

## 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 all but 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 was "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 Beech Grove, Ind., Avia, Pa., and Astabula Harbor, O., 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 telephoned 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 UFE 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 56. In 1948 alone, 38,000 farms were electrified in that state.

## Governor's Job Has Its Compensations



## Lifer-Composer Longs for Indiana

### Hopes for Christmas In Hoosier Home

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 4 (UPI)—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 Paroles and Pardons 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.

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.

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

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Police said Wood fired two shots from a pistol at his rival after Wood arrived at Miss Davis' home last night and found the 35-year-old man already there.

The other man ran out, police said, but returned later with a shotgun and called Wood to the back door, where it is alleged, he shot Wood.

Wood is charged with violation of the 1935 Firearms Act and with shooting in the city limits.

A shotgun containing one empty shell was found near Miss Davis' home after the shooting.

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