes to reply to an overtime argument from Perlman. Each had been allotted two and one-half hours. Davis left 43 minutes unused.

Davis asked the justices to uphold the decision by U. S. District Judge David A. Pine that seizure of the mills was illegal. "We look to the judiciary to hold the balance between the powers of the constitutional functionaries," he said.

After Perlman and Davis finished the main arguments, the court turned to side issues.

The first of these was a plea by Arthur Goldberg, general counsel for the CIO Steelworkers, that the court hand down its decision at the earliest possible date.

After that, the court was to hear from three of the major railroad brotherhoods on what bearing its steel decision might have on the railroad seizure.

It was the second and final day of oral arguments, before the high tribunal on the momentous question of presidential powers under the Constitution.

When the court may hand down a decision is highly uncertain. There is no time limit on how long the court may take.

The administration contends that Truman had not only the right but the duty to take over the mills, as he did on April 8, to maintain steel production for the good of the nation.

Davis maintains Truman had no authority under the Constitution or any law to seize the mills.

He called Secretary of Commerce Sawyer, nominal operator of the mills under government possession, a "mere trespasser."

When court reconvened at 11:03 a.m. (EST), Perlman had only 17 minutes left of the two and one-half hours allotted him for argument.

But the justices let him run overtime so they could fire questions at him.

Much of Perlman's time in his first appearance Monday was taken up with replies to peppering questions.

The queries from the bench began again when Perlman, after saying industry fears of damage were "fantastic," declared there was no intention to interfere with management.

Chief Justice Vinson asked whether this procedure (of non-interference) could be changed.

Perlman replied that "frankly it is proposed to change working conditions," — meaning wages primarily — and called this "the only tangible basis for their fears."

But, Perlman insisted, any damages the company could prove resulted from this would have to be paid for by the government.



LITTLE FELLER— This Shetland pony, just 13 days old now, was born May 1 on the Sam Stewart place on S. 6th.

Fiery Object Seen in Sky

What was probably a meteor flashed a dazzling path across Western Klamath skies this morning. Although but two persons reported seeing the fiery sky speeder, both were responsible adults in widely separated sections of the city.

Nick Long, who first phoned the Herald and News about seeing the object, timed it at 7:12 a.m. He said he saw the brilliant ball of fire racing across the sky as he looked out from his Lakeshore Drive home. Long said the object disappeared below the mountain line west of his home.

A few minutes later Gilbert Morris, 1906 Kane, phoned that he also had seen such an object at 7:13 a.m.

Morley, with a better view, said he saw the sky object burn out in the Western heavens.

Both Long and Morley described the fire ball as appearing quite large and leaving a long trail behind as it sped along.

Neither would hazard a close estimate of the object's distance although Long said "it might have been as far away as Medford."

Council Bans Use of Park

Recreation Park, the city's old ballyard off Owens Street, is to be banned for public use until the grandstand and bleachers are either made safe or torn down.

Members of the City Council last night directed the Recreation Department to do one or the other immediately, and to not allow any more use of the park until something is done.

Earlier the Council had instructed the department not to allow persons to use the grandstand and bleachers until repairs were made, but with Oregon Tech and Sacred Heart using the field for soccer ball games, keeping spectators off the rotted and tamarack stands has been almost impossible.

No games were scheduled on the field this week.

PURCHASE OFFER

Burch Hart has offered to buy the property, but since Recreation Field was given the city for recreation purposes by the Rotary Club, permission of the donor to sell has been deemed necessary. So far Rotary hasn't given its permission.

City Attorney Henry Perkins has ruled that the city is liable for any injuries which might be received by spectators because of the condition of the stands.

Last night's Council meeting was held on standard time, although the Council is a week earlier than it voted to put the city on daylight time.

An ordinance changing the meeting hours of the City Council was by charter, and it took two weeks to get it passed.

Next Monday the Council goes on daylight time.

Other action of the Council last night included:

Approval of \$50,810 worth of building permits, the largest \$23,000 for a new residence at 2041 Van Ness by Greer Drew, another for a \$20,000 apartment building at 1929 Erie, by Klamath Valley Lumber Company, and \$10,000 for a new residence at 2140 Home, by N. A. Wetman.

Approval of a beer license for the Hub Tavern, in the name of Vida Yancey and Harry Yancey. Permission for VPV Post 1383 to hold its Buddy Poppy sale May 23-24.

Permission for the National

U.S. Academy Tests Slated

Rep. Lowell Stockman, Oregon's 2nd District Congressman, will have vacancies at the U. S. Military Academy and the U. S. Naval Academy to fill for admission July 1, 1953.

Boys interested and qualified for the appointments should write to Congressman Stockman, House Office Building, Washington, D. C., for further information and to be admitted to the examination.

Applicants must be residents of the 2nd Congressional District, but not their 22nd birthday by July 1, 1953.

