

# STEEL STRIKE IDLES THOUSANDS

## In The Daily News

By FRANK JENKINS

Here is a stubborn fact: In a world full of powder kegs and plenty of matches lying around loose, we have a steel strike on our hands.

We shouldn't have, of course. If Russia should move swiftly and decisively, a shortage of steel could be disastrous to us.

But there it is, staring us in the face. It can't be waved away with a word.

What are we going to do about it? Congress could pass a law EMPowering the President to seize the steel industry again.

It seems to me, as one small citizen, that we'd better toughen this existing steel strike out, leaving to the power of public opinion to bring a reasonable settlement reasonably soon, and concentrate our efforts on preventing other strikes in industries of the magnitude of steel.

How shall we do that? It seems to me that the first and most intelligent step would be to ban industry-wide bargaining.

Forces that are too big to handle are almost certain to become intractable. I think everyone will agree that there has been a lot of intolerance on both sides of the steel strike. There would have been less intolerance, I believe, if the steel situation had been handled in smaller units.

The oil strike, for example, was much less menacing and was settled much more quickly and with less heat and ill will on both sides.

Looking to the future (and we HAVE TO look to the future) we'd better remove the causes of the trouble instead of trying to deal with consequences as they arise to plague us.

It still seems to me that the most striking development arising out of this steel controversy is the way in which so many justices on the supreme court crossed ideological lines in order to get to the root of a situation that could threaten the nation's very existence.

Let's put it this way: Practically all of the justices of the present court have been appointed by New Deal Presidents.

In doing so, they set a precedent that congress may well follow. This is a campaign year. In campaign years, members of congress tend to be more modern times to throw courage and principle to the winds and grasp at expediency.

It is in this instance, congress will follow the courageous and statesmanlike example set by so many justices of the supreme court. It may be possible to enact laws so wise and sound as to get at the root of our industrial troubles.

## State Mishaps Take 4 Lives

By The Associated Press

Accidents Monday claimed four lives in Oregon. Two men drowned, a two-year-old boy was killed by a car and a man died in a well cave-in.

Robert Farwell, 34, Pendleton, was trapped in the well he was digging about two miles east of the Eastern Oregon City. State Police and neighbors recovered his body about two hours after the cave-in was discovered.

David R. Walker, 24, of Reedsport, drowned in the ocean after he jumped from his disabled crab boat. The boat's engine went dead and the anchor chain broke three miles south of the Unkqua River Bar.

Frederick L. Kindell, 2, was killed outright when his car was run over in the driveway of his Springfield home. Coroner Fred Buell said the boy's 14-year-old step-brother, Martin Leroy Myers, was backing the car out of the garage.

## Council OKs Park Sale To Church

By HALE SCARBROUGH

The City Council broke through several long-pending property problems Monday night, voting to sell Recreation Field to Sacred Heart Academy, to sell about 18 lots it owns in Trailer Park for residential purposes, and to rezone and put on sale as light industrial sites property along Owens Street and around Recreation Field.

Councilman Darrell Miller brought out action on all three moves.

He had investigated the locations and declared that the so-called Trailer Park, at Radcliffe and Washburn, isn't suitable for recreational use although it has been held off sale for that purpose, that the city is urgently in need of locations designated for industrial use since it now has only one industrial lot left for sale, and that the city has a sort of moral obligation to see that Sacred Heart has an athletic field.

Recreation Field property was donated to the city for recreational use by the Rotary Club. Some time ago the city agreed to sell the property, stipulating that money derived be placed in a special Rotary fund to be used for recreation at the club's direction.

The Trailer Park property — which during World War II was site of a trailer housing project — has been kept from sale for possible residential use. Miller said it isn't suitable for that use, being alkali and dusty as well as in the center of a growing residential area. The Council directed that city-owned lots there be put up for residential sale immediately.

Owens and Adams, in the vicinity of Recreation Field, and including the field, the Council directed that it be classified as industrial and also put on sale. The Sacred Heart Academy is ready to buy and will be accepted.

That property now is designated as Class II residential, but in 1949 a move was made to re-zone it as industrial. For some reason the plan then was abandoned, but it is to be taken up again. Considerable city-owned property in that area could be sold, Miller said, for industrial use but not for residential use.

