

Western Union, Telephone Strike Set for Today

With the threatened steel strike showing the way, a widespread wave of new strikes began to crop up yesterday throughout the nation and principally among the Western Union workers and telephone workers.

Union President Adolph Brungs tonight told 30,000 Western Union employees to walk off their jobs at midnight (EST) at Western Union offices across the country.

The strike call almost certainly means a crippling tie-up of the nation's telegraph system.

40,000 Telephone Workers

Brungs messaged all members of his AFL commercial telegraphers union that last-ditch mediation efforts to settle the union's fight for more wages had been "absolutely unproductive."

Meanwhile, the CIO communication workers went ahead with tomorrow morning's strike plan for 40,000 telephone workers in Ohio, Michigan, and Northern California. There was cautious optimism these walkouts might at the last minute be stalled.

Federal Mediation Set

The three-state strike is set for 6 a.m. (local time). Another 15,750 installation and sales department workers are set to strike in 43 states and the District of Columbia at the same time Monday morning. These are employed by Western Electric, a manufacturing subsidiary of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

The Federal Mediation Service set up peace talks in the Western Electric dispute in New York for tomorrow afternoon.

The CTU's Western Union employees want a straight 16-cent wage boost plus a 40-hour week at 48 hours' pay before they sign a new contract. These two demands are estimated to total 50 cents.

Western Union officials are reported ready to attempt to keep at least a dozen key relay points open. Union officials said pickets would patrol these points and seek to stop all messages and re-lays, even those of an emergency nature.

'Actor' Bows Out



Sutton Draws Life Sentence For Offenses

NEW YORK, April 2—(AP)—They threw the key away today for Willie Sutton.

Judge Louis Goldstein, angrily regretting he could not sentence the dapper little bank robber to death, did his best to make sure Sutton spends his remaining years in jail.

Goldstein sentenced him on gun charges as a fourth offender in such a way that Sutton would have to live past 90 to get out even if he were the most model prisoner who ever went to Sing Sing. Sutton is nearly 52 now.

The judge, mindful of Sutton's record of two jail breaks, said he hoped a cell could be found "secure enough to withstand the machinations of even his evil genius."

"Take him out, get rid of him," Goldstein snapped, after delivering a long lecture on Sutton's crimes over the past 30 years.

"There isn't a vestige of good left in him that is worth a damn," Goldstein said after Sutton's lawyer tried to point out that Sutton is sorry for his wasted life.

Goldstein said Sutton would have to serve "several lifetimes in jail" to pay off all the time he owes for past crimes and jail breaks.

McGrath Silent On 'Resignation'

WASHINGTON, April 2—(AP)—Attorney General McGrath spent 15 minutes with President Truman today and emerged from the brief conference refusing to say whether he will resign his cabinet post.

McGrath has split with the President's cleanup chief, Newbold Morris, over a searching questionnaire Morris has sent to 596 officials of the Justice Department to check on their outside income and financial status.

May Ask Dismissal

To date the Attorney General has not filled out the questionnaire himself and has not ordered any of his subordinates to do so.

The situation has reached a point where capital observers believe Truman will have to ask McGrath to leave the government unless he wants to lose Morris and risk torpedoing of his whole anti-corruption campaign.

Leaves Statements to President McGrath was sober-faced when he left the White House.

"I discussed departmental matters with the President," he said. "Anything that is to be said about our discussion will be said by the President or his staff."

Asked point-blank if he was going to resign, the cabinet officer said unsmilingly that the statement he had just made was all he had to say.

The White House had no immediate comment on McGrath's visit.

With the possible exception of Herbert Hoover, George Washington was the United States' wealthiest president.

The World At a Glance

New Jersey Strike

NEWARK, N.J., April 2—(AP)—A strike vote was begun today by 10,000 CIO telephone operators seeking higher pay from the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company.

Dutch Queen Arrives

WASHINGTON, April 2—(AP)—A grateful Queen Juliana flew here today to thank the U.S. for its help in liberating her Netherlands from the Germans.

