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Six Cents

No Sign Of Break In Steel Deadlock

NEW YORK (UPI) — The longest consecutive joint negotiating sessions since the beginning of the 24-day-old nation-wide steel strike went into their fourth day today. A secret meeting also was held between top union and industry spokesmen Wednesday.

Federal Mediation Director Joseph F. Finnegan said there was no sign of an immediate break in the economic deadlock but he believed contract issues were being discussed "in a more workmanlike way."

While negotiating subcommittees discussed specific contract terms Wednesday, United Steelworkers of America (USW) President David J. McDonald and the head of the industry bargaining team, R. Conrad Cooper, met separately, it was disclosed Wednesday night.

The four-man bargaining teams began negotiations for new industry-wide contracts on May 11 and broke off talks July 14 after a two-week contract extension failed to produce any change in the position of either side.

Finnegan brought them together July 27 for their first meeting since the strike began, at midnight July 14. They have met daily since Monday, Aug. 3.

At issue in the dispute, which is costing the idle industry and the strikers an estimated 29 million dollars a day, is the industry's insistence on a wage and price freeze to combat inflation, countered by the union's assertion that profits are high enough to permit a 15-cent package increase without raising prices.

In Washington Rep. Chester A. Bowles (D-Conn.) who was head of the wartime Office of Price Administration, suggested the industry cut prices by \$10 a ton and the union forego a raise. Steel prices presently average \$150 a ton. Wages average \$3.10 an hour.

At Least Six Dead In Fire In Paris

PARIS (UPI) — Firemen searched for more dead today in the blackened rubble of a huge warehouse which was razed by fire before dawn in Paris' central food market "Les Halles."

Officials said the bodies of six persons have been discovered so far. One was night watchman, Pierre Valentini, 75. The others have not been identified.

Police said hoboes frequently sneaked into the warehouse to sleep.

Decatur Industries Starts Construction

Construction of the new Decatur Industries, Inc., plant valued at \$75,000, began Wednesday as workers started laying the cement blocks for the walls of the 100-foot by 250-foot structure.

Noah Steury, president of the firm, said that his company would be the general contractors for the building while most of the labor force would be sub-leased. The entire structure will be of cement block and steel and will be completely fireproofed.

The company purchased five acres of industrial land from the Decatur Chamber of Commerce Tuesday, June 30. The site is located west of U. S. 27 between the Erie and Nickle Plate railroad tracks.

St. Mary's Rate Is Reduced 18 Cents

The overall St. Mary's township rate, excluding poor relief which will be figured in the auditor's office, is down 18 cents for 1960. Lester Brunner, township trustee, announced today.

The township rate of 13 cents will be continued. This will provide \$3,012 to provide for a budget of \$3,100, including \$1,790 for township trustee pay, rent, clerical and travel expenses; \$350 for printing, advertising, stationery, and books, \$225 for care of cemeteries, \$380 for fire protection, and \$655 for other civil township expenses.

The tuition rate has been lowered 49 cents, from \$1.39 for this year to 90 cents for 1960. This will raise \$20,729 towards the budget of \$64,500, most of which will be returned from state and county taxes. The special school rate of \$1.08, up 31 cents from this year's 77 cents, will raise \$23,801 towards the budget of \$28,315.

The St. Mary's township poor relief fund budget calls for \$240 for administration and \$5,000 for direct relief, the same as last year.

Temperature Drop Forecast Tonight

United Press International

Parts of Indiana faced the possibility of absorbing heavy rain this afternoon or tonight as a cool front headed toward Hoosierland, chasing away hot and humid weather.

Forecasts called for the latest warm, muggy spell to vanish as the cool front sweeps eastward Friday.

But before it goes, local areas throughout the state could get some heavy doses of showers and thundershowers.

The same general front which dumped up to 12 inches of rain on parts of Nebraska and 9½ inches on southeastern Iowa is carrying the cooler air toward Indiana.

Temperatures will drop to a range of 55 to 65 Friday night and advance no higher than the 70s during a "fair and pleasant" Saturday, the latest forecasts said.

But the warm and humid situation which has existed the last few days was due to hang on through today with high readings this afternoon ranging from the upper 80s to the low 90s.

Tonight's lows will range from the low 60s north to near 70 central and the low 70s south. Highs Friday will range from the mid 70s north to the mid 80s central and low 90s south.

Highs Wednesday included 86 at South Bend, 87 at Evansville and 88 at Fort Wayne and Indianapolis and 71 at Evansville during the night.

More rain was due in scattered thundershowers today, tonight and Friday as the cool front chased the hot moist air southward.

Heavy fog blanketed some Hoosier areas this morning for the second day in a row, slowing traffic and creating driving hazards.

Leaf Aphids Are Infesting Corn Fields

A general infestation of leaf aphids heavier than this area has ever seen has broken out in ripening corn fields all over the country and may hurt crop yields this year unless the insects are stopped.

