

Meany Says Rail Plan 'Government Takeover'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — AFL-CIO President George Meany told Congress today that if it is going to "compel" railroad employees to work it ought also to think about ending private ownership of the industry.

"It's a natural follow-up," Meany told the House Commerce Committee.

Meany said that if employees can be forced to accept certain working conditions because their industry has "paramount public interest" then the "next logical step is that these industries should not be the medium for private profit."

The labor leader called on the committee to reject President Kennedy's plan for settling the four-year-old railroad work rules dispute. The President wants the matter referred to the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC).

Meany noted that the administration does not consider the proposal as a form of compulsory arbitration.

"I do not know if it is compulsory arbitration," he said, "but I do know it is compulsory."

Meany said Congress would be acting more in the public interest if it adopted a plan for settlement he offered several days ago.

Under the Meany plan, the railroad unions and management would be directed to continue collective bargaining under the close scrutiny of a congressional watchdog committee. Negotiation would continue until the committee decided that no further progress was necessary.

Asked by one committee member what would happen then, Meany replied:

"It puts it back to Congress as it is now, and Congress would have to do something."

Asked what Congress should do then, Meany answered that he had no opinion now, but he would when the time came.

"I hope we don't get to that point," he added.

Meany described his proposal as

ing a nationwide strike, giving rise to hope that give-and-take collective bargaining might begin.

Wolfe said "in a sense" the adjustments could be considered concessions but he emphasized that the proposals mainly were translations into collective bargaining terms of recommendations made earlier by a presidential board.

Wolfe said the railroads believed further negotiations in the four-year-old dispute would be "fruitless" without the aid of a program such as President Kennedy proposed. He blamed the unions for the impasse that brought about the presidential action.

Labor Secretary W. Willard Wirtz met in his office Wednesday with railroad management negotiators but had no comment on the session.

Wolfe told the committee he did not want to say the dispute is beyond all collective bargaining but "it appears hopeless."

Weather
Klamath Falls, Tulelake and Lakeview — Fair tonight and Friday with little change in temperature. Low tonight 27-30. High Friday 50-55. Winds northwesterly 5-15 m.p.h.

High yesterday	79
Low this morning	30
High year ago	85
Low year ago	48
Precip. past 24 hours	0.0
Since Jan. 1	4.12
Same period last year	6.12

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Governor's Offer Eases Lumber Strike Spread

By United Press International

Spread of the Northwest lumber strike halted, at least temporarily, today after Oregon Gov. Mark Hatfield offered the services of his office in helping to settle the dispute which has idled about 29,000 workers.

It appeared the respite from new strikes would be brief, however.

Harvey Nelson, Region 3 president of the International Woodworkers of America (IWA), indicated more walkouts were planned against the 196-member Timber Operators Council, but he declined to say when.

"It might be tomorrow or it might not be until next week," he said.

Nelson and executive secretary Earl Hartley of the Western Council of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers (LSW) met with Gov. Hatfield for nearly two hours in Salem, Wednesday.

No Intervention Planned

Nelson said they simply discussed the issues involved. The governor's office indicated he planned to meet with management leaders, but had no intention now of intervening directly in the dispute.

Hatfield talked to some top industry officials Tuesday at Coos Bay when he attended a preview



OFF TO NOSTALGIA — Ex-President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Mrs. Eisenhower and Commodore F. G. Watts, right, captain of the Queen Elizabeth, wave from the ocean liner on departure from New York. Ike was bound for France to visit the beaches of D-day, in what he called an "adventure in nostalgia." — UPI Telephoto

Ex-President Departs On 'Nostalgia' Jaunt

NEW YORK (UPI) — Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower was bound today for an "adventure in nostalgia" along the beaches of Normandy and in England.

Eisenhower thus described his one-week trip to Europe with his wife, Mamie, during a news conference Wednesday aboard the Queen Elizabeth shortly before the liner sailed.

"I plan to walk up and down the Normandy beaches and visit Portsmouth, England," he said. The decision to launch the D-Day Allied invasion of France was reached in a conference room at Portsmouth.

