

Murray Says Steelmen Rejected Peace Bids

PITTSBURGH (AP) — President Philip Murray of the CIO United Steelworkers charged Monday that the steel industry repudiated a strike settlement which he worked out with officials of Bethlehem Steel Corporation last June 17.

Murray told the USW's 170-man wage-policy committee that President Charles White of Republic Steel previously had urged the steel companies to accept suggestions made by White which Murray thought could have led to a settlement.

The potent Wage-Policy Committee was called together to hear Murray's report on the 50-day walkout which has idled more than 1,500,000 and to give the union

chief some guidance on future strategy.

The committee heard Murray say that negotiations with Vice President Joseph M. Larkin of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Counsel John Morse produced a "memorandum of understanding" in which the steel company executives "substantially accepted the union shop."

Murray said Larkin and Morse took the memorandum before the other major producers with the understanding they would press for its acceptance.

Murray said that on June 20, the Bethlehem Steel men returned and "both expressed considerable disappointment that the other steel companies had refused to accept what they believed to be a situation."

Murray added: "They stated they had been re-

puted and told us they felt a deep sense of humiliation."

Murray said that on June 9, President White of Republic made several union shop suggestions which might have been a basis for settlement but the industry refused to consider them and White disappeared from following negotiation meetings.

The union shop requires membership in the union as a condition of employment.

As outlined by Murray, White's proposal would have allowed employees to withdraw from the union after a stated time.

Turning to the most recent White House prodded negotiations held during the past week-end with Larkin and Vice President John A. Stephens of U. S. Steel, Murray said:

"Again we discovered there was no hope of any satisfactory settlement of the various items."

Turning to the strike of 23,000 iron ore miners in Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin, Murray said their walkout was authorized by him and the union at request of the workers.

Declaring the iron ore miners had "serious grievances" against the steel industry, Murray said they wanted to strike because they feared the steel industry would wreck their case now pending before the Wage Stabilization Board.

After hearing Murray, the committee recessed until 12:30 p. m.

will do anything to end the crippling strike.

Est when it will go into executive session.

Murray invited three steel company executives to attend the closed meeting.

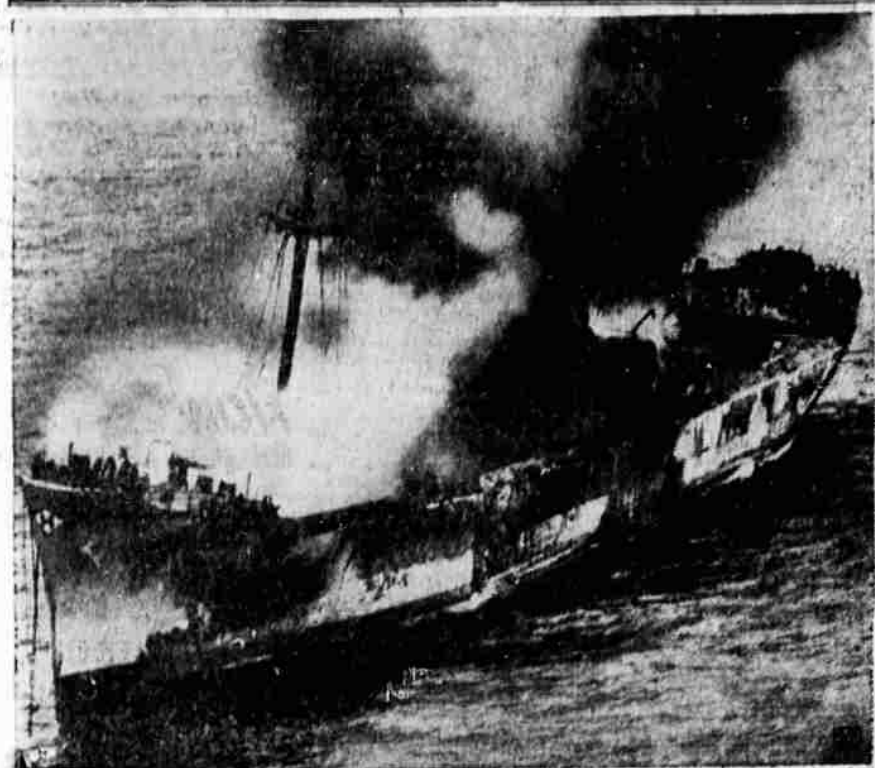
They are Stephens, Larkin and Board Chairman, Ben Moreel of Jones and Laughlin Steel Corp.

The committee gave Murray a rousing welcome as he walked into the hotel meeting room.

