

# Labor Committee Rejects Proposed Wage Ceiling

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15—(AP)—The United Labor Policy committee, representing most of the 16,000,000 union members in the nation, tonight unanimously rejected a proposed ceiling of nine percent on future wage increases.

The committee advised economic stabilizer Eric Johnston of this action, then met again tonight to determine its next move.

It was possible the labor group would decide to withdraw its three members on the Wage Stabilization board—a threat to the board itself and to the effectiveness of any wage-control program. After being informed of the labor group's rejection, Johnston told newsmen:

"I'd been hopeful of a settlement this week. Now I don't know."

The situation grew more critical hourly as one major strike and possible others threatened to break out from under the wage lid.

### Walk-Out Set

A walk-out of 70,000 CIO textile workers in woolen and cotton mills was set for 7 a.m. E.S.T. Friday. The union is headed by Emil Rieve, one of the three labor members of the Wage Stabilization board and a member of the United Labor Policy committee.

As the wage board went into a session which could last far into the night, the deadlock over the stabilization wage formula called for the utmost mediating skill which Conciliation Director Cyrus F. Ching, chairman of the board, could bring to bear. Probably nothing in his long industrial relations career could have more greatly taxed his ability to make peace or find a compromise.

# Molotov At Fete Honoring Chinese Pact

MOSCOW, Feb. 15—(AP)—First deputy prime minister V. M. Molotov headed a big group of distinguished Soviet leaders present at a reception given by the Chinese embassy last night to mark the first anniversary of the Soviet-Chinese treaty.

Molotov led a toast to the Chinese army and the Soviet army and to Mao Tze-Tung, head of the central people's government of the People's Republic of China, and Chu Teh, Mao's army commander in chief. Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky led a toast to the "Korean people's liberation army" and all nations "following in the historic path which has been pointed out by the U.S.S.R.," Soviet press accounts said today.

Among those present was the Soviet Defense Minister, Marshal N. A. Bulganin. Chinese Charge D'Affaires Chen Yun-Chuan was the host at the party, held at the Hotel Metropole. Chen said in a speech the Chinese people would "stand firm against American aggression," adding that he considered "the friendship of 700,000,000 people" a vital factor for peace.

# Babcock Receives Chem Eng Award

Daniel Babcock has received the award given by the American Institute of Chemical Engineers to the junior at the College having the highest scholastic average. This is the first time the award has been given here. Babcock, a member of the Penn State chapter of the AIChE, concluded his sophomore year with an all-College average of 2.83.

Among the awards that Babcock received were an engraved certificate from the national organization, an emblem, a two year subscription to the Chemical Engineering Progress, the AIChE's national journal, and a pin signifying his student membership in the society.

# Nearn Makes Report

Three reports by W. T. Nearn, an instructor in forestry at the College, are cited in a newly-published survey of Japanese natural resources.

Nearn, who is currently on leave for advanced study at Yale university, discusses in his reports lumber production in Japan, the forestry situation in Kyushu, and the forestry situation in northern Honshu.

# Besieged Unit Rescued By Allied Tank Column

TOKYO, Friday, Feb. 16 (AP)—ed that, despite their astronomical losses, the Chinese were massing fresh troops. They apparently were intent on striking again on Thursday and a new and larger scale, in an attempted 42-hour siege of a valiant French-American regiment and isolate 100,000 Allied combat troops in the West.

Randolph said intelligence reports showed elements of four Chinese army corps—12 divisions—were reinforcing the besieging Chipuyong, 35 miles east of Seoul and anchor point of the central front.

The relief column, smashing up from the south, drove into disordered flight Communist divisions.

The defenders greeted the relief force with cheers but prepared for new assaults. Associated Press war correspondent John Randolph reported front fighting earlier this week.

# TV Expert



DR. MAURICE STREIBY last night presented a lecture and demonstration on the workings of television in Schwab auditorium. Streiby is a staff executive of the long lines department of the American Telephone and Telegraph company.

# Free Europe Begins Pooling Of Defenses

PARIS, Feb. 15—(AP)—Free Europe began the actual work of pooling its defenses against Communist aggression today, spurred by new pledges that the United States is rushing greater aid.

Five nations of western Europe sat down here to try to muster their armies into a single military force. West Germany was among them and a German soldier sat on a high council in Paris for the first time since the Allies chased out Hitler's divisions six years ago. The others represented were France, Italy, Belgium and Luxembourg.

At about the same time, Lt. Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, chief of staff to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's north Atlantic army, told newsmen here that Eisenhower will take over full command of an international defense force in Europe by the middle of next month. Eisenhower is due here early next week to organize his supreme headquarters. He was reported sailing from New York today.

**Red Demonstration**  
All this provoked a Communist demonstration, in which more than 500 persons including three Red leaders were arrested, and a court action by the Communists.

