

Strike Called Minutes After Court Ruling

PITTSBURGH (AP)—The nation's basic steelworkers struck Monday for the second time this year—minutes after the U. S. Supreme Court ruled President Truman seized the steel industry illegally.

President Truman's seizure of the steel industry was the fourth right decision in the steel seizure case has been announced by the Supreme Court.

It is assumed that once again workers and courageous men have come to the defense of our form of Constitutional government.

But J. and L. mill workers weren't "gratified."

Tony Canzaro, a crane operator at the firm's Pittsburgh works, asked bitterly:

"What do judges know of steelworkers and steel making?"

And President Walter, Kilis of USW local 1272 at the same plant, said:

"Truman had better not invoke the Taft-Hartley act now. But if he does, the people will see how vicious it is."

Clifford Lynch, a USW member, said:

"It's a bad situation. We were last December if we had struck then, it would have been over in three weeks. Now the end is not in sight."

He referred to the expiration of the old contract on Dec. 31.

Since then the union has been through actually working last week. Leon Hart, a rigger at J. and L., said:

"Come out to buy some groceries and I heard a man yell the strike was on. All I can say now is I'm not going to buy any groceries."

Another man, James Walls, appeared before the gates of the mill and stood there for a moment surprised. He took his lunch pail and threw it to the ground, saying:

"This is the second time this has happened to me in a month. I'm disgusted."

Leo Ring, a millwright, said:

"I have been afraid to dress my children and to buy a lot of food and plan a vacation because I feared this would happen. Who is running this country anyway? I'll starve before I'll sweat under these conditions and my wife is behind me."

Workers immediately began streaming from Gary, Ind., Youngstown and Chicago.

Murray told newsmen he had received no communications from any steel executives in regard to new contract negotiations.

The 650,000 members of the 1,100,000-man union who work in basic steel producing plants struck April 29 for three days after a federal judge declared Truman illegally seized the industry to avert a strike scheduled to start April 29.

That walkout ended when President Truman called Murray and steel leaders to the White House for conferences which produced no settlement.

Murray has steadfastly held out for a new contract based on the recommendations of the WSB last March which called for pay raises of 12 1/2 cents effective last Jan. 1, two and one-half cents more in July and a like raise next Jan. 1.

The WSB also recommended a union shop. USW members now average around \$1.95 in actual earnings.

Industry has resisted the WSB recommendations saying it could not afford the \$12 a ton price advances.

Industry was pleased by the

3 to Attend Girls State

Three girls from Klamath Falls will go to Salem next week to attend the 10th annual session of Girls State, to be held on the Willamette University campus.

The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Oregon, sponsors the June 8-15 session.

Local girls selected for the trip are Mary Ann Gaudi, sponsored by the Catholic Daughters; Shirley Behorn, sponsored by Soroptimist Club; and Gertrude Bramlett, sponsored by Klamath Unit No. 8, American Legion Auxiliary.

Mrs. Lester Pinley, local G.O.P. State chairman, said the girls attending the session will assume the duties of citizens by electing their own officials, city, county and state.

In their legislature they will introduce, argue and vote on bills. They will live as self-governing citizens during the period of the session.

NW Steelmen Go On Strike

SEATTLE (AP)—The first Seattle workers to join in the nationwide steel strike were 250 employees of the fabricating plant of the Bethlehem Pacific Coast Steel Corp.

Hugh Mathews, sub-district director of the CIO-United Steelworkers of America, said the workers were notified to quit their jobs shortly before noon Monday.

The Bethlehem steel mill and the Northwest Steel Rolling Mills, employing together about 1,400 more men, were to close at the beginning of the second shift at 3 p. m.

Oregon Men Hurt In Korean War

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Defense Department Monday announced the names of three Oregon Army men wounded in the Korean fighting. They are:

Sgt. Bob M. Earnest, husband of Mrs. Marian F. Earnest, 8432 N. Curtin, Portland.

Cpl. Ivan F. Norris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd E. Norris, Suberlin.

1st Lieut. John F. Randall, husband of Mrs. Delores Randall, 1303 Ellendale Ave., Dallas.

Roseburg Man Doctor of Year

ROSEBURG (AP)—Dr. George E. Houck, 86, Roseburg, is the Southern Oregon Medical Society's choice for Oregon Doctor of the Year.

Houck, who has been practicing medicine for more than 60 years, still goes to his office every day.

He was in the third graduating class at the state medical school, practiced several years in Central Oregon, then came to Roseburg in 1908. His colleagues credit him with helping pioneer medical advances in Southern Oregon.

He served in World War I, and later was a member of the Roseburg City Council, and mayor of the city. He also served eight years on the State Board of Health.

His name will be offered for the honor at the September meeting of the State Medical Society.

BURIED TREASURE

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP)—A middle-aged plasterer is looking for legendary Spanish treasure reputed to have been buried a century and a half ago in the heart of this city.

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Congressional OK Follows Historic Court Decision

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congressmen generally applauded Monday the Supreme Court decision upending President Truman's seizure of the nation's steel mills.

But Sen. Lehman (D-Lib.-N.Y.), a staunch defender of Truman's seizure, called for prompt legislation to give the President the power he needs to end the steel strike that started immediately after the court's historic announcement.

Out of the city, Lehman telephoned his statement to his office.

The Supreme Court has spoken. That decision is, of course, now the law of the land. This presents us with the problem of a grave crisis, which might be one

of the gravest in our history, with great dangers to our national security.

Congress must act, without a moment's unnecessary delay, to pass essential legislation to give the President the power he needs. This is a time for action.

Sen. Cain (R-Wash.) said: "Any strike in a period of operation is a distressing thing, but there are things much worse than strikes. The Supreme Court has, from my point of view, preserved inviolate the Constitution in this steel decision. It is now for Congress to determine reasonable and effective ways to eliminate or minimize strikes in this crisis."

Typical of the response among the lawmakers was the reaction of Sen. Tobey (R-N.H.).

Sen. Hickenlooper (R-Ia.) read a news report of the court decision to the Senate, whereupon Tobey rose up and shouted: "Hooyay!"

One administration leader in the Senate, Monroney of Oklahoma, told reporters:

"I urge the President to immediately appeal to workers to go back to their jobs until Congress can act. It is a situation so grave it deserves further effort to solve it."

Treason Charge Upheld by Court

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court Monday upheld the treason conviction of Tomoya Kawakita, accused of brutal and inhumane treatment of American prisoners of war while he served as an interpreter at Japan's infamous Camp Oeyama.

Kawakita, born in California of Japanese parents, is under sentence to die in San Quentin prison's gas chamber.

Justice Douglas delivered the 4-3 decision.

Chief Justice Vinson wrote a dissenting opinion in which Justices Black and Burton joined. Justices Frankfurter and Clark dissipated themselves from the case.

Kawakita went to Japan with his father in 1930 and remained there throughout the war. He returned to the United States in 1946. One month later he was spotted by a former GI in a Los Angeles department store. FBI agents trailed him and arrested him at his Los Angeles home.

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