

TRUMAN ACTS IN STEEL DISPUTE

Makes 11th Hour Attempt To Prevent Strike.

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White House to intervene directly in the General Motors strike.

This official, close to the President, said that public opinion was "solidly" behind the recommendations of the presidential fact-finding board.

The official note of optimism that the steel strike still may be averted stemmed from reports that both the company and union had retreated from their original positions.

Reports were current here that the company originally had offered a wage increase of 10 cents an hour when negotiations reopened Thursday.

Mr. Murray and Mr. Fairless announced last night in New York that the company's final offer was 15 cents and that the union's demand had been cut from 25 to 19½ cents. That left negotiators five cents apart.

Mr. Fairless said the company offered to continue collective bargaining "if so desired."

Mr. Murray, however, said the conferees were "deadlocked with no reasonable hope of settlement in the offing." He called the company offer "wholly inadequate" and said the union had no choice but to follow the plan for a strike.

Equals G. M. Proposal

By lowering its wage demand to 20 cents, the U. S. W. was seeking approximately the same amount recommended for the G. M. employees.

The Timken Roller Bearing Co. of Canton, O., a small manufacturer of steel, yesterday offered its employees 17½ per cent wage increase. Mr. Murray said at a press conference before leaving New York that if the offer when translated into dollars and cents equaled 19½ cents an hour, it would be considered satisfactory and a contract signed.

A strike was already underway on a small scale. U. S. W. workers began picketing the Bethlehem Steel Corporation's Lackawanna, N. Y., plant at 8 p. m. last night. The 11 p. m. shift refused to cross the picket line, and union officials estimated that 11,000 employees would stay away from their jobs today. Lackawanna police guarded against a renewal of picket line violence that occurred last night.

Members of the U. S. W. struck at the Aluminum Company of America at New Kensington, Pa., yesterday.

The steel dispute, reduced to dollars and cents, was a \$6 a week increase offered by the company and \$7.50 a week demanded by the union. The original union demand would have amounted to a \$10 increase for a five-day week.

Steel Strike Would Idle 55,000 Hoosiers

By UNITED PRESS

A scheduled strike of United Steel Workers C. I. O. union members next Monday would idle an estimated 55,000 persons in Indiana, a survey showed today.

Representatives of the U. S. W. estimated that 40,000 workers would be affected in 21 plants in the Calumet steel mill area and three neighboring Hoosier counties.

Over the remainder of Indiana, an estimated 15,000 workers in 27 plants, located in 10 cities, would be affected.

The strike would fail to touch many other steel plants in which contracts between the union and management could not be reopened for negotiation, according to James C. Robb, director for District 30 of the U. S. W.

The number of workers involved in the scheduled walkout ranged from less than 100 in several plants to 15,000 at the Carnegie Illinois Steel company at Gary. Other big plants which would be affected were the Inland Steel corporation at Chicago Heights and Indiana Harbor, where 10,732 are employed, and the Youngstown Sheet and Tube company, Indiana Harbor, where 5419 would be affected.

Other cities with plants scheduled to be affected if the strike plans materialized were Gary, Hammond, Griffith, East Chicago, South Bend, Whiting, Valparaiso, Ft. Wayne, Akron, Kokomo, Frankfort, Crawfordsville, Elwood, Munice, Indianapolis, Greensburg, Terre Haute and Evansville.

DROPS 5 MINISTERS FROM JAP CABINET

TOKYO, Jan. 12 (U. P.)—Prime Minister Kijuro Shidehara today dropped five cabinet ministers in a major governmental reorganization prompted by an allied black-list of persons connected with militarists and ultra-nationalistic organizations.

Forced out were Home Minister Zenjirō Korkiri; Agriculture and Forestry Minister Kenzo Matsunaga; Transport Minister Takeo Tanaka; Education Minister Tamon Maeda; minister without portfolio and chief Cabinet Secretary Daisaku Tsugita.

Deputy Cabinet Secretary Shigeo Miyoshi was dismissed.

Their successors included Chuzo Mitsuichi, home minister; Sempachi Soyejima, agriculture and forestry minister; Tadashige Ishiguro, education minister; Wataru Narahashi, minister without portfolio, and Adachi Tajiyo, deputy cabinet secretary.

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NEW YORK SEES TOUGH AIRBORNE

BIGGEST PARADE TRIBUTE TO ALL FIGHTING YANKS.

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tan's "big hello" to all fighting soldiers.

