

## 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 19 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 its 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 17 1/2 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 19 1/2 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 9 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, related to dollars and cents, was a 35-cent wage 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

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 5,419 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, Crawfordville, Elwood, Muncie, 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 blacklist of persons connected with militaristic and ultra-nationalistic organizations.

Forced out were Home Minister Zenjiro Koriiki; Agriculture and Forestry Minister Kenzo Matsumura; Transport Minister Takeo Tanaka; Education Minister Tamon Maeda; minister without portfolio and chief cabinet secretary Daisaku Togo.

Deputy Cabinet Secretary Shigeo Miyoshi was dismissed.

Their successors included Chujo Miyoshi, agriculture and forestry ministry; Tadashige Ishiguro, education ministry; Wataru Narahashi, minister without portfolio, and Adachi Taro, deputy cabinet secretary.

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## Freshman Rose



Bebita Corya... brown-eyed rose.

Miss Bebita Corya, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Corya, Indianapolis, reigned as "Freshman Rose" at the 18th traditional Butler first-year class dance last night at the Lincoln hotel.

A brown-eyed brunette, 5 feet 4 inches, Miss Corya is majoring in journalism and is a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority. She received her crown and a bouquet of American Beauty roses from Charles Millet, president of the freshman class, during intermission time at the dance.

Miss Corya won her title over a field of 10 candidates. Members of her court were the Misses Georgia Pitcher, Kappa Kappa Gamma; Jeanne Anne Gaston, Delta Delta Delta; Esther Kremer, Triadon; Joyce Falvey, Women's Residence hall; Gloria Stephens, Pi Beta Phi; Patricia Wilkins, Delta Gamma; Virginia Mitchell, Zeta Tau Alpha, and Mary Catherine McIntyre, Kappa Alpha Theta.

## 18 PCT. RAISE FOR OIL WORKERS ASKED

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be released promptly to their owners by the navy," Mr. Schwellenbach said.

The navy has operated 33 refineries and three pipelines since Oct. 4 when the companies were closed by a strike of the International Oil Workers union (C. I. O.). The government originally seized 46 refineries and four pipelines. Sixteen refineries and one pipeline were returned to their owners when they reached agreements with the union.

There was little doubt that the union would accept the panel proposal inasmuch as the contracts it has signed with some companies provided for 18 per cent increases. Its original demand called for raises of 30 per cent.

## OPA ASKS REVERSAL OF FARES VERDICT

The OPA in an appeal to the U. S. circuit court of appeals, today sought reversal of Federal Judge Robert C. Baltzell's decision denying an injunction against increased streetcar fares recently established by the Indianapolis Railways.

Baltzell denied the OPA an injunction Jan. 4 on the grounds that jurisdiction over the fares belonged to the public service commission of Indiana and not the federal government.

It develops that the war has brought out a lot of distrust. Subscribers have installed 1468 recorders, but A. T. & T. didn't have anything to do with it. Most of the repeaters were put in by the military, but some big operators in business have got 'em, so they can flaunt a competitor's foolishness in his face, if need be.

Alfred a person feels a nostalgia for the good old days of carefree conversation on the phone. Fleeting are the days when the wife hung on the pipe for hours in the morning, baring her soul to a cross-town chum.

## Free Speech?—Not if There's Recorder Attached to Phone

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public. Another company that makes these impish gadgets is plugging for them.

A. T. & T. feels that public telephone service was built on the impermanence of telephonic conversation. Keith McHugh, a vice president of the firm, told FOC that "the public wants conversations on the telephone to be as nearly like face-to-face conversations as possible, and no more susceptible to recording."

Mr. McHugh continues that "anything which would shake his confidence in the privacy of his calls would so change the character of telephonic service as seriously to impair its usefulness and value."

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 that 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 yours truly put \$10 on the nose of Old Sweatshirt 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.

I'll 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 sap! Anything you say will be used against you! Talk at your own risk! Now, here's your party, sucker."

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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-snouted 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, 23, 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 see 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."

**Into 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 troops realized they were being used as "fillers."

"But we're proud to be here," he said, "to represent those boys 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 \$81 after offering to sell him a souvenir pistol. Skelton said he would still like to have the pistol.

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Conversation Cauter

Once this recording thing gets going, no woman in the 'no,' 'yes,' 'hello' and 'bye' for fear some cat will capitalize on the recording. There will be an end to long, alcoholic sessions of maudlin emotion, with ever-lasting devotion pierced by hicoughs. (Hicoughs sound horrible when they're played back.)

Come 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?

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## WASHINGTON Calling

A Weekly Sizeup by the Washington Staff of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers

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Truman recommended, more restrictive to labor. This despite election year.

## Hopes to Balance Budget Next Year

ADMINISTRATION isn't saying so out loud but hopes to balance the budget in 1947. This hope is based on another—that revenues will be higher than actual estimates, due to greater national income.

Meanwhile there'll be more deficit financing this year—total about \$30 billion. No more bond drives, probably, but many offerings the public can buy.

Look for cuts in this year's budget to come almost entirely from army, navy and what's left of the war agencies. Interest on the public debt is mounting each year and can't be cut. It was \$4 1/2 billion in last year's budget. Veterans' costs are mounting by the billions each year. Tax refunds can't be cut. Neither can social security charges.

