

# Morris Refused Power Of Subpeona by Senate

WASHINGTON, March 18—(AP)—The Senate judiciary committee today refused to give Newbold Morris power to subpoena witnesses and documents in his hunt for corruption in government. Instead they approved a plan to set up an independent investigation.

Swiftly following on these developments:

1. House investigators voted to ask President Truman to give them the income tax returns of Attorney General McGrath and 19 senior officials of the Justice Department.

2. McGrath was invited to appear in person March 26, at an open hearing of the House judiciary subcommittee investigating his administration of the Justice Department.

3. Morris announced that he had requested McGrath and 595 top officials of the Justice Department for detailed information about the financial affairs of themselves and their immediate families.

4. Joseph D. Nunan Jr., former commissioner of internal revenue, was closeted with House tax scandal investigators in a closely-guarded secret session today. Nunan, who headed the bureau from 1944 to 1947, has come under the fire of Sen. Williams (R-Del) for his subsequent legal efforts in behalf of clients in tax trouble with the federal government.

Morris, President Truman's No. 1 cleanup man, made it plain to reporters a month ago that the subpoena power was the basic tool in his investigation and said he would have to have it "to accomplish the mission."

## Sutton's Pal to Be Robbery Witness

NEW YORK, March 18—(AP)—An old pal of Willie (The Actor) Sutton turned against the master bank robber today as his trial opened.

The state announced that a star witness against Sutton will be one of the men who allegedly helped him loot a Queens bank of \$64,000 in 1950—John De Venuta.

### Cleanup Man



Newbold Morris

## Pa. Truckmen Stage Strike

SOMERSET, Pa., March 18—Independent truck owner-operators went on strike today against Pennsylvania's 45,000-pound gross weight limit for trucks.

A spokesman declared 3,000 to 4,000 big trucks have been pulled off the highways.

Laird Bruner, business agent for the United Truckers Association, which has set up strike headquarters here, declared the drivers cannot earn a living "or even break even" under present conditions.

Bruner said the drivers are simply putting their trucks in the garages or parking them in back yards and will keep them there until some relief is given.

"Drawing on my fine command of language, I said nothing," Robert Benchley

## Foreign Aid Cut Opposed By Acheson

WASHINGTON, March 18—(AP)—Secretary of State Acheson told Congress today the Administration's \$7,900,000,000 foreign aid program has already been trimmed "to the limit of safety."

He advised the lawmakers to look elsewhere for possible cuts in President Truman's overall budget of 85 billion dollars.

Testifying before the Senate foreign relations committee, Acheson predicted in a global survey of foreign affairs that the long-drawn Korean truce talks will be successful.

He cautioned, however, against "either optimism or pessimism" in the present phase of the cease-fire negotiations.

Acheson underwent a searching cross-examination by economy-minded members of the Senate committee. Some legislators in both houses of Congress have demanded slashes ranging from one to four billion dollars in the huge foreign aid bill.

Senator Wiley (R-Wis.) told Acheson the American people are gravely concerned over the heavy tax burden, and he invited Acheson to suggest how the administration's budget could be cut without paring down the foreign aid funds.

"I would look elsewhere," Acheson replied. "It would seem to me what we should do is try to strengthen the troops in countries that are going to be in the front line and must meet the shock of any attack first."

## Two Egyptian Officials Purged

CAIRO, Egypt, March 18—(AP)—Two key members of the recently ousted Wafdist Party cabinet were arrested today and spirited out of town.

Political circles termed the arrests "the first major blow" by independent Premier Ahmed Naguib Hilaly Pasha against the powerful Nationalist Party which ruled Egypt for two years.

Seized and packed off to villages in northern Egypt were Fuad Serag El Din Pasha, Interior and Finance Minister in Mustapha El Nahas Pasha's anti-British regime, and Abdel Fattah Hassan Pasha, who served as social affairs minister.

# Board Fails to Agree On 13.7-Cent Steel Raise

WASHINGTON, March 18—(AP)—Industry members of the Wage Stabilization Board (WSB) reportedly failed today to put over a proposal to give the strike-threatening CIO steel workers a 13.7-cent hourly boost in pay and contract benefits.