The former Chief Executive, who is visiting Europe to make a television documentary film dealing with the invasion, also said current Negro civil rights demonstrations emphasize "the rightful discontent of a minority."

"I understand their purposes," he said. "I agree with those who say they are entitled to their just rights. I disagree with all things that become so violent that they have contrary effects."

"If they call attention to their discontent by proper demonstrations, I feel it is all right," he said.

"Every individual in the United States has a legal and moral obligation to see others enjoy the same rights. We must eliminate every possibility of differentiating between political and economic rights on the basis of color."

Eisenhower said he would reserve comment on the recently signed partial nuclear test ban among the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union "because we still have to hear military and scientific opinion on the whole thing."

On the GOP presidential nomination, he said that he could strongly support "anyone who has been mentioned for the Republican candidacy... because I think we can get better leadership from them than we are getting now from the present administration."

U.N. Troops Guard Truce

SEOUL, Korea (UPI) — Sweltering American and Korean soldiers of the United Nations Command patrolled gingerly along the truce line today on guard against further infiltration from Communist North Korea.

Three skirmishes between U.N. troops and Red infiltrators Monday and Tuesday killed four North Koreans, three Americans and one South Korean in what has been called the gravest series of incidents since the Korean War ended 10 years ago last Saturday.

Over the years both sides have filed thousands of complaints about violations of the truce. In the two weeks before the latest series of skirmishes, five of the North Korean infiltrators were killed.

But the new series was the worst concentration of incidents on record and it occurred six miles south of the demilitarized zone, the deepest Red penetration into South Korean territory since the war ended.

The UNC said there was more firing Wednesday, apparently warning shots by U.N. troops.

Which is to say: They weren't LEFT out. They STAYED out.

Questions: Were they right? Or were they wrong?

Those are difficult questions. The treaty, of course, has political overtones. It was initiated (from our side) by a Democratic President. If it turns out to be highly successful, it will be a feather in President Kennedy's cap.

Most of us, I think, HOPE it will turn out to be successful—that it may be the first step toward ending the cold war that has been waged so long. It may, of course, be a communist stratagem. It will be up to the senate to decide whether it is good or bad.

Personally, I can't help feeling that Senator Dirksen and Senator Hickenlooper would be in a better position to judge the treaty accurately if they went to Moscow and sat in on the signing of it.



SURVIVORS FLEE — Carrying their belongings, survivors of the July 26 earthquake in Skopje, Yugoslavia, leave this battered town. Three new quakes rapped the area today. Engineers dynamited buildings to keep down the threat of disease from rotting corpses of quake victims lodged hopelessly in the ruins. — UPI Telephoto

Weather
AGRICULTURAL FORECAST
Fair with 100 per cent sunshine for next few days. No rain. Heavy outlook good to excellent. Eight-inch soil temperature 64 degrees.

Maintenance Man Saves Stricken Fire Lookout

The fire guard at Hogback Mountain is alive today because a state radio maintenance man called at the lookout tower and found the stricken guard lying on the floor, about 11 a.m., Wednesday.

The guard was William A. Beck, 66, stricken with a hemorrhaging ulcer, who was removed from Hogback to the Old Fort Road by the County Disaster Unit and from there transferred to Peace Ambulance and taken to Hillsdale Hospital.

Beck's condition was listed as improved, a hospital spokesman said early today.

Officials of the Klamath Forest Protective Association suspected that something was amiss at the Hogback Lookout about 10 a.m. when Beck failed to radio his usual weather report to association headquarters. George Wardell, supervisor of the KPFA, remarked Thursday.

A guard from another lookout station transmitted his weather information to the KPFA radio office and disclosed that he had not heard Beck give his morning report. Beck, who apparently heard the conversation over his receiver, cut in and remarked,

Lions Pose Bad Moment

ALBANY (UPI) — A pair of circus lions, one of them said to be the second largest in captivity, gave State Police a headache Wednesday when their portable cage flipped over on Interstate 5 near the Halsey interchange.

The cage, being towed by truck from Sacramento to Portland, tipped over when a trailer hitch came loose. Neither of the lions was injured, and their trailer was set back on its wheels by a tow truck from Albany.