It was doubtful the committee

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FREIGHTER BURNS AT SEA — Smoke and flames pour from the charred hull of the Norwegian freighter Black Gull, 65 miles off the tip of Long Island in the Atlantic, as the volatile naphthalene cargo continues to burn. Passing ships rescued 45 persons of the 49 reported aboard the Black Gull in a dramatic pre-dawn rescue operation. This air view was made by Associated Press staff photographer Harry Harris.

All Quiet At Prison

LANCASTER, Calif. (AP) — A state official returned from the earthquake-stricken Tehachapi area Monday and reported there were no injuries among the 420 inmates at the state women's prison.

At first there were reports of terror and panic at the all-woman institution but the official, A. J. Todd, said he was informed the inmates were orderly and were conducted out of the damaged buildings quietly and quickly.

Todd is business manager of the Deuel Vocational Institution here.

He said evacuation of the women from the California institution for women was accomplished in about nine minutes.

He said all the prisoners were in night clothes but most of them put on some outer clothing. Later in the compound.

Truman Signs Final Bills

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman Monday signed the last scores of bills passed by the Senate and House in the final days of the 82nd Congress.

The act revises methods of computing base earnings of a few firms for excess profits taxes. Its purpose is to give relief to certain subsidized shipping firms and those using strategic and critical materials.

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Navy Announces Plans For Ship Construction

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Navy announced Saturday the second 80,000-ton carrier of the Forrestal class will be built at the New York Naval Shipyard in Brooklyn.

At the same time, it said the hull of the second nuclear powered submarine will be constructed at the Groton, Conn., plant of the electric boat division, General Dynamics Corp.

The cost of the second carrier is estimated at \$209,700,000, \$8,300,000 less than the estimated cost of the Forrestal.

The Navy said that this lesser cost was possible because most of the design work and experience which has gone into the Forrestal can be used on the second ship. The second carrier is yet unnamed, being designated only as the C.V.R.-60.

In announcing the award of the contract for the second atomic powered submarine, the Navy said it will be of the same general design as the Nautilus, which is being

Saucer Tales Up This Year

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force said Monday it is receiving flying saucer reports this summer at a rate higher than at any time since the initial flood of sightings in 1947.

An Air Force spokesman said that while 1947 was the big year for such reports, the current average of 100 sightings a month is the largest since then, with November - December period of 1948 next.

He said there has been no correlation of sighting reports to seasons.

The Air Force could not furnish an estimate of the cost of running down flying saucer rumors, because they are handled through normal staff channels.

Since there is no special project in this field, no break down of cost is available.

Reports are checked by the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Dayton, Ohio.

The Air Force spokesman said that neither the center nor headquarters here has yet received reports on sightings said to have been made last Friday in the areas of Burlington, Vt., South Portland, Me., and Staten Island, N. Y.

Douglas Says He Won't Run

CHICAGO (AP) — Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas let it be known Monday that he doesn't want the Democratic vice presidential nomination.

He sent this word to the Oregon delegation to the party's national convention.

Douglas was the write-in choice of more than 15 per cent of Oregon Democrats in primary balloting on their presidential preference.

Second to Sen. Estes Kefauver, Douglas was therefore Oregon's choice for the vice presidential spot.

He sent word to the Oregon delegation, however, that he did not want the nomination and released the delegates from any obligation to support him.

Some Oregon delegates at once started a boom for Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

The delegation officially instructed its chairman to find out if she is "willing."

In public statements Mrs. Roosevelt has indicated she would never be a candidate for elective public office.

Georgia-Pacific Opens Meeting

OLYMPIA (AP) — Directors of the Georgia-Pacific Plywood and Lumber Company opened their quarterly meeting here Monday with an inspection of the company's new Olympia offices.

S. R. Black, local manager for Georgia-Pacific, said the group would travel to Toledo, Ore., Tuesday to look over properties the company purchased there recently.

Black indicated the company would not make another attempt to purchase Harbor Plywood Company of Aberdeen. He said his firm had made an offer to Harbor Plywood some time ago and it was turned down.

Former State Governor Dies

PORTLAND (AP) — Ben Wilson Olcott, 79, former Republican governor of Oregon, died at Physicians and Surgeons Hospital here today.

Olcott, then secretary of state, became governor in 1919 upon the death of Gov. James Willcomb.

A Portland banker, he was born in Klettsburg, Ill., Oct. 15, 1872. He came to Oregon in 1892, and worked for William Brown and company, Salem, and then for the Ladd and Bush bank.

The Alaska gold rush drew his attention in 1897, but he found a steadier job with the Fairbanks Banking company. In 1907 he became an official in the state land office in Salem, and in 1912 was appointed secretary of state. He was elected to the office twice.

He was governor until 1923.

Upon his defeat he returned to banking, serving for some time as manager of the Bank of Italy branch at Long Beach, Calif. In 1924 he became a director of the Oregon Mutual Savings bank at Portland.

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