

Wilson to Talk To Steel Heads

WASHINGTON, March 26—(AP)—Key federal officials, faced with the threat of a nationwide steel strike April 8, said tonight they will meet tomorrow to "work out steps" or the government to take "to avert a walkout."

In Pittsburgh, the CIO United Steelworkers demanded that the steel industry accept the Wage Stabilization Board's controversial recommendations for ending the steel dispute. If the industry does not do so, union leaders said, it must take the responsibility for an all-out strike April 8.

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Negotiations on the board's proposed settlement opened with two of the nation's biggest steel producers—U.S. Steel and Jones & Laughlin—but no results were apparent.

Charles E. Wilson, director of Defense Mobilization, announced he would meet tomorrow morning with Nathan P. Feinsinger, chairman of the Wage Stabilization Board; Economic Stabilizer Roger Putnam and Price Stabilizer Ellis Arnall.

Andrew Berding, press aide for Wilson, told reporters he could not discuss what steps are being considered. But he made it plain that the talks tomorrow will concern future administration moves in the steel dispute.

No Official Comments

The Wage Board, headed by Feinsinger, has proposed that 650,000 CIO steelworkers be given a 17½ cent hourly pay boost and other major benefits, but Wilson has opposed this plan as inflationary.

Wilson held long conferences today with both Putnam and Arnall but none of the officials had any comment afterwards.

Berding would not say specifically what plans will be discussed at tomorrow's meeting. He merely said that steps to be taken in the steel situation will be talked over, and that a statement will be issued afterward.

Music, Speech Contest Here

High school students from the central district of Pennsylvania will participate in a combined speech and music contest at the College tomorrow.

The competition is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Forensic and Music League. Students participating will represent the different counties in the district.

During the morning, piano and voice contests will be held in Schwab Auditorium and speech contests will be in 310 Sparks. Afternoon sessions will include instrumental and twirling competition in 117 Carnegie Hall; chorus, trio, and ensemble tryouts in Schwab, and reading and speaking tryouts in 310 Sparks.

Faculty of the Department of Music will judge the contest.

McGrath Defends Federal Attorneys

WASHINGTON, March 26—(AP)—Attorney General McGrath today defended the right of Justice Department attorneys to practice law on the side if they observed reasonable restrictions.

If the practice were banned, he told House investigators, and if no increased compensation were offered, "you would lose overnight a majority of the U.S. attorneys, and they would be the best we have."

McGrath appeared before a House judiciary subcommittee which is investigating his administration of the Justice Department. Open hearings started today.

The attorney general and cabinet member asserted that his department doesn't need investigating any more than any other federal agency. Nevertheless, he added, he would be "very glad" to have its operations examined.

Questioned about the outside activities of his legal staff, McGrath said it isn't a general practice for government attorneys to take private law cases, but at the same time it isn't prohibited.

"How can a man practice private law out of one drawer of his desk and represent the govern-

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Charles E. Wilson

Student Wins Flower Judging

Leon Stankowski, a student in the horticulture short course at the College, won top honors over 36 members of 12 competing teams in the national intercollegiate flower judging contest held in Washington, D.C., recently.

Penn State finished third in the team scoring, with Michigan State and Oklahoma A&M taking first and second honors, respectively.

Stankowski is the second member of his family to receive honors in the show. His brother, Robert, a graduate of the College, won first place in 1938.

Russians Refuse Red Cross Inquiry

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., March 26—(AP)—Russia flatly rejected today an American proposal for an International Red Cross inquiry into Russian charges of germ warfare in Korea and China.

Soviet delegate Jacob A. Malik said the Red Cross is not international and is not competent to make such an inquiry; he demanded the UN disarmament commission act on the whole issue of bacteriological warfare and said it is the only organization capable of acting.

U.S. delegate Benjamin V. Cohen replied immediately in the commission that the people of the world will note that the Soviet Union refuses to allow the International Red Cross to conduct an impartial investigation.

ment out of another?" asked Rep. Chelf (D-Ky.), committee chairman.

McGrath explained the attorneys are barred from practicing privately in criminal courts and from taking any case which would conflict with the interests of the government.

McGrath told the committee the present salary scale for government lawyers is so low that it is difficult to get competent men.

Committee members cited the case of T. Lamar Caudle as one reason for making a strict check on the outside activity of federal lawyers.

Caudle was ousted from his job as assistant attorney general last November by President Truman. The White House said his outside activities were incompatible with his official duties.

Extend Draft Deadline

WASHINGTON, March 26—(AP)—The Defense Department announced today it has extended until June 30 the deadline for prospective draftees to enlist in the service of their choice.

Such draftees may enlist up to the time they receive their selective service induction notices.

McCarthy Sues Benton For 'Libel'

WASHINGTON, March 26—(AP)—Senator McCarthy (R-Wis.) tossed a two-million-dollar "libel, slander and conspiracy" suit against Senator Benton (D-Conn.) today, accusing his arch critic of unlawfully seeking to oust him from the Senate.