The infestation affects approximately 10,000 acres, or almost a quarter of the county's corn acreage, county agent Lee Seltzert said this morning. The insects are causing the heaviest damage in the fields that are coming into silk and where the corn ears are just developing. The aphids, commonly known as plant lice, have been noted in corn before this year, but never in such great numbers, he said.

There are no tested methods of treatment for these insects, Seltzert said this morning after returning from Van Wert, O., yesterday, hearing what Ohio state University experts said about the insects, and receiving a report from Purdue University this morning.

The tiny blue-green insects attack the tassels or leaves, sucking the juices from the plant. The heaviest damage is done in plants that are just about to come into silk, the county agent said. With the vital plant juices taken away from the leaves, the development of the corn ear, which is just beginning at this stage, is stunted.

As they attack the tassel, the aphids can also hinder pollination, and have been connected with the lack of fertility in corn plants. However, the damage is less extensive here, entomologists believe, because one corn plant may pollinate many others. There would be cause for concern, the county agent said, when every fourth or fifth plant would be heavily infested in the tassel.

The budget will be considered by the school board at a regular meeting August 27, and anyone wishing to be heard may appear then.

Hesitate on Spraying

Reports of some infestation began coming into the extension office the last week in July, and this week the reports began to increase, he said. In Ohio, the infestation began earlier than it did in Adams county and has apparently spread west into Indiana. He said, in the Van Wert and Rockford areas in Ohio, he said, there is much spraying being done, both by airplane and highboy equipment.

However, he hesitates to recommend spraying with malathion, unless plants are actually being killed, Seltzert said. The chemical, which may be bought in either solution or dust, is known to kill the insects, but no tests have been conducted on the results of spraying to see whether it really is the answer to the threat of aphids.

The insects can disappear almost as fast as they come, the county agent said. The insects have two forms of reproduction and can build up their numbers very fast. However, their natural enemies, ladybugs, a fly, and a wasp, can destroy these numbers, also in a short time.

A rain, which would break the county's two-week dry spell, would wash some of the aphids off, but (Continued on page three)

Herter Feels Tension Eased

GENEVA (UPI) — Secretary of State Christian A. Herter flew home today, convinced that the 10-week foreign ministers' conference here had eased the Communist threat to West Berlin.

Herter made no formal statement before his converted Boeing 707 jetliner took off for Washington at 4:20 a.m. e.d.t., but he is known to feel that the Russians have tacitly withdrawn their Berlin ultimatum.

Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, whose turboprop IL-18 left for Moscow 13 minutes before Herter's departure, read a parting speech which said the conference "performed useful and not inconsiderable work" and expressed hope that further negotiations might produce more tangible results.

Gromyko also said the coming exchange of visits between President Eisenhower and Premier Nikita Khrushchev proves "the climate of international relations is getting markedly warmer and better."

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Committee Of House Rejects Drastic Cut In Highway Projects

Adams Central Tax Rate Is Reduced

The proposed Adams Central school tax rate, to be paid in Kirkland, and rural Monroe and Washington townships, will be six cents less this year, the board of school trustees has announced.

The special school fund rate will be one cent higher, \$1.15 instead of \$1.14; this will raise \$105,448, as compared with the \$103,018 raised this year by the latter rate. The special school fund budget calls for \$124,230, the remainder of which comes from state funds.

The tuition fund was reduced two cents to 78 cents, which will raise \$71,521, as compared with \$72,388 raised last year by 80 cents. The bond fund has been lowered two cents, from 15 to 13 cents. The lease fund has been lowered from 35 to 34 cents, which will raise almost as much money, however, as this year's levy.

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Auction Students To Conduct Sales For PTA Saturday

The 90 students enrolled in the Reppert school of auctioneering will get their third chance to do some selling at a real sale Saturday.

The cool air was pushing southward from Montana and the Dakotas, dropping temperatures as it moved.

The U.S. Weather Bureau said much of the upper Mississippi Valley and parts of Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska would benefit from the cool air Thursday.

It was expected to be a little warmer in the Pacific Northwest and New England while little change in temperature was forecast elsewhere.

Scattered showers and thunderstorms were forecast over most of the country Thursday, with the exception of the West Coast and Minnesota. Fargo, N.D., and Alexandria, Minn., reported some sunny.

A squall line moved ahead of the cool air from Canada bringing heavy nighttime thunderstorms to the eastern Dakotas and Minnesota. Fargo, N.D., and Alexandria, Minn., reported more than an inch of rain.

The students, representing 21 states and Canada, will hear members of the Chamber of Commerce a week from today, August 13. They will complete their three-week course Friday, with a graduation banquet at 11 a.m., at the Decatur Youth and Community Center, when their instructors will also give talks.

Experimental Run At Canning Co. Friday

Expecting a bumper crop of tomatoes this season, the Decatur Canning Co. will try an experimental run Friday with a skeleton crew operating equipment. Mrs. Mabel Schmitt, president of the local firm, added that the early start was entirely unexpected.

