

Steel Pact Truce Spurs U.S. Hopes For Future Labor Peace

90 Days Held 'Just What Nation Needs'

President Sees
1947 Prosperity

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (U. P.)—Government hopes for sustained labor peace soared today to the highest point since the end of the war.

A high administration official said the 90-day contract extension in the steel industry was "just the thing we needed" to encourage high production and help bring prices down.

The prospect that steel prices will continue stabilized for another three months is a mighty important thing to the whole economy," this official said. "And it looks as though the wage demands may be settled without a strike."

Truman Sees Prosperity

As a result of the favorable developments in the steel wage dispute, President Truman was reported to feel that the labor-management unrest which has harassed production since the end of the war is disappearing and 1947 will be a year of prosperity.

Officials also were heartened by the 30-day extension in the contract between the Chrysler Corp. and the C. I. O. United Auto Workers.

The darkest cloud on the horizon was the possibility of another soft coal strike by the United Mine Workers (A. F. of L.) of John L. Lewis on March 31. However, Mr. Truman was reported veering toward the position that the mines should be returned to their private owners as a spur to a collective bargaining settlement of the wage dispute in the industry.

Officials Share View

Government officials shared the view that if steel could work out its wage problems without a strike, coal industry and Mr. Lewis should be able to do as much. Mr. Lewis and the coal operators are expected to begin negotiations around March 1 on a contract to replace Mr. Lewis' present agreement with the government.

The optimism surrounding the steel wage negotiations was further bolstered by the collective bargaining agreement between the U. S. Steel Corp. and the C. I. O. United Steelworkers for elimination of past wage inequities. The agreement provides some \$32 million in back pay.

C. I. O. President Philip Murray, who heads the steelworkers, predicted that similar adjustments in the rest of the steel industry would bring retroactive pay to \$100 million and raise wages by \$50 million a year.

Mr. Murray was also expected to negotiate contract extensions with companies other than U. S. Steel to permit peaceful settlements of basic demands for the new contract.

Victim of Beating In Critical Condition

Jerome Hester, 46, national OPA field representative, Washington, D. C., is in critical condition at City hospital. He has a brain concussion. His wife, who was visiting him in Texas, arrived here by plane yesterday.

Mr. Hester was found lying in the gutter in the 200 block of McCrea st. Friday. Bystanders said two men attacked and beat him severely. He was unable to give police an account of what happened.

His condition at first was considered fair.

Associated with the OPA accounting department, Mr. Hester was here to confer with real estate men as part of a nation-wide survey.

**Irvin B. Smith, 61,
Dies in His Home**

Irvin B. Smith, 61, of R. R. 15, Box 713, died yesterday at his home.

The owner of a transfer and trucking service, he was born in Lawrence, Ind., and lived most of his life in this area.

Services will be held at 3 p. m. Wednesday in the J. C. Wilson Chapel of the Chimes with burial in Crown Hill.

He is survived by his wife, Alta; a son, Monty; two sisters, Mrs. Etta Fee and Mrs. Irene McCarthy, and a granddaughter, all of this city.

Lawrence J. Welch Wins Life-Master Bridge Rank

Lawrence J. Welch became the third Indianapolis man to achieve the rank of life master in bridge in the 12th annual Indiana State Bridge tournaments which closed yesterday at Hotel Lincoln.

Awards in two classifications put Mr. Welch over the 300-point mark necessary to advance him to the classification of top ranking amateur in bridge. The other two Indianapolis life masters are Joseph Cain and Edson Wood.

A trophy donated by Mrs. William Henry Coley is to be awarded later. The trophy will go to the contestant who achieved the highest cumulative score in the tournament.

Open Fair Winners

Winners in open pair classifications were Charles Hall and Scott Sublett, Cincinnati, O.; Mrs. Reba Buck and Miss Mary Crawford, In-



Clyde Bolton, 68, Dies in Hospital

Funeral Arranged For Thursday

Clyde Bolton, 68, of 1513 Linden st., died today at City hospital.