The two passengers, Leo, weighing 650 pounds and reputedly the second largest in captivity, and Nero, weighing 500 pounds, are part of the Stan Kramien Circus.

Driver of the truck was Ray Grant, 23, of Pasco, Wash., who apparently wasn't taking any chances with the animals.

"Are either of them hurt?" newsmen asked.

"No, but they will be if they get out," he said, pointing to a nearby rifle.

Passing motorists, noting a warning sign leaning against the trailer, weren't taking any chances, either. None stopped at the scene.

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A 50-year-old employee of the East German Navigation Office at Wittenberg placed his family in one of the boats he used on his job, gunned the engine and reached the West German bank of the Elbe River without being spotted by Communist guards Wednesday afternoon, police said.

When Communist border guards were not looking, he picked up his family and a skeleton supply of household goods and crossed the 100 yards that divided them from freedom, police said.

Aide Checks Atomic Lock

BONN (UPI) — Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara flew to the edge of the Iron Curtain today to find out if the American lock on nuclear warheads earmarked for West German forces really is safe.

With West German Defense Minister Kai-uwe Von Hassel at his side, McNamara hopped to Hannover, then to Brunswick, and from there to inspect German units on the Communist border near Passau.

Hassel's army units have U.S. rockets and missiles, but American Army forces keep the nuclear warheads in their custody. McNamara was checking the devices installed to insure the warheads remain under direct U.S. control.

Messages Pouring In On Test Ban Treaty

WASHINGTON (UPI) — "It will be a black day for all people if we do not take this first step for peace."

"It is another give-in to the Reds."

These conflicting views on whether the United States should sign the nuclear test ban treaty with Russia were among more than 2,000 letters and telegrams that have poured into the White House on the issue. Both messages came from California.

The White House reported that messages to President Kennedy were running about 12 to 1 in favor of the test ban agreement. It gave reporters a look Wednesday at a random selection of the letters and telegrams received since Kennedy's address to the nation Friday night.

A telegram from Washington state told the President that "fathers and mothers thank you" and one from Brooklyn said "anybody opposing the treaty should have his head examined." A Democratic club in California telegraphed praise for the treaty and urged "more high level conferences."

"It is our opinion that this proposal is nothing more than a victory for the cowardly pacifists," a Chicago couple wrote. "We feel that you are naive to think that the American people should be expected to think that they can rely on the signature of the Soviet Union."

Another Chicagoan asked "how many times does the West have to be sucked in by Russia before she finally realizes that any peaceful-seeming concession such as the test ban treaty is merely another chess move in Russia's game to win the world?"

"If we are foolish enough to disarm, then communism has us bound and will take over," a Montana couple wrote.

From Arizona came a telegram opposing the treaty, saying that Khrushchev should be made to tear down the Berlin wall and remove Russian troops from Cuba and other countries.

"A test ban without an absolute foolproof inspection is suicide," said a telegram from West Palm Beach, Fla.

A Philadelphia woman wrote that the treaty "will stop future fallout, will lessen the arms race and might even lead to disarmament." A letter from Madison, Wis. said it was "reassuring to know that our water and food will be less contaminated with strontium."

"You said what urgently needs to be said and you said it with power and authority," a letter-writer in Nashville, Tenn., told Kennedy. "Even FDR could not have done better."

A letter from Urbana, Ill., said history may record the treaty as the most significant action of the Kennedy administration.

But an Indiana critic said the treaty could only help Russia and that experience over the past 17 years should show that it was worthless.

Red Chief To Attend Ban Signing

MOSCOW (UPI) — Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev will attend Monday's signing of the partial nuclear test ban treaty and take personal command of high level talks with the United States and Britain, it was learned today.

Informed sources said Khrushchev changed his vacation plans in order to take a personal hand in the treaty signing ceremony and the discussions that will follow with Secretary of State Dean Rusk and British Foreign Secretary Lord Home.

Khrushchev had been scheduled to leave for his Black Sea retreat today and relax for at least two weeks before making a journey to Yugoslavia on Aug. 20.