The CIO steel workers union is demanding 18½ cents an hour in wage increases alone, plus other benefits, and is threatening a nation-wide strike of its 650,000 members at midnight Sunday.

The 13.7 cent plan was offered in exploratory talks between industry and public members of the WSB. The board expected to get down to actual voting on the issues tomorrow.

**Walkout Threatened**  
The industry's "package" proposal—calling for an increase of nine cents an hour in straight wages, plus improved holiday and vacation allowances—apparently was turned down as containing too little money.

The union is due to decide Thursday—after getting a look at the WSB's final recommendations—on whether to go ahead with the walkout threatened for Sunday.

Government officials were inclined to the notion that the WSB's eventual proposal will be attractive enough to warrant union leader Philip Murray's postponing the strike at least until April 8, as the WSB has suggested. Murray already has three times delayed strike plans.

**Bargaining Figure**  
Figures being discussed in the WSB's closed-door huddles—aimed at ironing out main issues involved in the complex labor dispute in advance of any formal voting—are understood to range as high as 26 to 28 cents an hour. This includes the cost of so-called "fringe" demands such as shift premiums and holiday pay as well as straight wages.

The steelworkers now have average earnings of nearly \$2 an hour.

Industry members apparently offered the 13.7 cent increase as a "bargaining" figure. Besides the nine cents increase in basic wages, the industry plan contemplated spending four cents on improved holiday allowances and .7 cent on improved vacations.

The WSB plans to meet tomorrow and stay in session until it has voted on all the issues.

## Truce Seekers Discuss Korean Ports of Entry

MUNSAN, Korea, Wednesday, March 19—(AP)—Armistice negotiators wrangled Tuesday over Korean ports of entry amid unaccountable under-currents of restrained optimism. Major issues still were unsettled.

No apparent progress was made in Tuesday's staff officer meetings on the separate questions of truce supervision and exchange of prisoners.

The allies and communists were at odds over the specific designation of three of 10 ports of entry to be open for neutral inspection and the area to be embraced by each port. But Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckols, United Nations command spokesman, said it did not present "a major problem."

The restrained optimism developing in the allied armistice camp apparently arose in part from tentative agreements reached on the secondary—but important—issues of truce supervision.

SEOUL, Korea, Wednesday, March 19—(AP)—An abrupt flare-up in fighting on the Western Korean battlefield Tuesday died down to light patrol action early today.

The Chinese Reds failed to follow up an assault by an estimated 1000 troops on a four-mile sector northeast of Panmunjom, site of the prolonged armistice talks. Allied guns stopped them cold before daybreak Tuesday.

## Minnesotans Vote Despite Weather

MINNEAPOLIS, March 18—(AP)—Despite drizzle and snow, Minnesotans turned out in unexpected numbers in some areas today in the state's first presidential primary election since 1916.

A primary that was virtually "no contest" a few days ago because of the scarcity of candidates on the printed ballot became a question mark in a last-minute rush of write-in activity.

# Ike Advised to Drop NATO to Campaign

PARIS, March 18—(AP)—Paul G. Hoffman said today he has advised Gen. Eisenhower to give up his NATO command and go home to work for the Republican presidential nomination.

From high sources it was indicated Hoffman felt he had brought the general part way toward agreement.

Publicly Hoffman, a leader in the Eisenhower movement, said Eisenhower had made no commitments whatever about returning.

But privately Hoffman evidently had told some of his associates he felt that a busy political weekend had persuaded Eisenhower that duty did not bind him to remain at his supreme headquarters fight up to the hour of the Republican National Convention July 7.

Hoffman reported he did not urge him to leave at once, but said "once he gets certain things done here, it's best he come home." He told reporters he had

presented this point of view to the general on behalf of leaders of the Eisenhower-For-President organization with all the personal force at his command.

"He's just going to be subjected from political pressures from morning to night," he said. "That means that he will not be in a position to meet his operational responsibilities in SHAPE."

Eisenhower himself has told members of Congress in a letter he was not indispensable at the Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Powers in Europe (SHAPE), but did not plan to leave his command in the "absence of a compelling call or relief by higher authority."

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