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Truman Says Seizure Right Is Inherent

Pledges To Abide By Supreme Court Steel Mill Ruling

Washington, May 22 — (UP) — President Truman today does not think the courts or the congress can take away his power to seize fundamental industries in a national emergency.

Under questioning by reporters, he said he does not believe this inherent, constitutional right of his is at stake in the steel case currently before the Supreme Court.

He promised to abide by the Supreme Court decision on steel and said his news conference comments in no way constituted pre-judgment of the court decision.

He said that if the court decides that he did not have the power to seize steel, he would turn the mills back to steel management and see what happens.

Mr. Truman, however, said repeatedly and pointedly that neither the courts nor congress could take from the President his inherent right under the constitution to seize properties if such a step is necessary to protect the welfare of the nation.

Three Times reporters put this matter up to the President in virtually the same language. Each time Mr. Truman said nobody could take from a President the inherent rights granted him under the constitution.

"That means the courts?" he was asked.

Nobody, the President replied firmly.

Mr. Truman said he favored congressional enactment of a new law giving the President specific authority to deal with strikes in fundamental industries. He said he thought the law should contain a provision for seizure.

Critics of Mr. Truman's steel seizure said he should have used the Taft-Hartley act which permits the government to get a court order preventing a strike for 80 days in event of a national emergency.

The act does not provide for industry seizure. Mr. Truman has contended that the steelworkers union voluntarily put off a strike for more than the 80 days provided in the Taft-Hartley act.

Memorial Services Of Veterans Sunday

War veterans organizations of Decatur will hold their annual memorial services at 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning at the Trinity Evangelical United Brethren church, with the Rev. John E. Chambers, pastor, delivering the memorial sermon.

Members of the American Legion, its auxiliary and junior auxiliary, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and auxiliaries, and the Disabled American Veterans and auxiliary are asked to meet at the Legion home at 10 a.m. Sunday to go to the church in a body.

Report Harold Hess As Much Improved

Harold Hess, 42, badly burned in a gas explosion Tuesday at the H. P. Schmitt packing company, who has been on the critical list at the Adams county memorial hospital since the accident, was this morning pronounced "much improved" by the hospital.

Three-Year-Old Boy Suffocation Victim

Indianapolis, May 22 — (UP) — Three-year-old Dwayne Wilkinson died of suffocation last night when he became trapped in an abandoned icebox in a neighbor's yard. The boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Wilkinson, had been missing more than three hours when his body was found by a neighbor, Hiram Dewey.

Friday Is Senior Day At Indiana U.

Bloomington, Ind., May 22 — (UP) — Tomorrow is "senior day" at Indiana university. University president Herman B. Wells will address the class in the morning, a coffee hour is scheduled for the afternoon, and the traditional "senior wash" will be held in the evening with music by Louis Armstrong's orchestra.

BULLETIN
Nuernberg, Germany, May 22.—(UP)—A U.S. army court martial sentenced a 19-year-old American soldier to death today for the premeditated murder of two German civilians. Pvt. John F. Vigneault of Goffs Falls, N.H., was found guilty by a 10-officer court of shooting the Germans who gave him and another GI a ride and then stealing the car last April 19.

Red Prisoners Post Guards To Prevent Escape

Sentries Posted By Prisoners To Halt Escape, Bloodshed

Koje Island, Korea, May 22.—(UP)—Communist prisoners of war posted guards inside the barbed wire of notorious compound 76 tonight to prevent fellow captives from escaping.

Their action was noted for the first time by allied newsmen shortly after Gen. James A. Van Fleet, 8th army commander, visited the prison compounds here and declared that he believed violence had ended.

Allied sources here indicated the sentries were posted by the prisoners themselves to prevent fanatics from attempting escapes that could lead to new bloodshed and probably would be unsuccessful even if the captives got outside the compounds.