Total cost of running the old-line civilian departments is just over a billion dollars—less than a fourth of the bill for interest—and any cuts there would be insignificant.

Army, navy cuts won't be itemized next spring, leaving more time for actual decision on size of the peacetime army, possible savings from unified services, possible increased costs from universal training.

## Inflation Trends

NO INFLATIONARY trend in the stock market? Emil Schram, New York Stock Exchange president, so assured President Truman this week. Government finance bigwigs weren't convinced.

They agree that there's no runaway inflation yet, and that market inflation reflects similar pressures outside, but they question whether that's all the story.

Also, they add, Mr. Schram's assurances may have been factor in upsurge of stocks and trading volume in day or two following his White House visit.

## Navy Lobby

GOVERNORS of eight eastern states are chucking at a recent navy maneuver that backfired—wondering why President Truman doesn't crack down on the navy lobby against unification of services.

The governors were meeting in Washington on a regional matter. First thing they knew, someone had intimated that assistant Secretary of Navy Struve Hensel was available to speak to them on the merger.

Mr. Hensel told the governors that while Mr. Truman had declared for unification, as an individual he was opposed.

Governors thought it would be a good idea to hear Hensel's opposite number in the war department, put in a call for its new assistant secretary, Howard C. Peterson. Mr. Peterson got there in time to hear Mr. Hensel's arguments, refute them, win a decision on applause.

## Burley Price Drops

DEFLATION NOTE: Huge crop of burley tobacco has sent prices skidding. Since market opened last month, prices paid 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 cigarette or pipe tobacco, however.

## Housing

TOP administration officials are working to have building trade union rules modified. Rules limit amount of work a man may do in a day; are seen as another dam holding up mass home building. Some union officials are understood to have agreed on temporary relaxation of rules—but people who know the building trades are skeptical.

Thurman Arnold attacked the

**British Loan**  
MIDWESTERN congressmen of both parties are preparing to gang up in opposition to British loan. Also there is considerable opposition in south. Looks as if administration forces will have to use all they have to put it over.

**SENATOR O'MAHONEY** (D. Wyo.), frequently mentioned for secretary of interior, doesn't want the job, his friends say; would rather remain in senate if voters in his state concur this year.

## LEAD DEPOSIT FOUND

WASHINGTON—A rich lead deposit has been discovered and opened seven miles west of the great Pitcher field in northeast Oklahoma; it is 100 feet deeper than the ore in the Pitcher field.

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## PHONE PARLEY IS BEING HELD

Hope to Bring Quick End to U. S. Tieup.

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sonally yesterday, was coincident with two breaks in the situation.

## Two Breaks in Tieup

The first was a company-engineered series of court restraining orders ordering a halt on picketing in some southern and southwestern sections. The second was a vote by 13,700 local switchboard operators in the New York City area to cross picket lines today and return to work.

The situation as the tie-up entered its second day:

**ONE**—Long distance service was reduced and estimated 90 per cent. Teletypewriter service used by 17,000 subscribers was cut 92 per cent. Local service was partially or completely halted in 14 of the Bell system's 33 operating areas, but was about normal in the others. Trans-ocean calls were cut 80 per cent and restricted to emergency and government calls.

**TWO**—Telephone district offices were being picketed in 200 cities by the 8000 members of the A. C. E. W. Installers union. Refusal of operators and other workers in affiliated unions to cross those lines caused the national tie-up.

**THREE**—A new company strategy developed in a series of district court restraining orders to halt picketing of exchanges.

**FOUR**—When they learned that all telephone areas in the New York metropolitan area would be picketed starting today, two independent telephone unions representing 13,700 local switchboard operators and 3500 commercial employees voted to cross the lines.

**FIVE**—A C. E. W. National Strike Director Paul N. Williams said in Philadelphia that picketing will continue until there was a settlement.

**SIX**—An independent strike of 3000 Washington long-distance operators entered its third day, severing the nation's capital from telephone communication with the rest of the country on all except high-priority calls.

**SEVEN**—New York City, the nation's communications center, was virtually cut off from rapid communications with the remainder of the world. Only eight per cent of the normal long-distance phone volume was handled, and the Western Union strike which had paralyzed telegraph service continued.

## Maintenance Men's Strike Looms

A strike of plant maintenance and construction employees of the Indiana Bell Telephone Co. loomed today. Members of the Indiana Telephone Workers Union have voted "overwhelmingly" to strike in support of demands for a \$2-a-day wage increase and a return to 40-hour week, it was announced by Ray Waldkottler, union president.

No date has been set for the strike.

## LOOK FOR WAC's to be Demobilized Soon

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## Cotton Ceiling

DON'T TAKE OPA threat of a ceiling on raw cotton too seriously. There's too much politics involved; it probably won't happen.

PEOPLE are writing their congressmen, as President Truman asked, about his reconversion program, and senators and house members say the letters are some of the most "thoughtful" they have ever received.

Most of them favor President's viewpoint though many do not endorse all parts of his program. They are almost unanimous in condemning congress for failure to act. Nearly all are against strikes, though they differ on how to prevent them.

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## Pilot's Skill Saves Twelve At Weir Cook

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and it took all my first officer, M. F. Keller, and I had to swing it. We managed to slow around and make the ground rather than the concrete runway," he said.