McCarthy's suit was filed in federal court here eight days after Benton, in a Senate speech offered to waive his immunity against court action for accusations he leveled against McCarthy in sworn testimony on Capitol Hill.

Under the constitution, members of Congress may not be sued for anything they say in the halls of Congress.

McCarthy told newsmen that as far as he knows his action is without precedent—the first time a U.S. senator has sued a colleague for libel under such circumstances.

The Wisconsin senator also announced that he will serve as his own attorney "so I personally will be able to cross-examine Benton." He is a lawyer and former Wisconsin judge.

Benton was not immediately available for comment. He is due in Los Angeles tomorrow to take part in hearings of a Senate small business taxation subcommittee.

McCarthy said his suit was based on Benton's testimony before a Senate inquiry committee last Sept. 28 in which Benton demanded McCarthy's ouster from the Senate. Among other things, Benton accused McCarthy in a 30,000-word statement of perjury, fraud, and "calculated deceit of the American people."

Bookkeeper Confesses

READING, Pa., March 26—(AP)—Police found another cache of loot from a \$170,000 burglary today and said they gained a confession from a 25-year-old bookkeeper and former convict.

Detective Lt. Paul Slapikas said Paul Baer, an employee of a leather goods firm, admitted breaking into the home of Mrs. Helen M. Bidden last Friday night and stealing the money, then splitting it up with an accomplice.

Stevenson Possible As Truman Choice

President Truman kept silent last night on published reports that he has asked Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois to become the Administration's candidate for president.

Stevenson himself would neither confirm nor deny the story. "As I have said repeatedly, I am a candidate for re-election as

governor of Illinois and have no other ambitions," Stevenson said at Springfield, Ill.

'Offered Influence'

Presidential Secretary Joseph Short told newsmen at the winter White House at Key West, Fla., that he had "no comment" on the purported move by Truman to draft Stevenson as his successor.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch said Truman "offered to use all his influence" to get Stevenson nominated as the Democratic standard bearer, but that Stevenson was "not inclined, as of today, to accept."

In Other Political Developments:

A New Jersey judge ruled that Senator Robert A. Taft's name must remain on the ballot in the New Jersey primary on April 15. The judge said it was a matter of "overriding public interest."

Taft Refuses Comment

Taft announced last Thursday that he was pulling out of the New Jersey race, where he faced a head-on clash against Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. The Ohio senator said a fair contest was not possible because New Jersey's Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll had thrown the weight of the state GOP machine behind Eisenhower.

Taft, campaigning in Wisconsin, said he had no comment on the New Jersey action.

Eisenhower is not entered in the Wisconsin trial heat, and as a result both the Stassen and Warren camps have been telling the voters: "A vote for me is really a vote for Eisenhower."

Stassen has even promised to throw half of his Wisconsin delegate strength to Eisenhower on the first ballot at the GOP national convention in July. Warren's delegates have said they will switch to Eisenhower if it becomes apparent that Warren can't win the nomination.

Eight Airmen Killed In Plane Disaster

TUCSON, Ariz., March 26—(AP)—Eight airmen were killed today when their crippled B-29 bomber crashed and burned as it attempted to return to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

The plane radioed the Davis-Monthan tower that one of its engines was dead and that it was returning to the base to land. It crashed minutes later. Eight bodies have been removed from the wreckage. Names of the dead were withheld pending notification of kin.

French Clamp Martial Law On Tunisia

TUNIS, Tunisia, March 26—(AP)—The French clamped martial law on troubled Tunisia today after arresting Premier Mohammed Chenik and three of his pro-Nationalist ministers. The protectorate's 3½ million Moslem residents were placed under dawn-to-dusk curfew.

A midnight crackdown virtually isolated this turbulent North African country, where nearly 100 persons have died in three months of violence sparked by Tunisia's demands for freedom from French rule.

The military enforced rigid censorship on all news inside the country. A ban on outgoing dispatches was lifted tonight.

The 62-year-old Chenik and his three colleagues were flown to Kebilli, deep in the South Tunisian desert.

The French Resident General Jean de Hauteclocque, accused Chenik in a broadcast today of encouraging—"if he wasn't an accomplice to"—recent attacks and sabotage "which necessitated, in the interests of maintenance of public order, a legitimate repression."

De Hauteclocque said he had decided "to prevent the present cabinet from pursuing its baleful political activity by temporarily sending some of its members away from Tunisia."

Borough Police Go on Fox Hunt

State College police investigated a report Tuesday night that a fox was at large in the College Heights area. The police however, could find no trace of the animal.

As a result of the report, the police have issued another warning to residents about allowing their dogs to run loose.

Burgess E. K. Hibshman announced that residents should keep their dogs tied because of the danger of foxes entering the area and spreading rabies. He also stated that violators will be arrested.



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