Two strong searchlights beamed a flood of light into compound 76 from adjacent hills. The sentries, wearing red badges on their caps, obviously were keeping a sharp watch on events in and out of the compound.

Van Fleet said earlier, "I don't think there will be any more trouble."

His optimistic outlook differed sharply with that of news correspondents and with recent views of the prison commander, Brig. Gen. Haydon L. Boatner.

(Peiping radio) said today the United Nations was "scheming new massacres" in the Kojé and Pusan camps. The broadcast, heard in Tokyo, led some listeners to believe the Communists themselves might be planning fresh disorders, possibly on underground order from the North Korean and Chinese capitals.

Boatner correctly predicted three days ago that there would be "more disorders." Since then there has been the violent Pusan outburst on the mainland and sit-down strikes and demonstrations among the prisoners here, including women.

A Chinese prisoner was shot and killed on Saturday when he threatened an allied guard at the gate of a Kojé compound.

In the Pusan rioting, it was learned today, two U.S. rifle companies fought the prisoners with about 100 concussion grenades and tear gas while four tanks and five machine-gun mounted half tracks waited outside the compound.

The riot occurred in compound No. 2 of camp No. 10. Four ring-leaders were placed in solitary confinement. Yesterday 1,100 were transferred to join the other detained Communists on Kojé Island. (Turn To Page Eight)

Local Lady's Father Dies This Morning

Emil Graefe Dies Today In Chicago

Emil Graefe, 95, a retired business and political leader of Chicago and father of Mrs. George D. MacLean of this city, died at 7:30 a.m. today at the home of a daughter, 5151 Crandon avenue, Chicago.

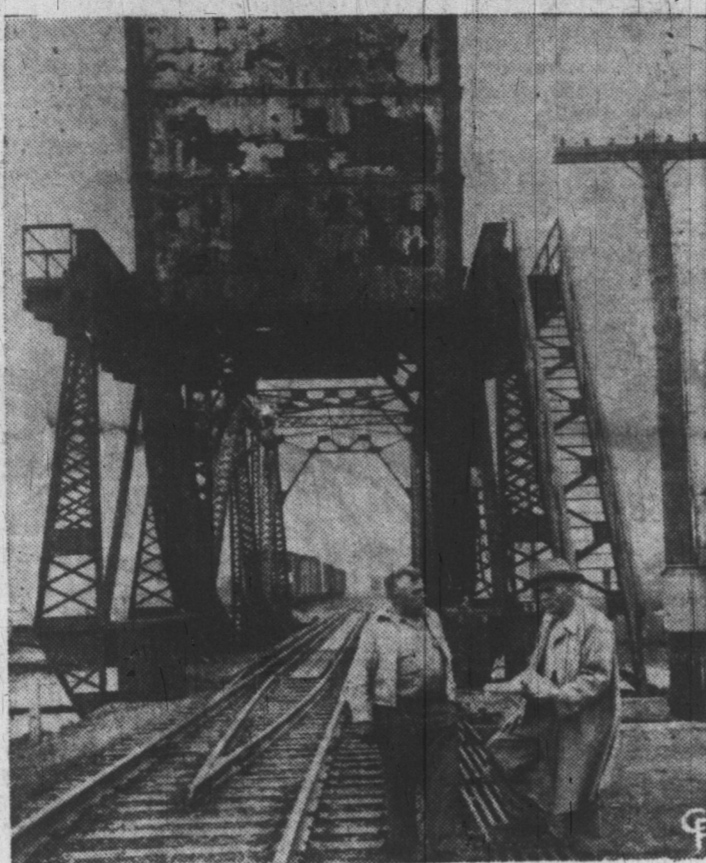
He had been in fairly good health until the past three weeks. Mrs. MacLean has been at her sister's home the past few weeks assisting in caring for her father.

A native of Bavaria, Germany, Mr. Graefe came to the United States when he was about 20 years ago. He was active in business and political circles for half a century.