City Attorney Henry Perkins said he would have a resolution prepared by next Monday night starting the rezoning change. In effect, the rezoning would just move the present industrial area boundary over to Owens. It now extends to the alley back of Adams.

Other Council action Monday night included: Appointment of Vern Schortgen as building inspector, replacing Walt Saltsberg whose resignation was effective last week. Schortgen was on the contracting business here for several years.

Appointment of Jerry Olson as a member of the civil service commission, replacing Merrill D. Kious, who resigned and has moved to Sacramento.

Approval of just \$3,000 worth of building permits.

Permitting the Klamath Basin Roundup Association to stage its July 4 parade, June 28 kids' parade, kangaroo court and other activities.

Receipt of identical bids from three companies for furnishing emulsified asphalt for unpaved street dust-coating this summer.

The bids, from American Bituminous Asphalt Company, Shell Oil Company and Union Oil Company all were 9.5 cents a gallon, FOB the San Francisco bay area. The city plans to buy 5,500 gallons and to have its street-oiling program done by the first of next week.

PARADE

Permission to Calvary Baptist Church to have a children's parade through Mills Addition at 1 a. m. Friday, observing the opening of the church's summer Bible School.

# Forum Finds City Prime War Target

## Battle Stirs California

### Berlin Reds Confined By British

By RICHARD KASISCHKE

BERLIN (AP) — British military police threw a barbed wire barricade around Russian — operated Radio Berlin Tuesday and besieged the Communist island inside the western section of the divided city.

The surprise dawn action caught a guard of about 20 Russian tommy-gunners inside the big red brick building in the middle of the British sector of the former German capital.

British and German police on guard around the barbed wire barricade announced to both Russian and German civilian station personnel that anybody inside the building could come out but that nobody would be allowed back in.

The British troops around the station were issued extra ammunition and ordered to "meet force with force" if anyone tried to lift the siege.

RUSSIANS

The Russians did not attempt to make their customary morning change of the guard, arousing belief that the Red sound inside had orders to sit tight, for the present anyway.

Shortly before noon, when the siege had been on more than eight hours, three Soviet officers in a sedan with a civilian driver were refused admittance by the British soldiers.

As the Russians drove away German onlookers booed lustily.

CONSULTATION

The British action — taken after consultation with American and French occupation officials — apparently was in retaliation for Communist seizure of several small areas on the fringes of West Berlin which were just inside the Russian occupation zone but had been administered by the West.

The Reds grabbed these little areas during the weekend for incorporation or evacuation in order to create "security belts" with which they are sealing off Free Berlin from the surrounding Russian occupation zone.

PROTEST

British Commandant Maj. Gen. C. F. C. Coleman protested to the Russians over these seizures Monday night.

A few hours later, at 3:30 a. m. the British MP's began their sealing off operation.

The Red radio continued broadcasting Tuesday morning, sending out mostly musical recordings.



MERCY MERGER— Formal inclusion of the Tulelake Red Cross chapter into the Klamath County chapter was affected yesterday at a luncheon meeting here. Above, Tulelake Chairman Hugh P. Mullin Jr. (second from left) hands over a check for funds collected by his chapter to Robert A. Mitchell (far right) Klamath Chairman. Looking on are (left) Ross Ragland, past chairman at Tulelake, and Mrs. Virginia Dixon, Klamath executive secretary. In the recent fund drive the Tulelake chapter went over its quota by \$508; the total collection was \$2,008, amount of the check being handed over above.

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By MALCOLM EPLEY JR.

Build the Basin panel members last night told local citizens something they don't like to be told—the prospects of war are very close.

The panel covered civil defense and Klamath's preparations for standing up under anything nature or mankind may have to offer in the way of disaster and emergency.

Listeners learned that Klamath Falls is the No. 3 target city in the state—behind Portland and Eugene. Civil Defense Director Joe LaClair was unable to explain exactly why, though it is known Klamath is a transportation hub of rail and highway routes, as well as the site of a potential military air base.

Rev. Gordon Ashbee, a veteran of the Nazi blitz over London, explained what preparations should probably be made here and described eye-witness accounts of bombing and emergency measures taken there.

"There," he said, "we had but a few minutes warning in most raids, and sometimes had no warning at all."

Local CAA Chief Vance Hawley said he felt Klamath would get advance warning in case of an attack, but noted that radar is not so effective at lower elevations as a ground observation corps. He was seconded by Maj. Clifford Sanders, Oregon National Guard, who noted local air raid warnings called for more help from the public.