The Civil Service Commission will conduct examinations July 14, 1952, to aid in selecting nominees for both West Point and Annapolis.

MRS. SNYDER DIES

JONESBORO, Ark. (AP) — Mrs. J. H. Snyder, mother of Secretary of the Treasury John Snyder, died at her home here Monday night. Mrs. Snyder, 80, had been in failing health for the past few years.

Forum Panel Nixes Park Board Switch, Mayor's Salary Increase, Favors Pool

A straight and tough talking five-man "Build the Basin" panel last night ripped into three city ballot measures, tore them to shreds, put them back together again and came up with these majority or unanimous opinions:

1. We should vote yes for a 1.5 mill levy to provide funds for construction of a municipal swimming pool.
2. We should vote no on the proposal to increase the mayor's salary from \$175 to \$500 a month.
3. We should vote no on the idea of reducing the Park Board to an advisory body, transferring most of its authority to the City Council.

Last evening's edition of the weekly Herald and News-KPLW public service forum drew a flood of telephonic questions and comments. The overall tone of those messages from the listening audience appeared to agree with the panel decisions noted above.

The panel was comprised of O. D. Matthews, Sam Neslin, Russ Marshall, Buzz Larkin and City Councilman Mark Smith.

The five men gathered around the radio forum table several minutes before the program went on the air at 8:30. By program time, the panelists had doffed loosened collars and were well warmed to their subjects.

Battle lines were quickly drawn when Moderator Bud Chandler polled the panel on the three issues. The swimming pool drew approval all around the table; all the participants except Councilman Smith turned thumbs down on increasing the mayor's salary; Smith was also the only panel member who thought the City Council should be voted most of the Park Board's authority although at times Sam Neslin made strong argument lending support to the councilman's stand that the Park Board had too much authority.

On the pool type question (indoor or outdoor), Sam Neslin made a big to-do over who should decide the type. "Will it be the people who are paying for the pool or some politician," Neslin wanted to know.

Four of the five panelists (Neslin, Marshall, Matthews and Larkin) objected to increasing the mayor's salary on the principal grounds that the best solution to the city's needs would be a qualified city manager rather than a full-time mayor.

Smith, while agreeing that the city manager plan might be advisable, said that he thought the mayor's salary should be increased if the present administrative setup was continued.

The Park Board matter was the big target of the evening. Matthews and Marshall, both Park Board members, voiced bitter opposition to putting the board under the City Council's thumb. Larkin supported their stand. Smith argued the Park Board had "entirely too much authority" and Neslin never did get around to taking a positive stand. "I want to think it over some more," he said. However, in terse exchanges with Marshall and Matthews, Neslin challenged their stand that the Park Board should retain its present status.

Members of an old municipal fire were stirred at one point by Marshall. Asked by Neslin for some specific reasons why he didn't want the board's authority voted over to the City Council, Marshall said a big reason was because the Park Board didn't want to "get caught

Wage Board Steps into Oil Strike

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Gov. Adams Coming To Boost Ike

By HALE SCARBROUGH

Gov. Sherman Adams of New Hampshire, whose state touched off the Eisenhower-for-President boom, is scheduled to buzz into town late this afternoon to see about corraling some Friday voters for his man.

The New Hampshire political leader, stumping Oregon for Eisenhower, will appear at a Republican rally at 8:15 tonight in the Willard Hotel.

His party is to be met at the north end of town by local Republicans and city officials.

Struck Klamath Mill Refuses Union Offer

The management of Klamath Basin Pine Mills turned down a proposed settlement with striking members of the CIO International Woodworkers of America union Monday afternoon, and the plant remains closed because of the labor dispute.

The union had offered to go back to work if Klamath Basin Pine Mills would agree word for word with a settlement reached earlier by the union with Weyerhaeuser Timber Company.

That agreement would give the workers a 7 1/2-cent hourly wage boost, three additional paid holidays, an added night shift differential and establish certain qualifications for the pay raise and holiday pay.

The union asked that the matter of payment for the health and welfare program be left up to negotiation.

Hal Geiger of the IWA said the union's offer would remove the health and welfare issue as a main cause of the work stoppage.

ANOTHER TRY

Meanwhile, the Pine Industrial Relations Committee has tentatively scheduled a meeting here with the union's Northwest negotiating committee on the strike situation for Thursday.

C. L. Irving of PIRC said the meeting was "tentatively" set because he didn't know whether by Thursday the PIRC would be representing a vote. Several plants which were represented by PIRC when the labor dispute began have pulled out to make individual settlements with their local IWA unions, similar to the one proposed between Klamath Basin Pine Mills and IWA's Local 812.

Monday workers of Kalpine and Southern Pacific plywood plants here voted to strike unless a dispute over working conditions at the two mills is patched up.

The API Lumber and Sawmill Workers' union has representation at the plywood plants.