Besides the daughter in this city he is survived by the following daughters and sons, Mrs. Helen Curtin, Mrs. Frieda Kraft, both of Chicago; Mrs. Harry Riddering, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich.; Mrs. Carl Drake, Glendale, Cal.; William of Wisconsin and Henry Graefe of Chicago. His wife preceded him in death six years ago.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Tews funeral home, 2434 East 79 street, Chicago. Burial will be in Oakwood cemetery.

Tanker Tieup Ends



EAST CHICAGO, Ind., deputy sheriff Michael Rivich (right) serves a court order to open his bridge on bridge-tender John Bialas at the Indiana Harbor ship canal where striking oil worker pickets have held the span closed for 21 days. First craft through as pickets withdrew was a tanker carrying \$2,700,000 gallons of gasoline bound for Wisconsin ports.

Early Return Of Rail Lines Being Planned

3-Year-Old Wage Dispute Settled, To Return To Owners

Washington, May 22 — (UP) — President Truman, pleased with settlement of the three-year-old railroad wage dispute, said today he will return the lines to their private owners as soon as he can get the papers signed.

Mr. Truman told his news conference that the dispute could have been settled, as it was last night, back in 1950.

He expressed hope that railroad labor and management henceforth will abide by the railway labor act which had been successful until August, 1950, when Mr. Truman seized the railroads to avert a nationwide strike. The president praised his assistant, John R. Steelman, who came up with the proposal that resulted in the rail settlement.

The agreement signed at the White House shortly before midnight brought to a close one of the longest and bitterest labor-management disputes in U. S. history. The dispute over wages and working rules began three years ago. Mr. Truman seized the railroads 21 months ago to head off a nationwide rail strike.

The settlement terms, which are still to be translated into the precise legal language of collective bargaining contracts, provide for retroactive wage increases which will bring immediate lump sum payments of from \$600 to \$1,100 to 150,000 engineers, conductors and firemen. These payments will cost the railroads about \$100,000,000.

Yard workers, who now average \$159 an hour, will get an increase of about 24½ cents an hour. Train crews will get 17½ cents an hour more than their present average of \$3.95.

The agreement, which runs until October, 1953, also makes several changes in the complicated working rules of the railroad industry.

One change, which union leaders hailed as a "major improvement," allows union officials to veto demands by railroads to lengthen the "divisions" or sections of a railroad system which now constitutes a day's run for train crews.

The settlement was proposed by presidential assistant John R. Steelman and accepted by the railroads two days ago. The unions gave their "final and binding" assent to the terms after a five-hour session in Steelman's White House office last night.

INDIANA WEATHER

Mostly cloudy with occasional showers north, partly cloudy with widely scattered showers south tonight and Friday. Not much change in temperature. Low tonight 55-60. High Friday 65-75 north, 75-80 south.

East German Leader Warns On Peace Pact

Says Separate Pact Would Wreck Unity

Berlin, May 22.—(UP)—East German premier Otto Grotewohl said last night that west Germany's separate peace treaty with the western allies would wreck chances for unification and bring the country to the brink of civil war.

Grotewohl's warning came as allied big three and west German delegates announced at Bonn that the peace treaty—technically known as a peace contract—was now ready for signature by the four foreign ministers next Monday.

The east German premier told the Communist national front council that the treaty would "bring Germany into the immediate neighborhood of civil war and a new third world war."

He said signing of the pact would be "the final blow" to Communist attempts to bring about understanding and unity between the east and west German governments.

A communique issued after the council meeting called on east Germany to rearm to meet the threat posed by the new treaty.

"This hour of national emergency makes it necessary that the people of the (east) German democratic republic raise their own national defense forces," the communique said.

It accused west German chancellor Konrad Adenauer of plotting to split Germany permanently and to turn the western zones into a "colony of American imperialism under 'plague-general' Matthew B. Ridgway as governor - general."

Ridgway will succeed Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower as supreme allied commander in Europe next week.