CD Chief LaClair said there were a number of observer stations set up here already, but that a leader for that section is yet to be selected.

Mrs. Frances Watkins, a member of the welfare and aid division, noted the important part her group would play in the event of a disaster. She outlined committees as established for emergency, and called for more help from the public.

Ross Ragland, head of Tulelake's civil defense, said his community's first job in case of attack or other emergency would be to assist California Metropolitan areas. He noted San Francisco and the Bay Area have been tagged as the No. 2 target areas in the country.

A mutual assistance pact between Klamath and Tulelake communities has yet to be worked out, but both Ragland and LaClair indicated it was forthcoming.

## Crash Brings Damage Suit

By The Associated Press

Grever Bancroft, pilot injured in the crash of a crop-dusting plane June 5, 1951, near Tulelake, has brought a \$100,000 damage suit against the plane owner, charging it was not kept in proper repair.

The defendant is Earl Liston, operator of the Farmers Air Service, for whom Bancroft worked.

Bancroft was flying a Stearman, dusting at Tulana Farms in the Tulelake area, when the plane crashed.

He was hospitalized for considerable length of time and his injuries included fractures of both legs and severe head and back hurts. His suit contends he is now confined to a wheel chair and will be totally disabled for many years.

He claims Liston was at fault in requiring him to fly a plane not properly maintained or inspected and in that water was able to seep into the gasoline tank.

Bancroft is represented by the Portland law firm of Hicks, Davis and Tongue and by A. W. Schupp, Klamath Falls attorney.

## Two Charged With Forgery

Two young men from Tulelake have been charged with forgery here, and are held in the County Jail awaiting court action.

They were identified as Charles Ronald Waters, 21, and Preston Rogers Baker, 21.

The men were arrested last Saturday at a local grocery on drunk charges, by city police, and turned over to the county for prosecution. They are accused of forging the name of M. E. Baker to a check made out for \$50.

## Floods Rage In California

By The Associated Press

Thousands of acres of rich California farm lands lay under water Tuesday.

The Tule and San Joaquin rivers — swollen by an unprecedented spring runoff — burst through levees near the center and at the south end of the fertile Central Valley.

More than 30,000 acres of cotton and grain lands in the Tulare basin were inundated, while 150 miles to the north, the San Joaquin spilled out over 5,000 acres of alfalfa and tomatoes near Tracy.

Experts predicted further levee breakages as record snows melt in the Sierra Nevada. Many streams are brimful and the pressure is increasing.

Army engineers said Tule Lake, which covered only four square miles two months ago, will be 100 miles square in two days.

It lies in a drainless basin from which water can only escape by evaporation.

## Weather

FORECAST: Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Cloudy with scattered showers this evening and tomorrow. Low tonight 48, high tomorrow 78.

High yesterday 79  
Low last night 48  
Precip yesterday 0  
Precip since Oct. 1 15.71  
Same period last year 11.84  
Normal for period 11.29

(Additional Weather on Page 4.)

## Republicans Claim Top Interest

By MORRIS LANDSBERG

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A violent Republican battle claimed top interest Tuesday in presidential primary voting to decide control of California's 70 GOP and 68 Democratic delegates.

The golden state's votes will rank second at the GOP convention and third at the Democratic.

Warren placed his presidential candidacy and espousal of progressive GOP policy on the line against vigorous attacks of a rival group headed by Rep. Thomas H. Werdel.

The farm country congressman personally prefers Sen. Robert A. Taft or Gen. Douglas MacArthur. Kefauver challenged the former Truman slate taken over by Atty. Gen. Edmund G. Brown, No. 1 Democratic official in the state.

A procession of outside Democrats stumped for Brown's delegates, who appear to favor Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois or Mutual Security Director W. Averell Harriman.

The political contest and some big local fights brought official estimates of a 3,600,000 turnout of the 5,300,000 registration, including 2,995,768 Democrats and 2,192,446 Republicans.

The forecast was for clear weather. Most of the 19,726 polling places close at 7 p. m. But San Francisco booths close an hour later.

California also had the job of handing out party nominations for one seat in the U. S. Senate, 30 in the House of Representatives. In the senatorial races Democratic Rep. Clinton McKinnon of San Diego and Republican Sen. William F. Knowland, seeking reelection, were favored.