Korea—\$5 Billion in '52

WASHINGTON, April 2—(AP)—The war in Korea is expected to cost the United States slightly more than \$5 billion during the fiscal year ending next June 30.

That's the latest—March 28, 1952—estimate of the Defense Department, given to the House Appropriations Committee during hearings on the new defense budget.

States Get Oil Lands

WASHINGTON, April 2—(AP)—The Senate voted today to give the states, instead of the Federal Government, ownership and control of the oil-rich lands lying within their coastal boundaries.

Buffalo Plant Strikes

BUFFALO, N.Y., April 2—(AP)—About 400 production workers walked out of the Buffalo plant of the American Car & Foundry Co. today in what the CIO United Steelworkers Union called an unauthorized strike.

Union leaders said the men would be back to work tomorrow.

Kennan Becomes U.S. Ambassador To Soviet Union

WASHINGTON, April 2—(AP)—Russian expert George F. Kennan, believer in a return to old-time diplomacy between Washington and Moscow, was sworn in today as Ambassador to the Soviet Union. He said a reduction of "existing tensions" is possible if the Kremlin will cooperate.

"I will be happy," Kennan said, "if the work at Moscow gives me a chance to make a contribution to the reduction of existing tensions and the improvement of the international atmosphere. These are objectives which seem to me urgently desirable and I see no reason why they should not be within the realm of possibility, if the desire is reciprocated."

Government May Seize Steel Plants

WASHINGTON, April 2—(AP)—The Administration disclosed tonight that it is giving active study to the possibility of seizing the steel industry as a means of heading off the wage strike set for Tuesday.

The announcement was made by a spokesman for John R. Steelman, acting Defense Mobilizer.

NEW YORK, April 2—(AP)—Steel wage talks were stalled for a third day today, while the industry doggedly fought in Washington for a \$12 a ton price boost.

as the subject of possible seizure came to the fore in two developments in Congress:

1. Chairman Murray (D-Mont.) of the Senate Labor committee, aiming specifically at the steel situation, ordered the committee staff to draft a bill for "actual seizure rather than token seizure" when the government takes over in a labor dispute. He proposed it as a prod for quick settlement.

2. Senator Taft (R-Ohio) in a Senate speech said he had heard that seizure of the steel plants was contemplated and protested any such move as "very high-handed and arbitrary." The candidate for the Republican presidential nomination said the proper move in the situation is an 80-day anti-strike injunction under the Taft-Hartley law.

The Washington developments came as wage talks between the industry and the 650,000 CIO steelworkers continued in deadlock. The discussions were scheduled for renewal in New York tomorrow morning but there was no indication of a break from either side.

A high hurdle for the negotiators to get over was the industry demand for a big price rise to compensate for any pay boost.

Taft Happy Over Primary Wins

By the Associated Press

Senator Robert A. Taft showed a new turn of speed in the race for the Republican Presidential nomination yesterday (Wednesday) while Senator Estes Kefauver surged farther out in front in the Democratic field.

Hitting the comeback trail after earlier reverses, Taft rolled up a tight but impressive lead over Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower in the Nebraska primary and scored a thumping victory over his other major rivals in Wisconsin.

Jubilantly, Taft commented: "Midwestern voters have demonstrated there is just as much of a ground swell for Taft as for Eisenhower."

Kefauver, the Democratic front-runner now that President Truman has definitely stepped aside,

romped in both the Wisconsin and Nebraska contests.

The lanky 48-year-old Tennessean hailed his triumph in Nebraska as a victory "against the entire Democratic machine," contending he had overcome White House support and heavy cash outlays for his opponent, Senator Robert S. Kerr.

"I believe this expression of faith in the principles for which I stand will set the pattern for the nation," Kefauver said. "I believe in restoring to the people their control of their government. The people approve."

In Wisconsin, Kefauver captured 85.3 per cent of the total Democratic vote against pro-Truman slates and won all of the state's 28 delegates to the Democratic National Convention. Truman announced last Saturday he will not run again.

In Nebraska, Kefauver far outdistanced Kerr, with 1512 of the state's 2058 precincts showing him ahead by 44,690 to 29,439.

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