The armored forces displayed their Sherman tanks, and long-mouted tank destroyers, which chased the Krauts clear across Europe. The ground forces showed off their 105 millimeter howitzers, and their eight-inch self-propelled guns.

Tank transports, better known as "dragon wagons," rumbled along flanked by hundreds of eager jeeps. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, chief of the army's ground forces and one of America's top tank experts, was on hand—standing at 82d st. and Fifth ave.—to take the salute.

But the parades weren't really marching for any general today. They didn't press their tunics and slick up their helmets just to strut their stuff for a lot of brass. Today they marched for the 3,000,000 who went to Europe, and for the 170,000 who'll never come back.

Hoosier Remembers

Men like Pfc. Joseph R. Giampa, of Brooklyn, remember how it was over there. They'll never forget. Giampa was with the 501st parachute infantry regiment of the 101st division at Bastogne.

A German "screaming meemie" hit the building which sheltered Giampa.

"I remember them saying, 'Hell, he's got a concussion,'" Giampa said. "I remember everything looked double, and I told myself, 'Joe, you'll never get home!'"

Pfc. George M. Bruce of New Castle, Ind., rode a 17th airborne division glider when it crossed the Rhine. The plane smashed into a fence trying to land.

"It knocked me right on my tail in the middle of a field," said Bruce. "I remember how funny I felt. I mean, it was funny until I looked up and saw that other guys were dying."

Inte Regular Army

The 82d division will be taken into the regular army. They were going to put it on the shelf, along with many others, but its soldiers begged that it be allowed to remain alive so the army will let it stay.

There were newspaper reports that some of the sky soldiers, particularly in the 13th airborne, were bitter about being forced to march in the victory parade.

First Lt. John D. Spalding, 23, of Pawtucket, R. I., who went to Europe with the 13th airborne but who never got to make a combat jump, said, "I don't think that's true of the majority of us."

Spalding said 13th airborne troopers realized they were being used as "fillers."

"But we're proud to be here," he said, "to represent those Joes in the 82d who never got back to march."

HE DOOD IT

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 12 (U. P.)—Comedian Red Skelton, who is proud of his pistol collection, said today that a hitchhiking soldier robbed him of \$51 after offering to sell him a souvenir pistol. Skelton said he would still like to have the pistol.

Burley Price Drops

DEFIATION NOTE: Huge crop of burley tobacco has sent prices skidding. Since market opened last month, prices paid by burley growers have dropped from average high of 47 cents per pound to slightly under 38.

Agriculture department estimates current crop at 601 million pounds; current consumption at 457 million pounds; says current crop brings total burley supply to somewhere near normal.

Don't expect lower retail prices for cigarettes or pipe tobacco, however.

Conversation Cutter

Once this recording thing gets going, no woman in the world is going to say more than "no," "yes," "hello" and "bye," for fear some cat will capitalize on the recording.

There will be an end to long, alcoholic sessions of mauldin emotion with ever-lasting devotion pierced by hiccoughs. (Hiccoughs sound horrible when they're played back.)

None will be those casual lies to the boss and the wife and the in-laws, because a liar's memory is short and there's always a chance of having last month's fib fired back in your face. Come too will be the feeling that only you, your conversational partner, and the switchboard girl will ever know what you're saying at that moment.

Me, I am investing in a damp blanket and a smudge fire. Anybody know the address of a trustworthy Indian who is an expert on smoke signals?

That's a Mouthful

Mr. McHugh said a mouthful. Living is tough now, what with radar and phones built into automobiles and electric blankets and vitamin pills and television without invading the last domain of privacy, the unrecorded chat on the phone.

Personally, I don't want people turning on the recorder, for gags and learning that you're truly put \$10 on the nose of Old Sweetshirt in the fifth at Laurel, turned down six appeals from worthy charities and called the switchboard girl "honeybunch" four times in the week beginning Jan. 12.

A practical man, A. T. & T. engineer S. A. Osborne, testifies that if this recording business goes into popular usage, there'll have to be special precautions taken to inform the listener, or victim, that he's speaking for the record. Mr. Osborne is torn between having the operator tell you that you're being waxed, or having a special buzzer inform you that there's a dictaphone on the other end.

It's probably wind up as a combination of both. A siren will blast you away from the earphones, and then a nasal voice will say: "Mr. Jones? Loose lips sink ships! If you open your trap, don't be a saps! Anything you say will be used against you. Talk at your own risk! Now, here's your party, sucker."

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