Completion of the peace treaty except for a few minor technical questions was announced by American deputy high commissioner Samuel Reber in Bonn last night after a 14½-hour negotiating session.

The western and German representatives:

1. Accepted a German proposal that west Germany split its \$2,678,000,000 defense budget half-and-half between its own defense forces and allied troops stationed in Germany.

2. Adopted a German proposal that Germany contribute 12 divisions to the proposed new European army.

3. Dropped, at Germany's request, a clause binding any future government of a reunited Germany to the treaty.

Treasurer Reports On Tax Collection

Adams county treasurer Richard D. Lewton today issued the following report on the spring tax collection:

The total money collected for personal and property tax was \$605,872.90; ditch assessments came to \$11,317.79; and from the three banks in Adams county totaled \$9,878.79.

The distribution of the total money collected, \$627,019.48, is: 50 percent to the First State Bank in Decatur; 39 percent to the First Bank of Berne; and 11 percent to the Bank of Geneva.

General Ridgway Speaks To Joint Congress Session

South Congressmen Threaten Controls

Protest Action On Defense Contracts

Washington, May 22.—(UP)—Rep. Paul Brown (D-Ga.) said today that southern congressmen may try to kill the controls law if the government insists on awarding defense contracts on the basis of regional unemployment instead of low bids.

Brown and six other southern house members appeared before a government panel which is studying whether clothing contracts should be channeled to unemployed areas of the east and north-east even though lower prices could be obtained elsewhere.

Brown said he and his colleagues "intend that this shall not happen." He asked the panel to make a decision promptly "so we can kill the defense production bill or amend it."

The senate banking committee has approved a bill extending wage-price controls to next March 1 and continuing other features of the defense production act for a year beyond June 30, the law's scheduled expiration date.

Other congressional developments:

Threats—Secretary of agriculture Charles E. Brannan said at a senate hearing he intends to keep on branding Sen. James P. Kem (R-Mo.) as the foe of farmers. Kem, running for re-election this year, put Brannan "on notice" that, "the libel laws being what they are, you'd better document it thoroughly." Brannan said he would document his charge "thoroughly."

Budget—House leaders opposed a senate bill to create a joint committee on the budget. The measure, approved by the senate 55 to 8, is aimed at giving congress tighter control over federal spending. But acting chairman E. E. Cox (D-Ga.) of the house rules committee called the bill an attempt by the senate "to barge in on the house in its constitutional right to initiate appropriations." Appropriations chairman Clarence Cannon (D-Mo.) also opposed the senate measure. He said it would be unconstitutional.

Foreign Aid—Rep. Carl Hinshaw (R-Cal.) said that before the house votes on foreign aid it should take into account criticism of the United States by Aneurin Bevan, British laborite. Hinshaw said it is possible that Bevan might become leader of the British labor party. (Turn To Page Four)

Graduation Rites Here This Evening

Commencement To Open Festivities

Commencement exercises at Decatur high school will begin tonight at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium. Guest speaker, Dr. George E. Davis, will speak to the graduating class on his theme, "How Smart Are You." Dr. Davis is famous as an interpreter of the great Indiana bard, James Whitcomb Riley, and is currently director of adult education at Purdue University.

The commencement will only be the beginning of the all-night affair that has been planned for the young men and women to provide wholesome diversion for their traditional "night out."

When the graduation program ends, which will probably be about midnight, Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Custer, together with co-hosts Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hite, have scheduled a buffet dinner at the Custer residence, 358 Winchester street, for the entire graduating class.

At 2 a.m., immediately following the dinner, Roy Kalver will present a special showing of "Sound Off," a technicolor musical starring Mickey Rooney, at the Adams theater.

Then, as has been announced, the Lions commence their didoes at the American Legion home, with entertainment and a breakfast.