Floyd Henderson of the union said 98 per cent of employees voted to strike, but no date was set for it. The union claims an unspecified contract violation by the companies.

Truman Said Ready To Invoke T-H

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Wage Stabilization Board (WSB) stepped into the two weeks old oil strike Tuesday by ordering a series of informal board discussions on what to do.

The WSB, which had called in representatives of more than a score of oil companies and a coalition of striking unionists, held a five-minute formal session.

WSB Chairman Nathan L. Feinsinger read a statement saying the board would "explore ways and means of expediting settlements of the remaining disputes in the national interest" and would check into scattered agreements already reached in the field.

He said the board is of the "unanimous opinion that disputes still unresolved can be settled through collective bargaining."

REFUSAL

The unions have refused to call off the strike, which has affected about one-third of the nation's oil production, but agreed to attend Tuesday WSB meetings.

When Feinsinger finished his statement, J. J. McKenna, who represents a number of independent unions, said he didn't like the way the board was going about the situation and threatened to leave, saying he would be at his hotel "if anybody wants me."

"Our men are not going back to work until we get a settlement," McKenna said. "That's for sure."

However, McKenna stayed at the WSB offices after O. A. Knight, president of the CIO Oil Workers' union, urged him: "don't pull away from us now."

Feinsinger said the board, in its study of ways to settle remaining disputes, would also spend the rest of the day, and perhaps Wednesday, exploring the status of collective bargaining negotiations now in progress in the unsettled disputes.

About 90,000 oil workers in refineries and pipelines are on strike.

President Truman was reliably reported waiting on the outcome of the meeting before deciding whether to invoke the T-H act's national emergency provision in Indiana, Michigan and Pennsylvania.

These include an 80-day court injunction against continuing a walk-out.

The strike against pipelines, distribution plants and 70 or more refineries was curtailed militarily and civilian flying in this country and abroad. Motorists gasoline supplies have become scarce in some areas.

AIRLINES

Commercial airlines reported they were being forced to cancel as many as one-third of their scheduled flights.

At Quonset Point, R. I., the Navy reported a one-third reduction in air operations.

H. E. Fairweather, district supervisor of the Interstate Commerce Commission in Indianapolis, said truck lines would be in serious trouble by Wednesday or Thursday if the strike continues.



MRS. J. MARTIN ADAMS

Bureau Water Plans Feared

EUREKA, Calif. (AP) — Concern over Bureau of Reclamation plans to use water of the Klamath and Trinity Rivers was expressed Monday at a meeting of the Klamath River Watershed Development Association.

Frank Jenkins, Klamath Falls, Ore., publisher and association president, told the session here: "Not only is the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation threatening to take state funds from the Trinity River, which would also affect the Klamath, but they are likewise threatening to divert the Klamath River."

The Trinity joins the Klamath in Northern California.

The Bureau of Reclamation plans would divert part of the Trinity's flow eastward into the Sacramento, whose waters now irrigate California's Central Valleys. Bureau plans would divert part of the Klamath's flow.

Water users in both areas are protesting losing any of the water.

State Sen. Randolph Collier of Yreka told the group he also has asked Congress to take no action on the Trinity and Klamath projects until the survey has been completed.

The association seeks regional development of the Trinity and Klamath reflecting local needs.

Well Known Matron Dies

Mrs. Elinor May Adams, wife of Dr. J. Martin Adams, died at Hillside Hospital Monday night shortly before midnight following an illness of six months. She had been a patient at the hospital seven weeks.

A native of Merced, Calif., Mrs. Adams came to Klamath Falls in 1933, and was married to Dr. Adams, Aug. 4, that year. She was born Jan. 15, 1903.

A graduate of Merced Union High School, Mrs. Adams also graduated from nurses' training at Highland Hospital, now known as Alameda County Hospital, Oakland, Calif.

In Klamath Falls she was an active member of Fairview PTA for seven years; charter member of the Klamath County Medical Society auxiliary and an ardent follower of transcribing and hunting.

Recently she donated trees planted in Fairview park where a memorial is to be established in her honor.

Survivors include the widower, Dr. J. Martin Adams; two daughters, Marion and Sandra; her mother, Mrs. S. J. Lord, Merced; a sister, Mrs. Ben Hendley, Salinas, Calif.; and a brother, Alvin C. Peterson, Tuscon, Ariz.

Time and place of the funeral is to be announced by Ward's Klamath Funeral Home. The family has requested that no flowers be sent.

Koje Prison Head Removed

SEOUL, Korea (AP) — Brig. Gen. Charles F. Colson was removed Tuesday as commandant of Kojima Island — three days after he made a sharply criticized deal with Red prisoners of war for the release of his predecessor.

