

Joint Talks Scheduled In Nine-Day Old Strike

NEW YORK (AP) — Federal mediators have arranged the first joint peace talks in the nine-day-old steel strike for next Monday.

But Joseph F. Finnegan, head of the Federal Mediation Service, repeated that he sees no early solution to the strike which has idled more than half a million steelworkers.

Meanwhile, the three top aluminum companies — Alcoa, Reynolds and Kaiser — rejected the United Steelworkers wage demands and lined up with the steel industry stand. The Steelworkers' contract with the aluminum companies expires July 31.

The aluminum companies followed the pattern of the original proposal by the steel producers to the union by urging the union to accept a one-year wage freeze and give up the cost-of-living escalator provision in the old agreements.

A total of 30,500 aluminum workers are represented by the union. About 28,000 other aluminum workers are covered by other unions.

After meeting Wednesday with union representatives and twice with steel industry negotiators, Finnegan said: "We feel we now have a better orientation on the differences" between the two sides.

He plans to meet today with

Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell in Washington.

Mitchell is acting as a fact-finder for President Eisenhower, who could halt the strike—at least temporarily—at any time through emergency provisions of the Taft-Hartley law.

Union negotiators had hoped that making some gains with the aluminum companies might set a wage pattern for steel. The union had asked a 15-cents-an-hour package in each year of the new contract. Aluminum wages now average \$2.91 an hour.

The steel strike started July 14 after weeks of unsuccessful negotiations during which the industry turned down demands for a 15-cents-an-hour, annual package. Prestrike wages averaged \$3.10 an hour. The companies said increases would force a rise in steel prices and spur inflation. The union said steel profits are big enough to cover a wage increase.

The strike has idled about 45,500 workers in related fields such as coal, railroads, trucking, shipping and construction. The strike has cost an estimated 400 million dollars to the industry in business and to strikers in wages.

The Missouri River is 2,700 miles long.

Final Wish To Come True; Woman's Body Sent Home

By GEORGE ESPER
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Sometime today or Friday a truck will leave here for New York carrying a coffin.

For Joseph Casagrande and his two children, Peter and Clara, and funeral director Vincent Gangemi it will mean the start of fulfilling a special wish.

That wish was made by Casagrande's wife Maria before she died June 16 at the age of 53.

She wanted to be buried in her native Italy.

Casagrande had arranged through Gangemi and the Italian consulate here for his wife's body to be sealed in a special coffin and shipped to Italy.

The coffin was delivered to an American Export Lines pier July 2. The next day this city's port was shut down by a labor dispute.

Casagrande felt that the tieup would be short, so he and Peter flew to Venice on July 7 to await the arrival of the coffin. They would then make it to Mrs. Casagrande's family home in Ogliono-Conegliano, 30 miles away. Clara remained in Philadelphia.

But the tieup dragged on.

"I tried to have the casket removed to another port two weeks ago, but I received no cooperation," Gangemi explained.

Then Wednesday a settlement

was reached, ending the 19-day tieup.

Ironically, only a few hours before the settlement, the funeral director received permission to remove the coffin from the pier, which was being picketed, and take it to New York.

The woman's body will be shipped to Italy on the SS Exbrook, leaving New York Saturday. The ship arrives in Venice Aug. 20.

Ex-Showgirl Back In N.Y.

JUAREZ, Mexico (AP)—Joyce Mathews was back in New York today after a rapid trip to Juarez for a Mexican divorce from her Broadway producer husband Billy Rose.

Judge Ignacio Martinez Aguayo of the 1st Civil Court here indicated the final decree would be granted sometime today.

Miss Mathews, former New York showgirl, wore low black shoes, a checkered dress and silk gloves for her appearance before the judge.

Flanked by attorneys' she presented her petition charging incompatibility of character as a grounds for divorce.

Her petition said she and Rose were married in New York June 2, 1956, and separated early this year. She told the court a private property settlement had been reached July 15. Details were not disclosed.

Rose was represented at the 40-minute proceeding by attorney Jasso Linares, who informed Judge Aguayo his client was not contesting the action.

"DENNIS THE MENACE"



'HEY, MOM! YOU READY TO KISS AN' MAKE UP?'

