

FRIDAY, NOV. 4, 1949

# CIO to Open 'Big Push' for Steel Peace

## Murray to Urge Big Firms Settle for \$100 Monthly Pension

CIO President Philip Murray today hinted that he would launch a "big push" next week to settle the steel walkout.

Mr. Murray indicated that the CIO steel workers will open a drive next week to get the big steel firms to settle for a \$100-a-month pension on the same pattern that Bethlehem Steel agreed to Monday.

He apparently was being prevented from taking immediate action because of his preoccupation with the CIO convention at Cleveland.

A big fight was shaping up there to rid members from the ranks of two unions ousted from the parent organization this week for allegedly following the Communist Party line.

Meanwhile, the steel and coal strikes were hitting hard at the national economy.

### Assembly Lines Closed

Chrysler Motors shut down three of its most important assembly lines. The action, caused by a shortage of steel, threw 35,000 workers off payrolls and halted production of Chrysler, DeSoto and Dodge cars, Plymouth and Dodge truck lines remained in operation.

Ford Motors, however, postponed a shutdown scheduled for next Friday, that would have thrown off 15,000 of its 115,000 production employees out of work.

An official said the firm would try to keep its Ford, Mercury and Ford truck plants operating through the month. Lincoln plants employing 8000 workers will close down as scheduled Friday, however.

Hudson Motors also is scheduled to lay off 14,000 persons next week.

An emergency commission appointed by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey reported that 45,000 new unemployment compensation claims were filed since mid-October in New York state and the total would "snowball" as coal supplies dwindled.

### NYC to Recall

At New York, however, the New York Central said it would recall on Monday about 550 employees furloughed recently due to the coal shortage.

The line said the men were needed to repair gondola cars at Becraft, Ind., and at Astabula, Ohio, because of the settlement with Bethlehem Steel.

The fight between the CIO and the ousted United Electrical Workers was shaping up into a brass-knuckles affair. The newly chartered CIO International Union of Electrical Workers telegraphed 1500 manufacturers not to recognize the UE because of its expulsion from the parent organization.

The new union said it now had jurisdiction over the firms' employees.

But across the nation, UE locals swore they would wage a bitter fight against the expected raids by the new organization to win away its members and those of the United Farm Equipment Workers union which it absorbed last week.

The FE was another allegedly left-wing union facing expulsion when it merged with the UE as a matter of strategy against the edicts of the CIO executive committee.

### ELECTRIFICATION ON RISE

Since 1933, the percentage of North Carolina farms served by electricity rose from 3.6 to over 66. In 1948 alone, 38,000 farms were electrified in that state.

## Governor's Job Has Its Compensations



Gov. Schricker wore a pleased smile yesterday when Bob Wallace, Times photographer, found him surrounded by 40 pretty girls visiting his office. Members of shorthand and office training classes at Lawrence Central High School, the girls and their teacher, Mrs. Violet Lacy, also visited the state legislative chamber and Indiana Bell Telephone offices and were interviewed on a radio program.

## 3 More Added To Traffic Toll

### Pedestrian Killed Near Rensselaer

A pedestrian and two motorists are dead today as the result of Indiana highway accidents.

Burnie Salyers, 54, of Rensselaer, was instantly killed on Ind. 53 near Rensselaer yesterday when struck by a pick-up truck driven by Mrs. Lillian Bontrager, also of Rensselaer, state police said.

Roy Runyan, 54, of Miamisburg, O., was killed after he apparently went to sleep at the wheel of his car last night on Ind. 154, near the Indiana-Illinois line in Vigo County, state police said.

### Car Hits Tree

A Kouts motorist was killed and a passenger in his car injured when the car left the road and struck a tree on U. S. 49, two miles south of Kouts, last night.

State police said John J. Kniesley, 36, of R. R. 1, Kouts, died of a broken neck. Ord Stoddard, 22, also of Kouts, was in a Valparaiso hospital in a critical condition.

## Scout Green Bar Conference Tomorrow

GREENCASTLE, Nov. 4.—More than 100 Boy Scouts and scout leaders will attend the second post-war Green Bar Conference tomorrow at DePauw University.

The conference is sponsored by the DePauw chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, national scouting honorary.

### CHINA REDS TAKE TOWN

HONG KONG, Nov. 4 (UP)—A Chinese Communist column advancing from Hupeh province has captured Patung, 250 miles northeast of Chungking, reports here said today. Chungking now is menaced from three directions with Communist columns advancing from the north, east and southeast.