A native of Washington, Ind., he had lived here for 35 years. Services will be at 10 a. m. Thursday in the J. C. Wilson chapel of the Chimes with burial in Memorial Park.

He is survived by his wife, Ella; two daughters, Mrs. Viola Roberts and Mrs. Irene Tunis; a son, Virgil; two brothers, Elmer and Harry; two sisters, Mrs. Julia Brooks and Mrs. Mary Link, and nine grandchildren, all of this city.



OUT OF CIRCULATION—
Van Johnson, film star who married the former Mrs. Keenan Wynn.

Van Johnsons Delay Honeymoon

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 27 (U. P.)—Van Johnson, 31, bobby soxers' idol, and his bride, the former Mrs. Keenan Wynn, 30, said today they will postpone their wedding trip.

"We're as happy about the whole thing as we possibly could be," Mr. Johnson said. "We'll get settled here temporarily, then probably we'll take a honeymoon trip somewhere."

They eloped to Juarez, Mexico, Saturday and were married by Civil Judge Raoul Orozco four hours after Mrs. Wynn obtained a divorce. Mr. Johnson explained that they "just made up our minds and did it."

The Wynns separated in October. She was given custody of their two sons by terms of the Mexican divorce.

Police Raid Four Gaming Houses

In line with orders to crack down on gambling, police raided four joints over the week-end.

Charles Summers, 1908 Luther st., was arrested for keeping a gaming house, and not having licenses for a restaurant, store, juke box and pinball machine. Eight teen-agers were sent to juvenile aid division and three adults were arrested for visiting a gaming house.

Police confiscated \$69.57 at the Three-C club, 2705 1/2 Northwestern ave., and arrested eight persons for visiting a gaming house and gambling. Elizabeth Moody, 38, was arrested for keeping a gaming house.

Two youths were sent to JAD for playing a pinball machine on which pay-offs were alleged to have been made at 704 E. New York st. Lee Pierle, 26, was arrested and charged with violating the 1935 slot machine act.

A pack of cards, a pair of dice and \$1 were confiscated in a raid at 1501 Yandee st. Three persons were arrested for visiting a gaming house and Cornelius Green, alleged operator, for gaming.

Charles A. Stoutenberg Is Dead at Home

Charles A. Stoutenberg, 71, died today at his home, 1863 Singleton st. He had been ill for four years.

A retired engineer of the Claypool hotel, Mr. Stoutenberg was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., but had lived here for 50 years.

Services will be held at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday in the G. H. Herrmann funeral home with burial in New Crown cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Alta; a son, Monty; two sisters, Mrs. Etta Fee and Mrs. Irene McCarthy, and a granddaughter, all of this city.

Youth Killed by 'Unloaded' Rifle

PAOLO, Ind., Jan. 27 (U. P.)—A coroner's inquest was scheduled today in the death of Charles Stringer, 14. The youth was shot by a rusty rifle while four boys played cops and robbers on the Paolo high school playground.

Coroner E. L. Throop arranged the inquest after 17-year-old Edward Kimmel admitted pulling the trigger.

Sheriff Ben Nadell said young Kimmel first told him Stringer shot himself accidentally. Later Sheriff Nadell said, the older youth admitted he was holding the gun when it discharged. The bullet struck the boy in the head.

Kimmel said he didn't know the gun was loaded, the sheriff added. He said Kimmel and two other boys admitted buying the gun a week ago for 75 cents from another boy.

Stringer was the widow of Peter Kimmel.

Mrs. Matilda A. (Tillie) Liehr, an Indianapolis resident 47 years, died yesterday in City Hospital. She was 68.

She was the widow of Peter Liehr. A native of Dugger, Ind., she was a member of Roberts Park Methodist church.

Mrs. Liehr was a member of Pocahontas Council 350; Fidelity Review 140; Women's Benefit association, 140; two sisters, Mrs. Julia Brooks and Mrs. Mary Link, and nine grandchildren, all of this city.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Ethel Ressinger, Indianapolis; a son, Ferrell T. McAnally, Bowie, Colo.; a grandson, Ferrell Ressinger, Indianapolis; two brothers, Bert and Aden Otto, Linton, and two sisters, Washington Park cemetery.