Admiral Joy In Parting Blast At Negotiators

Tells Reds Decision For Peace Or War Is Up To Communists

Panmunjom, Korea, May 22 — (UP) —Vice Admiral C. Turner Joy stepped out of the Korean armistice talks today with a parting blast at Communist negotiators and the statement that there is "nothing left to negotiate."

The senior allied delegate, who has served the entire 10 months and 12 days since the talks began, told the Reds that the decision for peace or more war in Korea "is in your hands."

During a moving 1,200-word statement of United Nations aims, Joy said:

"You have increasingly presented evidence before the world that you did not enter these negotiations with sincerity and high purpose, but rather than you entered them to gain time to repair your shattered armies, and to try to accomplish at the conference table what your armies could not accomplish in the field."

He then turned over his job to Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison with the words, "May God be with him."

Joy turned and left the armistice tent so abruptly that the Communists thought for a moment he was breaking off the talks. Their translators quickly set them straight.

Joy's statement took up most of the 45-minute morning meeting. Harrison led the allied delegation back for a 32-minute afternoon session, and will meet with the Reds again Friday.

Joy told the Communists once more that the allies will not go beyond their April 28 offer to return only the 70,000 Red prisoners who want to go back to Communism. The other 99,000 prisoners (Turn To Page Eight)

Poppy Day Sale Here Friday And Saturday

Public Is Urged To Donate Generously

"A poppy on every person; remembrance in every heart."

That is the slogan for Poppy Day, which will be marked in Decatur and throughout the nation Friday and Saturday.

The annual Poppy day sales are sponsored by the ladies auxiliary of Adams Post 43, American Legion, with the auxiliary members and girls of the junior auxiliary conducting the sales.

The Poppy sales will get underway Friday with the workers conducting the sales at industries in the city, while the business district will be thoroughly canvassed all day Saturday by the volunteer workers.

The Legion auxiliary is planning for record sales this year as the need for the organization's aid to veterans and their families in child welfare and rehabilitation is growing steadily.

All proceeds from the poppy sales are devoted solely to this welfare and rehabilitation work and leaders of the Legion auxiliary in Decatur urge generous contributions by the public in the purchase of the little red flowers.

Poppies which are sold here are made by the patients at the Veterans' hospital at Marion. These 134 veterans, despite their illness and disabilities, have increased their efforts and made, all by hand, 882,990 poppies, which is 220,000 over the hospital's quota.

The little red flowers which will be sold here symbolize the poppies of Flanders field, where are buried so many American heroes of World War I.

Allied Planes Blast Reds' Supply Center

War Manufacturing Site Flaming Ruin

Seou, Korea, May 22.—(UP)—Allied fighter-bombers blasted a huge Communist war manufacturing and supply center near the North Korean capital of Pyongyang into a flaming ruin in an all-day attack today.

The raid reduced at least 117 buildings between Pyongyang and Chinnampo, its west coast port, to smoldering rubble and heavily damaged 84 other structures.

The fighter-bombers launched their all-out assault at dawn after air intelligence officers reported a weeks-long buildup had reached a peak. Relays of jet and propeller-driven planes continued the attack with bombs, rockets, napalm and machine-gun bullets until nightfall.

On the ground, more than 100 U.S. tanks lined up along the shell-ton ridges of the central front Wednesday and killed or wounded at least 354 Communists in one of the biggest "tank shoots" of the war.

The barrage from gun barrels of two tank battalions topped five days of steady daylight drumfire into enemy bunkers in four areas of the central front. Two battalions comprise 122 to 144 tanks, depending on size.

Communist artillery struck back today with violent artillery attack. They threw 4,183 rounds at the U.N. lines in early hours in a near-record barrage.

Heart Failure Cause Of Rockefeller Death

Coroner's Verdict Is Returned Today

The death of Frank Rockefeller, 52, of Chicago, whose body was found in a thicket along the Wash-bash river near Linn Grove shortly before noon Wednesday, was caused by congestive heart failure, Harmon Gillig, Adams county coroner, ruled today.