Mrs. Schmitt also said that the labor force would be increased next week to handle two or possibly three runs. The crews would then reach full strength by the last week of August when the tomato harvest reaches its peak.

She said that the abundance of rainfall in late July and the intense heat the past two weeks have speeded up the ripening process of tomatoes considerably. Starting in its 13th season, the local plant furnishes canned goods for institutional use.

Mrs. Schmitt, assisted by vice president W. E. Schmitt, and plant manager Larry Elliott, have planned for an expanded operation here within the next three years. The firm recently closed its Ohio plant and will contain all processing of the federally inspected tomatoes here.

They said their plan called for the creation of a U.N. disarmament panel made up of 8 or 10 members, evenly divided between supporters of Russia and the West.

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Flash Floods Drive Iowans From Homes

Ike Appeals To Nation Tonight On Labor Bill

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House Public Works Committee rejected today a plan calling for a drastic cutback in the construction schedule.

Instead, the committee has come up with a plan for a billion dollars worth of revenue bonds to be paid off by diverting money from the highway trust fund into general revenue.

However, the committee said that if this were done to get the

41,000-mile highway program over its immediate financing "hump," there also should be a four-year "stretch-out" in apportionments to states beginning next year.

This two-point proposal has made almost no one happy. The administration opposes the financing scheme. The cutback in building is sharply criticized by the states, contracting group, and the House Public Works Committee, which would have to approve it.

The Ways and Means Committee last week rejected President Eisenhower's request for a 1½ cent increase in federal gasoline taxes and recommended this two-point plan to solve the money muddle.

—Issuance of one billion dollars in new revenue bonds to get over the immediate financing "hump."

—Stretching out over-all construction of the highways to meet the long range problem of how to keep the program in the black.

The Ways and Means committee plan called for slashing apportionments to the states beginning next July 1. This would be cut to 600 million dollars, compared with the 2½ billion dollars in present law.

There would be corresponding cutbacks in apportionments for future years.

But the Public Works Committee recommended that next year's apportionment be scaled down to \$2,200,000,000 and apportionments for the following 11 years be fixed at the same amount.

If the Ways and Means Committee accepts a different financing proposal would be necessary to pull the program out of the red. The billion-dollar bond issue would not be enough.

The threat of a sharp reduction in the road-building program has revived talk that Congress might reluctantly decide to approve some form of gasoline tax increase after all.

President Eisenhower's proposal for a 1½ cent a gallon increase in the levy still appears to be just as dead as it did when he sent it to Congress last January.

But some key lawmakers feel that in the jockeying for a solution to the highway financing crisis between now and adjournment, Congress may wind up approving a smaller tax boost, coupled with a moderate "stretch-out" in the super-highway con-

struction.

One regulation horseshoe court and two outdoor shuffleboard courts are now lighted for night use, Richard Linn, director of the Decatur Youth Center, said today.

The horseshoe court was constructed this summer near the shuffleboard courts, and the lighting has been recently installed. The courts are lighted from dark until 10 p.m. Tuesdays during Saturdays during the summer.

Nixon Reports To Eisenhower

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Vice President Richard M. Nixon was expected today to draw heavily on the experiences of his Russian trip to help devise strategy for dealing with Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev on his U.S. visit next month.

Nixon, who returned late Wednesday from a two-week tour of Russia and Poland, reported immediately to President Eisenhower. They spent an hour and 15 minutes in conference at the White House.

The President was to get an other report today on dealings with the Soviets from Secretary of State Christian A. Herter when he returns from the Geneva foreign ministers' meeting. Herter had a 6 p.m. e.d.t. appointment with the Chief Executive.

Gratified by Arms Decision

Eisenhower was described as highly gratified at the Big Four agreement at Geneva to launch new negotiations toward East-West disarmament, although the conferees wound up in a complete deadlock on the Berlin and German issues.

The importance that Nixon attaches to Khrushchev's forthcoming visit was apparent as soon as the vice president stepped from his plane at Washington National Airport.

In a statement to the enthusiastic crowd of 3,500 official and unofficial greeters, he urged

Americans "in the interest of peace and justice" to show the Soviet premier "the same courtesy that the people of the Soviet Union showed me."

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said later that the President felt Nixon's remarks of the subject were "very well said and very much in order."

Letters for Eisenhower

At their White House meeting, Nixon gave Eisenhower letters from Khrushchev and Soviet President Klementi Voroshilov. The letters, written in Russian, were sent to the State Department for translation.

The return of Herter and Nixon marked the beginning of intense top-level preparation for the Khrushchev visit, tentatively scheduled to begin Sept. 15.

Eisenhower will go to Western Europe later this month to confer with British, French and West German leaders. He will repay Khrushchev's visit by making a trip to Russia later this fall.

Hagerty said Nixon gave Eisenhower a preliminary, personal report on his visit to Russia. He said they made some informal suggestions on details of Khrushchev's trip here next month.

Nixon will make an additional report to the President's cabinet Friday morning, Hagerty said.