### CALIFORNIA SWELTERS

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 4 (UP)—November weather hasn't been so unusual here since 1900. A blistering wave of desert air swept over southern California yesterday to skyrocket Los Angeles thermometer to 95 degrees for the hottest Nov. 3 since the turn of the century.

## \$1000 in Cash, Six Radios Taken in Two Burglaries

### Money Bag Stolen From Grocery Refrigerator; Second Thief Captured by Police

More than \$1000 in cash and half a dozen radios were stolen in two Indianapolis burglaries early today.

The radios were recovered, however, when a patrol car squad became suspicious of a man carrying a large box filled with radios just before dawn.

Fred York, 19, of 305 S. Summit St., tried to evade arrest by hiding in a garage in the rear of 400 S. Randolph St., police said. When found, however, he led police to Leon's Electric Shop, 517 S. State Ave., and told them he had broken into a rear window.

### Potato Yield 762.55 Bushels

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Nov. 4.—Henry W. Emme, DeKalb County farmer, today was hailed as new State Muck Crop potato champion with an all-time record yield of 762.55 bushels on his winning acre.

The yield surpassed the record of Louis Ruderman of Hunters-town, last year's champion, Fred Geiger, president of the Northern Indiana Muck Crop Growers Association, announced today. Ruderman's record was 717 bushels per acre.

Second place honors were captured by Abraham and Maurice Ruderman, nephews of last year's victor, who raised 729 bushels. The potato champions will be cited at a banquet tonight in the Bremen, Ind., American Legion hall. Gold and Silver medals will be awarded to top producers in association contest.

### IU Professor Elected To Historical Society

BLOOMINGTON, Nov. 4.—Dr. John J. Murray, associate professor of history at Indiana University, has been elected to membership in the Royal Historical Society of England.

Dr. Murray was recognized for his research and publications on England's diplomacy with Scandinavian countries in the 18th century. He is the third IU faculty member to be honored.

### SEIZE SMUGGLING CHIEF

PARIS, Nov. 4 (UP)—French agents have arrested the alleged ringleader of an international gang which has smuggled more than \$3,740,000 worth of gold through France in recent months, an Interior Ministry spokesman said today.

### FOR TOP FICTION... "THE CHAIN"

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## Lifer-Composer Longs for Indiana

### Hopes for Christmas In Hoosier Home

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 4 (UP)—A 47-year-old Hoosier composer who earned fame both as a musician and a habitual criminal, wants to spend Christmas in his Indiana home.

Frank Grandstaff made a personal plea before the Tennessee Board of Pardons and Pardon today. He was to hear Monday whether the board would recommend parole to Gov. Gordon Browning.

Grandstaff, serving a life term under the Tennessee habitual criminal law and wanted by Michigan authorities for parole violation, gained fame in writing "The Big Spring Cantata" while in prison.

### Granted Furlough

Last month Gov. Browning gave him a six-day furlough to go to Big Spring, Tex., to hear his cantata sung for the first time. He composed the cantata in memory of his visits to the Texas city in 1922 as a piano salesman.

In appealing for a parole or full pardon, Grandstaff told the Tennessee board he wants to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. J. C. Grandstaff, of near Decatur, Ind.

He said he hoped to get a parole from Michigan in the event Tennessee frees him. Grandstaff has "done time" in five state prisons. He is serving now on a conviction growing out of the theft of a radio in Memphis.

### 2 Killed as C-82 Crashes in Field

BOSSIER CITY, La., Nov. 4 (UP)—A C-82 flying boxcar transport crash-landed in a cotton field today and the Air Force said one crewman and a cotton picker were killed. Another cotton picker, a woman, was hurt.

More than 100 persons were in the field when the plane, with its right engine out and its left engine flapping, swooped down. There were six crewmen and three passengers—two Navy men and an Air Force lieutenant—on board.

The plane had just taken off from Barksdale Field, at nearby Shreveport. The pilot, 2d Lt. Rich W. McKenna of Wingar, Wis., said his right engine failed almost on the takeoff. He said the other engine began to balk and he decided to land.

The Air Force did not immediately announce the names of the victims.

### Says He's Worth Less

PICAYUNE, Miss., Nov. 4 (UP)—Mayor Claiborne McDonald Sr. took a 33 per cent pay cut today after telling the City Board of Aldermen that he thought he was being paid too much. The aldermen cut his salary from \$15 to \$10 a month.

## Slays Hatchet-Swinging Dad to Save 5 in Family

### Veteran Hysterical After Shooting Father Who Suddenly Goes Berserk in Home

SANFORD, Fla., Nov. 5 (UP)—A 30-year-old ex-paratrooper was hysterical and under doctor's care today after slaying his father. He shot the older man to prevent him killing five relatives with a hatchet.