The coroner's verdict was pronounced following an autopsy held this morning at the Jahn funeral home in Bluffton, where the body was taken.

The coroner also said that Rockefeller, a contractor, apparently had been dead about 36 hours at the time his body was found.

The Chicago man had been visiting in Bluffton at the home of a son, Howard, and was reported missing Sunday night by the son when he failed to return from a fishing trip on which he started Sunday noon.

Rockefeller's auto, parked along the highway near Linn Grove, was towed into Berne yesterday morning, and search for the man was launched after the auto, bearing Illinois license plates, was identified as one owned by the Chicago man.

Rockefeller is survived by two sons, Howard of Bluffton and Frank H. of Chicago; two daughters, Mrs. Mary Steegan and Miss Edith Rockefeller, both of Cicero, Ill., two grandchildren and a sister. The body probably will be sent to Chicago for funeral services, and then to Wisconsin for burial.

Canning Plant Head Dies This Morning

Elmer Schmitt, 58, of Arcanum, O., owner of the Decatur Canning Co., Inc., died at 2:30 o'clock this morning at Grandview hospital in Dayton, O. Although he had been in ill health for the past two years, his death was unexpected.

Survivors include his wife, Ma-bet, and two sons. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Stalemate In Korean Talks Laid To Reds

Former Commander In Far East Speaks To Joint Session

Washington, May 22 — (UP) — Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway today blamed the stalemate in Korean peace talks on the "blind hatred, vituperative venom, the vicious falsehoods" of the communist negotiators.

The former supreme United Nations commander in the Far East told a joint session of congress that "there rests in the communist hands a logical, reasonable, and honorable settlement on equitable terms."

"Acceptance or rejection, cessation or continuance of hostilities in Korea, is now the responsibility of the communist leaders," Ridgway said.

This was Ridgway's only reference in his 2,500-word speech to the possibility of renewed large-scale warfare in Korea. He did not mention the recent capture by communist prisoners in the Kojé Island camp of Brig. Gen. Francis T. Dodd, and the quickly-repudiated concessions which were granted for Dodd's release. Many congressmen have demanded investigations of the entire Kojé affair. Ridgway had met earlier today with the senate foreign relations committee to discuss his new assignment as Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's successor as Atlantic Pact commander in Europe.

Ridgway divided his first speech to congress into discussions of military operations in Korea, the armistice negotiations and American relations with Japan. He said Japan's continued role "at our side" depends "more on us in the immediate future" than on the Japanese because "ours is the role of leadership."

He said the Allied 8th army, "under the conspicuous battlefield leadership" of Gen. James A. Van Fleet, repulsed repeated enemy attacks, "passed into the counter-offensive by November last it stood firm and continued its advance approximately where now it stands—proud, defiant and confident of its capability for accomplishing any mission it might be assigned."

Ridgway praised the U.N. truce negotiators—"individually and collectively of as high principled integrity, fidelity, courage and vision, as any group assembled for any similar purpose anywhere, anytime"—for their efforts in "full faith and loyalty to achieve an honorable armistice."

"That they have so far been unsuccessful is no slightest mark of failure," he said, "but rather, a monumental tribute to their strict adherence to United Nations concepts of human dignity and human rights and to their efforts in the cause of peace . . . they have served well."

"They have striven with logic and reason, with patience and restraint, and above all with principle and truth, to overcome the blind hatred, the vituperative venom, the vicious falsehoods, deliberately employed, which are all inseparable elements of the technique of communist negotiation."

Ridgway repeated his denunciation of communist charges that U. N. forces are using germ and gas warfare in Korea.

Commissioners To Take Bids June 2

The Adams county board of commissioners will receive bids for a corn picker for the county farm at the next regular meeting to be held Monday, June 2. Otto Hoffman, president of the board, said.

The commissioners also will receive bids on the same date for furnishing gasoline for the highway department trucks for a period of six months.