Werdel, backed by the state's leading Republicans, angrily accused his home state foes of spending a half million dollars to defeat him. In his closing campaign appeal Monday night, he said he could have had the support of the Werdel group "if I had been willing to pay the price of subservience." Warren headed the 1949 and 1948 GOP delegations without opposition.

The governor previously blamed disgruntled political enemies for a campaign of hate against him. Werdel, a candidate for reelection to Congress from the Lower San Joaquin Valley, replied "the hate and vilification in this campaign comes from the governor. Our money comes from thousands of Republicans."

Taft has stayed clear of the California primary, although some of his followers stumped for Werdel. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's supporters have publicly endorsed Warren. MacArthur has said he is not a candidate.

Warren reiterated that if he does not receive the nomination he will name his delegates and support any candidate selected by the national convention.

Other justices of the peace are not capped.

A total of 16,473 persons are registered to vote in Siskiyou County, reports County Clerk Waido J. Smith.

Five men are candidates for Supervisor for Modoc County's District 2, which runs from the middle of Alturas' Main Street east and north to the Oregon line, taking in the Cedarville, Willow Ranch and New Pine Creek areas. The candidates are: Charles Fitzpatrick, Laurence Smith, W. B. Bishop, George Perkins and Dr. F. E. Auble.

NEW DISTRICT

That district was formed by vote of the people of Modoc County earlier this year, consolidating two supervisory districts. Fitzpatrick and Smith are the incumbents, but only one is to be elected.

In District 5, the Adin-Canby-Lookout area, which was formed by the redistricting election, the candidates are: Chester Edgerston and Marcel Kresge.

In District 4 Bernell Christianson is likely to be unopposed.

Dr. Auble and Fitzpatrick are from Alturas; Perkins, Bishop and Smith from Willow Ranch; Edgerston and Kresge from Adin.

## Production Slashed; Confab Set

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Production faded to a dribble Tuesday in the day — old steel strike, Allied unemployment mounted.

An estimated 28,000 coal miners who produce coal for steel-making furnaces have been laid off for the duration. Thousands of railroaders awaited similar furloughs.

The steel industry fell from a daily production of more than 300,000 tons to a tiny fraction of that amount 24 hours after the Supreme

Court ruled the government had no right to seize the industry April 8.

President Philip Murray of the CIO United Steelworkers ordered his 650,000 workers in basic steel to drop their tools as soon as he heard the decision. His men won't work without a contract, Murray vowed.

ORDERLY

The walkout is orderly across the nation. The giant U. S. Steel Corp. said some of its plants were not even being picketed. With the industry closed down tight, there was little for picketers to do anywhere but idly pace in front of plant gates.

The trickle of production left is accounted for by firms like Weirton Steel Co., in Weirton, W. Va., and Steelco, in O. which deal with independent unions and by companies like Kaiser steel, which has signed agreements with the union.

STEEL INDUSTRY

Steel industry experts expect steel-consuming industries to continue operations unhampered by the steel strike — for at least two weeks. And then the pinch will come.

Steel for factories making all kinds of steel products has been more abundant recently and the long-standing steel shortage was just about gone when the steelworkers struck.

The trade journal Iron Age estimates general consumer steel inventories at from 30 to 60 days supply.

Automobile makers are believed to have 30 to 45 days supply. But plant shutdowns probably will come before the inventory runs out — if the steel strike lasts that long.

SHORTAGE

A shortage in any vital steel item would make it impossible for any given manufacturer to keep up operations.

The steel strike halted iron ore mining in Minnesota with about 10,000 diggers joining the walkout near Hibbing, Minn.

The miners went out in obedience to a directive from George Teller, international union representative. In previous steel strikes, the ore miners had stayed on the job.

NEGOTIATIONS

Both union and industry expressed willingness to get together for new negotiations.

Neither made any specific plans to meet at the bargaining table immediately. In the absence of any concrete move for new contract talks, industry and union sources see little hope for an early settlement based on any possible negotiations.

Skeleton crews designated by the steelworkers remained inside the mills to prevent damage to costly equipment. Damage would mean a slow work return if and when a new contract is signed.



RAY BRAMWELL (above), operator of a service station at South Sixth and Hope Streets, is today's special. Bramwell lives at 2223 Ward Street.