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Rail Unions Stand Fast on Wage Demand

White House Steps Down as Negotiator

WASHINGTON, May 11 (UPI)—Rail union leaders said final settlement of their quarrel with the railroads can be brought about only by higher wages and better working conditions.

They said at a press conference that government seizure of the roads did not settle the fundamental issues involved, even if it did keep the nation's rail traffic moving.

But the White House said the rail negotiations are now out of its hands and are a matter to be

handled by the unions and the operators.

Secretary Charles G. Ross said that John R. Steelman, assistant to the President, had scheduled no additional meetings with the contending groups, but would be glad to help if necessary.

Running Normally

The railroads were running normally under supervision of the Army. And the Army was prepared to stay in charge as long as necessary for the unions and private operators to make a settlement.

Army Secretary Kenneth Royall set up a small organization to direct operations. Army control is largely "taken" with actual operations left to private management.

The regional director for the area which includes Indianapolis is Col. Ralph Budd, president of the Burlington Railroad.

"We want to keep this an authority," Mr. Royall said. "We don't want to get into details of the railroads' operations."

He said railroad profits will be handled exactly as they are under normal conditions. He said he hopes the railroads will operate with their usual efficiency.

Mr. Royall arranged a meeting later today with leaders of the three striking railroad unions to discuss operating problems.

Manned and Rolling

Leaders of three unions called off a scheduled down walkout last night after the government obtained a Federal Court no-strike order.

At first it was feared the strike cancellation came too late to keep all of the country's 150,000 engineers, firemen and switchmen on the job.

But reports from over the country showed the trains were manned and rolling.

In seizing the roads and placing them under Army control yesterday, President Truman asked the unions to keep their members on duty. But they did not call off the strike until the court order was issued.

Mr. Sidener, known to thousands as "Side," was an Indianapolis newspaperman after attending Butler University and left college to become a police reporter on the old Indianapolis Journal. He was police reporter on the Sun, now The Times, City Hall reporter and political writer for the Indianapolis News and became first city editor of the Indianapolis Star.

In 1910 he left newspaper work to form the advertising firm of

Sidener and Van Riper with

Guerney Van Riper. He soon

won national recognition as

an advertising field after orga-

nizing the advertising firm of

Sidener and Van Riper in 1910.

Despite his business interests,

Mr. Sidener was better known for

his church work where he helped

guide the lives of thousands of

young men.

Taught Bible Classes

He helped found the Christian Men Builders Class, Inc. in 1913 and began teaching the class the same year, continuing until his health failed. His talks, in which he translated Bible stories to the vernacular of the day, won him wide recognition.

He often said he was not interested in religion "for religion's sake" but primarily in

teaching young men to live the right kind of life. It has been

estimated that more than 18,000

men have been members of his

classes.

Each day after he became ill

last year, at least one member of

the class has visited him at his

home. When he was able to be

out, his Bible class pupils accom-

panied him on walks and took

him for automobile rides around

the city.

His interest in young people ex-

ceeded to the public school sys-

tem. He ran for and was elected

to the school board in November

1929, in a crusade to divorce the

school from politics. He subse-

quently became president of the

class.

Mr. Sidener was elected to the

board of trustees of the Citizens

Gas & Coke Utility in 1939 and

was a 30-year member of the Co-

lumbia Club and a member of the

Rotary Club and Indianapoli-

s Advertising Club.

Surviving are his wife, Iva,

and a daughter, Miss Evelyn

Sidener.

TONY MARTIN TO WED

HOLLYWOOD, May 11 (UPI)—

Film Dancer Cyd Charisse today

announced her engagement to

singer Tony Martin and said they

will be married soon.

Goldsbrough Act

Federal Judge T. Alan Golds-

brough—the judge who twice

slapped big contempt of court

fines on John L. Lewis—issued

the nine-day no-strike order

last night, less than seven hours

after President Truman seized

the railroads.

Meanwhile the railway labo-

rers' strike touched off demands in

Congress today for laws to give

the government more power to de-

al with national railroad

strikes.

Sens. Robert A. Taft (R. O.)

and Joseph H. Ball (R. Minn.)

the chief Republican Senate

spokesmen on labor legislation,

began drafting emergency legis-

lation to make sure the railroads

keep running at least until final

settlement of the current dispute.

BARY DROWNS IN RUCKET

WASHINGTON, May 11 (UPI)—

A 10-month-old boy, Glenn

Miller, was drowned last night

when his head became stuck in a

bucket of soaking diapers, police

said today. His mother missed

him too late to save his life.

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into fund for the future erection

of a community youth center

downtown. The show is being

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