

# Morse Says Steel Seizure News Warped

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Morse (R-Ore.) said Tuesday national reporting of the steel dispute distorted the seriousness of the situation when President Truman seized the steel industry and concentrated instead on "the political overtones."

Morse, who has backed up the seizure from the start, said he considers this "one of the saddest failures of American journalism in my recollection." He added:

"In this instance, I think the press, radio and television failed to meet their public trust. They are all tarred with the same brush."

Morse made his comments at a Senate Labor subcommittee's hearings on a bill he is sponsoring to authorize seizure of defense plants.

Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn.) was the only other senator present and he chimed in with some comments of his own.

Humphrey said he had been

"shocked and amazed" because he had not seen any newspaper account of testimony Secretary of Defense Lovett gave to this subcommittee on April 24 about the importance of steel to defense.

"The Associated Press quoted Lovett on that date as saying any prolonged stoppage of steel production 'could result in tragedy and disaster'; that 'a sudden and large-scale resumption of combat

in Korea may occur at any time,' and that he did not see how any President 'in a critical time such as this could allow a major stoppage of steel' but that the Defense Department had no opinion on the methods Truman used.

Lovett was quoted in a general AP story on the steel situation. The story was widely published by AP member newspapers.

Morse said "much of the newspaper comment seemed to follow

remarkably the content of full-page ads, said for by the steel companies."

He went on to say that conventions of newspaper editors and publishers adopted resolutions condemning the steel seizure last month but Morse said neither of the groups made any effort to investigate the facts in the dispute.

Secretary of Labor Tobin, who

was in the witness chair, put in this situation is borne out by the facts."

On April 24, the American Newspaper Publishers Association, meeting in New York, adopted a reso-

lution censuring Truman's seizure of the steel industry and saying it would "resist and defeat" any move against the press by any President.

## Editor Denies News Failure

WASHINGTON (AP) — The president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors (ASNE) has challenged a statement by Sen. Morse (R-Ore.) that press, radio and television did not fully report the steel seizure dispute.

"News coverage by the American press of all viewpoints on the steel controversy has been thorough and complete," ASNE head Wright Bryan, editor of the Atlanta Journal, said in Atlanta Tuesday night.

"Anyone who says otherwise simply has not read the newspapers, or else refuses to believe the evidence before his eyes."

Bryan said editorial comment has expressed every conceivable attitude as "it always does on controversial issues."

Morse, a supporter of President Truman's seizure of the steel mills, accused the press, radio and television of failing to meet their public trust.

## Justice Chief Wins Approval

WASHINGTON (AP) — A top-sided Senate vote cleared the way for James P. McGranery to walk into the Justice Department Wednesday and take over as the boss.

By a 52 to 18 vote, the Senate Tuesday night confirmed President Truman's nomination of the 56-year-old Philadelphia jurist to succeed J. Howard McGrath as attorney general.

All the votes against the appointment were cast by Republicans, but 14 other Republicans joined 38 Democrats in voting for confirmation.

Pennsylvania's two Republican senators, Duff and Martin, were among those voting approval.

McGranery, a former House member, has been a federal judge in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania since 1946.

During the war he served as the No. 2 official in the Justice Department, as assistant to the attorney general.

Truman sent McGranery's nomination to the Senate last April 3 in a lightning aftermath to McGrath's resignation after firing Newbold Morris as government clean-up man.

McGranery told the Senate Judiciary Committee he would expose and prosecute corruption wherever he found it.

He also pledged to fire any incompetent, disloyal or dishonest Justice Department employees.

Sens. Ferguson (R-Mich.) and Watkins (R-Utah), who led the fight against McGranery, said they did not believe his performance would match his promise.

**NEW JUDGES**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Judiciary Committee Tuesday approved a compromise bill providing for 16 new federal judgeships, including two additions to the Ninth Circuit court in the Far West.

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