

# 'Hope To Avoid Strike,' Says Steel Union Boss

WASHINGTON (AP) — David J. McDonald, president of the steel industry of bad faith bargaining, said contract talks so far have gotten nowhere.

McDonald said his union wants to avoid a July 1 industry strike and added "There is no reason for a strike to take place if reason and moderation prevail in genuine collective bargaining."

Contending that steelmakers want to keep record-setting 1958 profits for themselves without giving industry workers a share, the union chief said:

"Management still clings to the 'trickle down' philosophy where the major share of earnings and dividends repose in the hands of the few while a figurative bone is thrown to the mass of the people."

McDonald released in advance copies of an address prepared for a National Press Club luncheon. The same group last week heard the industry side of the current steel negotiations from Chairman Roger Blough of U.S. Steel Corp. Blough charged the union was seeking to spur a new round of inflation.

"The steel industry's cry of in-

flation is phony," McDonald said. "The industry is guilty of using a legitimate problem in an illegitimate manner."

"Certainly the steelworker, along with wage and salary earners as a whole, has increased his purchasing power in postwar years. But not at the expense of others," as the industry charges. And not in the fantastic proportions of top management with its stock options."

McDonald said that if steelworkers are denied a pay boost, "the precedent of standing still will be reflected in the pay envelopes of virtually every major group of wage and salary workers in the nation."

The union leader said the initial three weeks of steel contract talks in New York "have gotten nowhere." Little more than four weeks remain before present contracts expire on June 30.

"There has been an absolute refusal by the companies to bargain in good faith," McDonald said. "Industry thus far has merely gone through the motions of collective bargaining."

McDonald said the U.S. Steel Corp. profits the first quarter of this year were so high it could have cut prices \$18 a ton and still earned a net profit after taxes equal to an annual rate of return of 6.8 per cent on net worth. He said that ought to be a satisfactory return "on almost any sort of investment short of outright usury."

"Mind you," he said, "since World War II there have been 23 steel price increases against 12 wage gains. For every dollar of wage cost steel has upped its price ante by three dollars per ton."

McDonald said "The mighty steel industry is running like an elephant from a mouse" in his expressed fears about foreign competition. He said "Introducing competition into this non-competitive industry might be a constructive thing." He said American steel for 50 years has been unchanged in world markets.

## Music Tutor Gives Exams

Miss Helene Robinson, acting head of the music department at Southern Oregon College, and one of the adjudicators for the Oregon Music Teacher's Association, was in Klamath Falls Friday and Saturday, May 22-23, giving the piano syllabus examinations to students of Florence Pielke and Marie Obenchain.

Students taking the examination were Neil Alexander, Christina Anderson, Carol Bousquet, Cathy Angel, Lynette Angel, Jo Ann Brown, Jeanine Cherry, Noff Clark, Colen Fincham, Robin Hatt, Eric Haskins, Charlotte Isensee, Nancy LaClair, Cecile Longueville, Nikola Longueville, Paula Morrison, Danny Owens, Gail Pence, Janine Saunders, Larry Taylor and Mary Jean Hessig.

Syllabus examinations, prepared by the Education Committee of the Oregon Music Teacher's Association are given in piano, strings, brass, woodwinds, voice and organ, and constitute a service to the private music teachers of Oregon. The manual for the program of study may be obtained from Rex Putnam, superintendent of public instruction, Salem.

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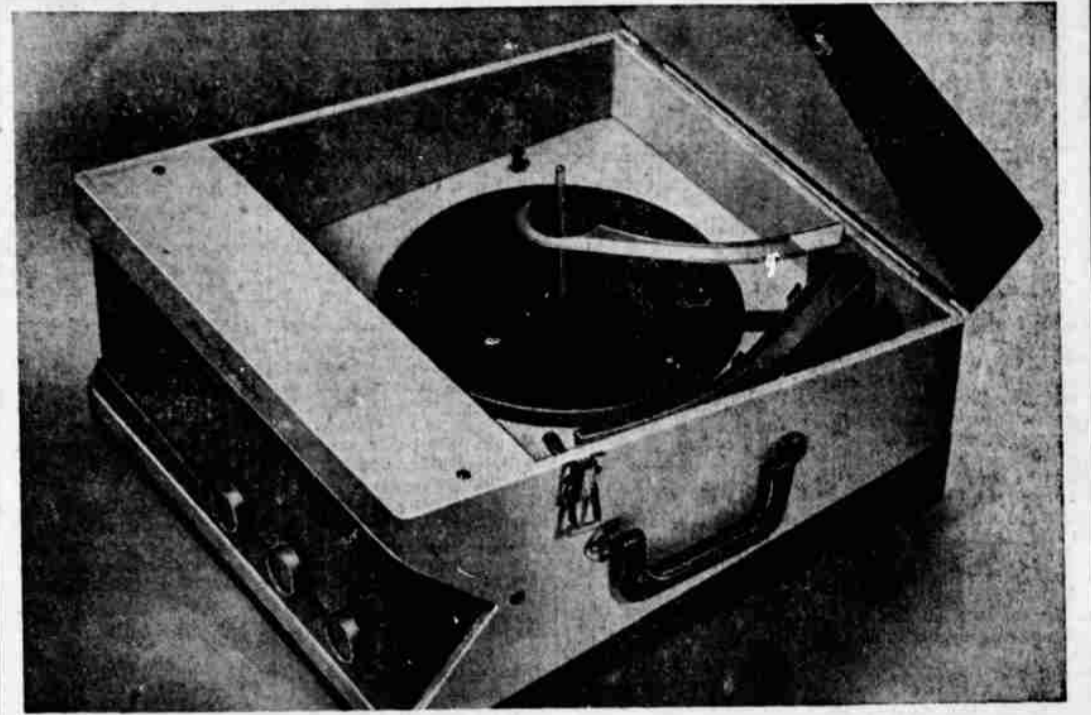
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