It was officially announced, meanwhile, that Rusk has accepted Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko's invitation to remain here for three or four days after the ceremonial treaty signing Monday. Lord Home similarly is expected to stay for the three-day talks.

The foreign ministers will continue the private discussions initiated by Khrushchev, Gromyko, Under-Secretary of State W. Averell Harriman and Britain's Science Minister Lord Hailsham last month during the nuclear treaty negotiations.

Subjects to be discussed were believed to include the Soviet-proposed non-aggression pact between NATO and the Warsaw bloc, the setting up of East-West control posts to guard against surprise attacks, and the possible extension of the nuclear test ban treaty to take in a moratorium on underground tests.

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Smaller Quakes Strike Battered Skopje Area

SKOPJE, Yugoslavia (UPI) — Three new earthquakes struck devastated Skopje today, sending its battered residents fleeing into the streets in panic once again but causing no further damage or injuries.

However, Yugoslav rescue center officials who announced no new casualties said they would speed up the evacuation of the city, wrecked by a catastrophic earthquake last Friday.

They said there have been close to 200 tremors since Friday, but that most of them have been minor.

Officials also said workers dug out the bodies of three more victims Wednesday night, raising to 87 the total number of dead recovered. Estimates of what the final death toll will be ran between 1,500 and 2,000.

But officials said they had "no further hope" of finding more survivors under Skopje's rubble.

Officials indicated a complete death toll may never be known. They said:

"We feel it is impossible anybody who has not yet been found could survive."

The boom from dynamite squads demolishing tottering buildings echoed in the background as Yugoslav authorities voiced their grim observations.

Mostly they went ahead with plans to rebuild Skopje on another site in an effort to avoid future disasters. But some survivors felt otherwise.

Djordje Dimovski, a baker whose family escaped injury but lost almost everything they owned commented:

"Even if I have to sweep streets and live in one room someplace else, I will never come back."

He said he and his family currently were living in a tent set up in a park. He added:

"I will do anything to escape from here. I will take any job."

Kennedy To Seek Test Ban Support

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Kennedy is expected to emphasize anew today his hope for overwhelming congressional and public support of the nuclear test ban to be signed in Moscow next week.

The President scheduled a news conference for 4 p.m. EDT, which could serve as a forum for his new appeal. The conference was being televised and broadcast live to the nation.

Kennedy was believed ready to give some indication of U.S. reaction to the attitude of French President Charles de Gaulle, who has declined to sign the pact and plans to continue his test program.

Clarification Unlikely

It was considered unlikely, however, that the President would clarify in any great detail the question of whether the United States was prepared to assist France with information and weapons if the French keep their experiments underground.

Undersecretary of State W. Averell Harriman said Wednesday the President could be expected to give some observation on the French attitude toward nuclear testing. The President was understood to be wary of taking too definite a position pending further study.

Harriman pumped more steam into the administration drive for test ban approval by asserting that the United States would "lose our leadership of the world" if the Senate failed to ratify the ban on air, space and underwater tests.

Announced Delegation

He spoke at a National Press Club lunch not long after the White House announced that a 11-man delegation, including four Democratic and two Republican senators, would accompany Rusk to Moscow Friday.

The delegation includes Democratic Sens. J. W. Fulbright, Ark.; Hubert H. Humphrey, Minn.; John O. Pastore, R.I., and John Sparkman, Ala.; and Republicans Leverett Saltonstall, Mass., and George Aiken, Vt.

Cook Gets Veep Post

DENVER, Colo. (UPI) — Multnomah County Commissioner M. James Gleason Wednesday was elected president of the 11,000 member National Association of Counties.

He was installed at a banquet in the Denver Hilton Hotel here to end a four-day convention attended by 2,200 county officials.

At the same time, John A. Anderson, Marion County engineer from Salem, was installed as head of the affiliated National Association of County Engineers. He was elected earlier.

Another Oregon county official is in line for high national office. Eva Cook, Klamath Falls, was elected second vice president of the National Association of County Treasurers and is in line for the presidency in 1965.

Baker County Judge Lloyd Rea was re-elected NAC director and Multnomah County Engineer Paul Northrup was re-elected western regional vice president of the engineer's association.

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