Authorities had only a sketchy account of the death of Edwin Otis Keith Sr., who was shot last night by a single bullet from the gun of his son, Edwin Otis Keith Jr.

Sheriff P. A. Mero, piecing together the incoherent statements of the Keith family, gave the following account of the slaying.

The older Keith, a 58-year-old carpenter, had been helping his son finish a new house when for some unexplained reason he went berserk.

### Corners Family

Grabbing a hatchet, he cornered Keith Jr., his wife and baby son, and his aunt and her 21-year-old son and began shouting that he was going to kill them all.

Keith Jr., managed to escape from the room and ran to get a 45-revolver. When he got back, his father was slashing with the hatchet at young Keith's wife and baby.

As the older man narrowly missed Mrs. Keith Jr., with a hatchet blow, young Keith fired once at his father and killed him.

All the while, Keith Sr.'s wife huddled in another corner of the room, pleading with her husband to put away the hatchet.

No charges were placed against Keith Jr., a haberdashery clerk, and he was released in care of a physician.

Sheriff Mero said the persons threatened by Keith Sr., besides his son, daughter-in-law and grandson, were his sister-in-law, Mrs. Bea Keith, and her son, Robert, 21, visiting here from Orlando, Fla.

### FBI Reports Arrest Of Army Deserter

The arrest of an Army deserter, Charles E. Whitney, 33, of Greenwood, by an FBI agent and Garner D. Wood, Greenwood town marshal, was announced today by Harvey G. Foster, special agent in charge of the Indianapolis FBI office.

Whitney deserted the Army Dec. 1, 1948, while stationed in Granite City, Ill. Mr. Foster said, and moved to Greenwood from Louisville, Ky., to escape arrest. He had been employed in Greenwood three months.

## East Side Grocer Dies at Age 55

### Henry W. Snider Services Monday

Henry W. Snider, widely known East Side grocer and leader in community affairs, died early today in his home, 431 S. Parker Ave., after a brief illness. He was 55.

A native of Batesville, Mr. Snider had lived in Indianapolis most of his life. He had operated a grocery in 225 S. Parker for the past 29 years.

He was a veteran of World War I and a member of the American Legion Memorial Post No. 3. Mr. Snider also was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Brookside Lodge 720, F. and A. M., Scottish Rite, Murat Shrine and the Sahara Grotto.

Burial will be in Washington Park after rites at 1:30 p. m. Monday in the J. C. Wilson Chapel of the Chimes.

Surviving are his wife, Vada E.; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Snider; two brothers, Herbert L. and Wilbert H. Snider, and three sisters, Mrs. Thelma Riech, Mrs. Pearl Toon and Mrs. Vera Gootie, all of Indianapolis.

## Rev. McCrisaken Goes to Richmond

The Most Rev. Paul C. Schulte, Catholic archbishop of Indianapolis, today announced the transfer of the Rev. Fr. Joseph McCrisaken from the post of assistant pastor in St. Catherine's Church here to be an assistant pastor in Richmond, Ind.

Other appointments include that of the Rev. Fr. Felix Greiner, O.F.M., as assistant pastor in St. Roch's parish. He replaces the Rev. Fr. Offrom Kenner, O. F. M. The Rev. Fr. Hilary Meny will go from a Bedford church to St. Patrick's, North Madison. Father Meny is well known here.

### Bomb Endangers Life Of Ecuador President

QUITO, Ecuador, Nov. 4 (UP)—President Galo Plaza Lasso narrowly escaped assassination from a time bomb which destroyed a bridge two days ago. Interior Minister Eduardo Salazar disclosed today.

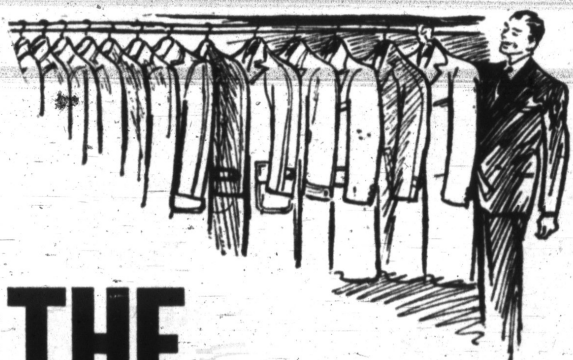
Mr. Salazar said the bomb exploded only a few minutes after an automobile carrying the president passed over Cuatro Esquinas (Four Corners) bridge on the Pan American highway near Riobamba, 175 miles south of Quito. The bridge was demolished.

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