Short Portrait Of McKay Given By Oregon Newsman

Editors Note: Larry Smyth, political editor of the Oregon Journal, went to Washington in 1953 with Douglas McKay as his assistant and director of information. He had known him closely earlier through coverage of Legislative sessions.

In World War II he was over age and had to waive a physical disability from World War I. He was stationed at Camp Adair. Asked what he did, he said, "I released a WAC for overseas service."

He had a merry time when he first was governor and Oregon had daylight saving time. . . . One citizen who did not like the new time called McKay's home at 5 a.m. every day for days and days to remind the governor, "It is 5 a.m. and time to get up." McKay did not change his number.

Sharp Youth Foils Thieves

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — For Harold Spence, it was just like the crime shows.

As Harold, 12, sat in a car at a shopping center Wednesday, a man came out of a savings and loan office with a brown paper bag, jumped into a waiting auto and zoomed off.

"K89-389," Harold said to his aunt, Mrs. Charles Bourne, and rushed into the loan office which had just been robbed of \$6,072.

He breathlessly gave the license number. And police were called.

Five minutes later officers cornered Alton (Self) Pendry and Joseph Edward Metcalf, 42-year-old Louisvillians, and found the missing money and a sawed-off shotgun in the stolen car bearing the license K89-389.

Harold, who lives at Levittown, N.Y., is visiting relatives here.

Compromise Bill Okayed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Labor Committee, by a narrow 16-14 vote, today formally approved a compromise labor control bill.

Committee Democrats split down the middle 10-10. Six of the 10 Republicans voted for the bill which was a watered-down version of the measure passed by the Senate earlier this session.

Republicans immediately served notice they will fight to strengthen the committee bill drastically when it reaches the House floor.

Rep. Joseph Holt (R-Calif.) told reporters that, "All Republicans who voted for the bill did so only to get a bill on the floor."

Rep. William H. Ayres (R-Ohio) said "not one Republican who voted for this bill will vote for it on the floor unless it is amended by the House."

The bill as approved is the product of five weeks of acrimonious bill-drafting sessions. Actually, it seems to please nobody.

In advance of today's session called to vote formal approval, there was doubt the compromise would turn out to be the legislation finally sent to the House.

New State Getting Ready To Name Oriental Solon

HONOLULU (AP) — The fledgling state of Hawaii is getting ready to elect the first Oriental to Congress in U.S. history.

The mid-Pacific island chain will hold its first state election July 28. And, reflecting the multiracial population, three of the six candidates for Congress are of Japanese or Chinese descent.

There's a possibility too of a split ticket that could send two Asian-Americans to Washington.

The islands, on July 28, will elect two U.S. senators and one representative in addition to a governor and State Legislature.

Hawaii's Democrats, favored to win on the strength of a heavy primary showing last month, believe they have a winner in youthful, Japanese-American Daniel Inouye, their nominee for the House.

Inouye, 34, a territorial senator, lawyer and decorated war hero, is fast rising in island politics. He lost his right arm in World War II combat while serving in Europe with Hawaii's "Go for Broke" 442nd Regimental Combat Team. The outfit was made up entirely of Japanese-Americans.

Inouye is opposed by Hawaii-born Republican Charles H. Silva, 55, a dentist who served in the Territorial Legislature, and who is trying for elective office again after an absence of seven years. He is at present Hawaii director of public institutions.

Republicans are looking to Chinese-American Hiram L. Fong as the brightest hope for a winner.

Fong, 52, a millionaire businessman, is running for the Senate. He is opposed by Connecticut-born

Texas Republican Seeks Divorce

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — Rep. Bruce Alger (R-Tex.) has filed suit for divorce.

Persons close to the Alger family said only "statutory reasons" were given for the divorce suit.

Mrs. Alger, a pretty brunette, has stayed in Dallas with the couple's children almost the entire time that Alger has served in Washington. He was elected to a third term last year. He is Texas' only GOP congressman.

HOME SWEET JAIL

BROWNSVILLE, Tex. (UPI)—Ramon Cavazos, convicted of drunken driving, was sentenced to 30 days in jail. His father is a jailer.

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