The new shakeup in the Kojima Command came less than 12 hours after it became known the Joint Chiefs of Staff demanded immediate and full clarification of circumstances leading to:

1. Brig. Gen. Francis T. Dodd's capture by his Kojima prisoners, and
2. Colson's promise concession to Communist POW leaders which won Dodd's release Saturday night.

Gen. Mark Clark, who became Far Eastern Commander Monday at the present administration, reported to the Pentagon "by the fastest means possible."

Gen. James A. Van Fleet named Brig. Gen. Hayden L. Boatner, veteran front line infantry commander from New Orleans, to take over the turbulent 80,000 man prison camp.

School Fund Drives Curbed

In the future only two fund solicitations a year will be allowed to be carried on through Klamath Falls schools, the School Boards of District 1 and 2 voted Monday night.

A committee composed of Marie Stearns, Grace Johnston, Lucille O'Neill and Doris Peyton, appointed to study the fund drive problem, recommended that only the Junior Red Cross and one united fund drive, such as the Community Chest, be allowed to make solicitations in schools.

The decision also put a ban on any pressure to have school children make donations to fund drives and that there be no competition from room to room or school to school over how much money is raised or how many youngsters contribute.

Educational aspects of the fund-raising organizations are to be stressed, rather than the collection of money, the boards decreed.

Likewise, pressure to obtain contributions from employees of the school districts will be banned.

"We believe these recommendations are in accordance with the American ideal of free choice," the committee reported.

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Brown Hands In Resignation

The resignation of James L. Arnold, principal of Klamath Union High School, was accepted Monday night by the KUHS school board, and it may be several weeks before a successor is named.

Arnold Gralapp, school superintendent, said that study of the qualifications of persons already on the local school staff for the job of principal would be made before the search for a principal was turned elsewhere.

Gralapp said that he and the school board commended Brown for his work here in the past four years and congratulated him on his promotion.

Brown is to go to Redmond as principal of Redmond Union High School and superintendent of the district.

Taft and Ike Race Tightens

By The Associated Press

The Taft-Eisenhower fight for Republican presidential nomination delegates, tightened up a little by results in Rhode Island and Wyoming, swings Tuesday to West Virginia.

The weather was fair there and a half-million ballots were expected in a public Democratic preference election, delegates, delegates, and hot nomination races for governor and congress, were:

1. Election of 16-vote Republican and 20-vote Democratic delegations to the Chicago national convention in July.
2. A GOP popularity contest between Sen. Robert Taft of Ohio and former Gov. Harold Stassen of Minnesota, spiced by a movement for write-in votes—which can not count legally—for Gen. Dwight Eisenhower.

CONFIDENCE

Taft backers, with the solid support of the state organization were confident of capturing all 16 Republican delegates. Eisenhower forces said they would consider it a victory to elect even one Eisenhower delegate.

In the preferential poll, Taft looked like a shoo-in over Stassen. Eisenhower people are asking voters to write "Ike" across the names of Stassen and Taft even though such write-ins won't be counted. Their avowed purpose: To cut down the Taft popularity vote.

There was no Democratic preference vote. Candidates for the 20-vote delegation, except for one supporter of Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, kept silent as to which nominee-candidate they favored.

Officially, delegations of both parties will be uninstructed.

TAFT LEAD

Conventions in Wyoming and Rhode Island Monday revised the Associated Press tabulation of GOP delegate strength to read: Taft 343 Eisenhower 290.

In Wyoming Taft picked up six delegates against two for Eisenhower. Four others were not committed. But the general got all eight of Rhode Island's votes when the convention there balked at a split with Taft.

The AP tabulation is based on concessions, pledges, instructions and statements by delegates willing to express a preference. Nomination requires 604 votes.

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Locust May Bring Famine

ROME (AP) — Giant locust swarms are threatening the entire food supply of agricultural countries from Africa to Asia in the worst plague for the future.

This was reported today by the U. N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), which gave this picture:

Tens of millions of desert locusts have swept from their East African breeding place with dramatic rapidity since the start of the year. Vast areas of French Somaliland, Eritrea, The Sudan, Aden, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Kuwait, Jordan, Egypt, Israel, Syria, Iraq, Iran and Pakistan are infested.

Present swarms are now breeding and a new generation of young locusts soon will be on hand threatening the cotton and grain of the Nile delta on one side and the rice fields of India on the other.

FAO estimated that between 500 and 600 million hectares (1.1 to 1.3 billion acres) of Iran, running from the border of Iraq to that of Pakistan, are infested with desert locust eggs. This means a new plague for the future.

So far the Iranian government has been able to clean up only one-tenth of this area. Both the United States and the U.S.S.R. have sent in aircraft and experts to help fight the menace—a rare example of postwar cooperation between the two rival powers.



AWAITING HIS birthday with considerable anticipation is Virgil Rightmeyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rightmeyer, Route 2, Box 450. Virgil will be 4, May 23.

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