Rites Wednesday For Mrs. Liehr

Tot Loses Pet To 'Dognaper'

There are tears in the Clyde Welles' home, 1220 Carrollton ave.

Little Gary Lynn, 19-month-old son, is grieving. Last night some one stole "Bulu."

"Lulu" is Lurlie, the boy's doberman pinscher, who every day was at his side, spending most of the time retrieving toys the youngster tosses around the house.

The dog is a female, black with brown spots. She had on a choke collar and dog tag when stolen from the fenced-in back yard.

Mrs. Ethel McBride, Denver, Colo., and Mrs. Nellie Forey, Indianapolis. Services will be held at 3 p. m. Wednesday in Moore Mortuaries Irvington chapel. Burial will be in

Robeson to Tour Against Prejudices

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 27 (U. P.)—Paul Robeson, Negro singer and actor, plans to abandon the concert stage and theater for the next two years to make a nation-wide speaking tour "against prejudice."

Mr. Robeson announced his plan late yesterday while walking in a picket line in front of the American theater to protest segregation.

Mr. Robeson and about 30 white Negro members of the picket line urged patrons not to enter the theater for a performance of "Apple of His Eye," starring Walter Huston.

A theater regulation permits Negroes to sit in the balcony but not in boxes or main floor seats.

Nativity Tableau Given at Church

Members of the Episcopal Church of the Advent today possess a renewed appreciation of the colorful lives and work of the early Christians.

Young people of the church last night presented a tableau of the "Nativity" and processional depicting the part played by such saints as Augustine, Patrick, Francis and others. There was a candlelighting ceremony in addition to the pageant, all in observance of the Feast of Lights.

The Rev. Thomas R. Thrasher is rector of the Advent church and those active in presenting the dramatic service were Mrs. John L. Hampson, Mrs. John Drewry and Miss Margaret Way.

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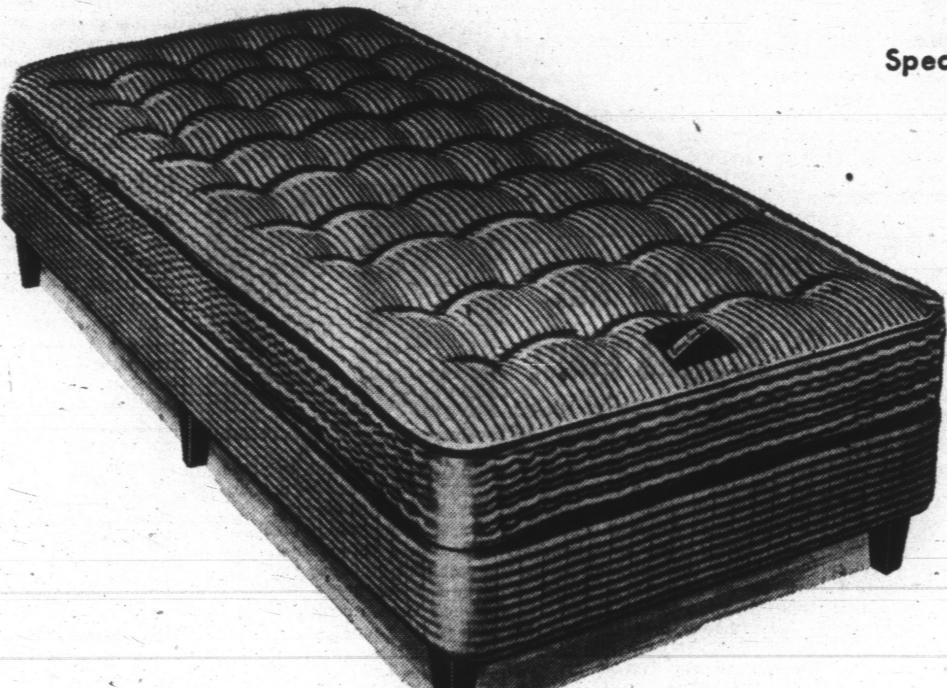
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