The Red demonstrators, ordered out by their leaders to protest German rearmament, tried to smash through police lines blocking all approaches to the huge Place de L'Opera in the center of Paris tonight. Most of those arrested were later released, but known Communist agitators faced stiff penalties.

**Court Action**  
The court action was a legal charge of treason filed by three former cabinet ministers who are Communists or sympathizers, against Premier Rene Pleven and Defense Minister Jules Moch. The charge: The ministers have committed treason in endangering the security of the state by favoring the rearmament of Germany while France is still technically at war with Germany.

# Approval Gained For German Police Force

BONN, Germany, Feb. 15—(AP)—Creation of a 10,000-man special police force to guard Western Germany against Communist infiltration won parliamentary approval today.

The force will operate on all of West Germany's international frontiers, but Interior Minister Robert Lehr made plain its main task will be to guard the 350 miles of iron curtain border stretching from the Baltic to Czechoslovakia.

# UN Forces Still May Cross Line --- Truman

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15—(AP)—President Truman said today Allied troops are still operating under United Nations authority to cross the 38th parallel in Korea.

But he left up in the air whether there would be any sizeable incursion beyond that line, after saying it was a matter of military strategy in the hands of Gen. MacArthur and there also were political aspects involved.

He said he didn't care to comment on the political angles today.

The subject, which has been a point of difference with some of America's allies, was raised by newsmen at the president's weekly news conference.

### Favors Tax Raise

Mr. Truman also told the reporters that:

1—He still favors a "quickie" tax raise with another to come later, and believes the action of the House Ways and Means committee yesterday in deciding to hold hearings on the entire revenue question first will endanger the anti-inflation drive.

2—Gen. Marshall's testimony today that military chiefs had agreed on four more American divisions for Europe is in line with the President's belief and that is the reason he so testified.

3—If Charles E. Wilson, defense mobilizer, and stabilization officials feel that legislation is needed to hold down food prices he will ask for it. He said these officials are working to prevent a spiraling of food and other prices.

### Also Comment

The 38th parallel matter was raised this way:

A reporter asked for comment on the fighting in Korea, where some South Korean marines are already fighting north of the old border between North and South Korea, but most of the U.N. troops are hard-pressed south of it.

The president said he had no comment.

"Where do we go from here?" another inquired.

Where do you want to go? Mr. Truman asked, smiling.

"Can you discuss going beyond the 38th parallel?" was the next question.

Mr. Truman said that is a military matter, that he never interfered with the military leaders in the field, and he had no intention of doing so now.

Later, he described it as a strategic matter in the hands of the commanding general in the Far East.

Under further questioning, he said the U.N. authority granted last fall to cross the parallel still is in effect.

# Advertising Needs Women Graduates

The use of more women graduates in advertising will be necessary should the draft continue, Donald W. Davis, professor of journalism, said yesterday.

Placement of women during normal times is more difficult, he said.

Davis will participate in a panel discussion on "Manpower and Staffing" at a convention of the advertising division of the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers association in Harrisburg tomorrow.

The panel will discuss problems related to keeping advertising staffs filled during the war effort, Davis said.

Davis will present the College's role in supplying advertising men and women to Pennsylvania newspapers.

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# OPS Blocks Meat Packing Price Loophole

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15—(AP)—The government plugged a loophole in its price controls today, and said action would roll back prices charged by "many" meat packers. But it won't affect the housewife much, if at all.

The Office of Price Stabilization said unnamed packers, who had charged higher prices in some areas than in others before the "freeze" went into effect, had since raised their quotations in the lower-priced areas. This was legal up to today, but now is forbidden.

### BULLETIN

NEW YORK, Feb. 15—(AP)—Police Commissioner Thomas F. Murphy indicated tonight he will decline appointment as head of federal price control enforcement, a job President Truman wanted him to take.

Murphy said of the appointment that he had told Washington officials "I had a job to do in New York, an obligation to fulfill, and that I would stick with it."

This, officials said, should relieve a squeeze in which wholesalers and retailers have been caught because their own prices have been held rigid. The officials expressed belief "more equitable distribution" of supplies would result.

An attempt was made to get colorful Thomas F. Murphy, New York city police commissioner, to become price control enforcement chief for the next 60 days.

Murphy, the man who successfully prosecuted Alger Hiss for perjury, was invited to take the job by OPS director Michael V. DiSalle but he indicated tonight at New York that he will give a negative answer tomorrow to DiSalle. President Truman said at a news conference that he hopes Murphy will take the job.

# DuMont Honored By Peace Society

Dr. Francis M. duMont, professor emeritus and former head of the Department of Romance Languages at the College, was selected for honorary membership in the International Mark Twain society.

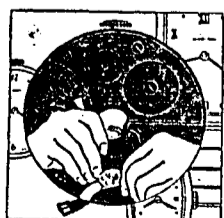
The society was founded for the purpose of "knitting the whole world in bonds of cultured peace."

Dr. duMont retired in 1945 after serving 14 years on the faculty at the College.

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