

Last-Ditch Try Made To Stop Steel Strike

NEW YORK, April 4—(AP)—The nation's wage boss made a flying last-ditch effort today to head off a Tuesday midnight strike of 700,000 defense-vital steel workers.

"I'm prepared to stay until hell freezes over—if it will help to settle it," said Nathan Feinsinger, chairman of the Wage Stabilization Board.

He flew in from Washington to an atmosphere of gloom—with the CIO United Steeworkers resigned to their first strike since 1949 and the industry already preparing to shut its mills.

"I hope to be able to reopen negotiations.

Talks Collapse

They collapsed yesterday in a deadlock over the wage pattern outlined last month by Feinsinger's own WSB. The union wants the pattern with its 17½ cents an hour wage increase. The company won't accept it without a steel price rise of some \$12 a ton.

Feinsinger said his only instructions from Washington before he left were "to settle the dispute."

Asked if he had any powers to alter the previous WSB recommendations, Feinsinger said:

"I won't answer that question." Feinsinger wound up his separate conferences late in the day with no indication if and when he might get both sides together again. He said he plans further conferences tomorrow—but separately, at least at the outset.

Increase Doubtful

Under present government price policies, the industry can hope for a steel price increase of only \$2 a ton or slightly higher—far below its \$12 a ton demand.

Big steel said the WSB recommendations were worth 30 cents an hour to the steel workers and would cost industry a billion dollars more a year.

The industry made a final offer yesterday, which it said would add 16 cents an hour to a steel worker's wages. Murray said it was only worth 14½ cents and turned it down.

48 Cities Resume Telegraph Service

NEW YORK, April 4—(AP)—Western Union claimed restored service in 48 major cities today, in the second day of a nationwide telegraphers strike.

An estimated 31,000 members of the CTU quit work in the first moments of Thursday morning. They are demanding wage increases and other benefits worth an estimated 50 cents an hour per worker. Western Union has not made public any counter-offer.

The shift of telegraph business to telephone lines pointed up the further threat to the nation's communication system if a Monday telephone strike deadline is reached.

An estimated 57,000 telephone workers are demanding unspecified wage adjustments in 43 states.

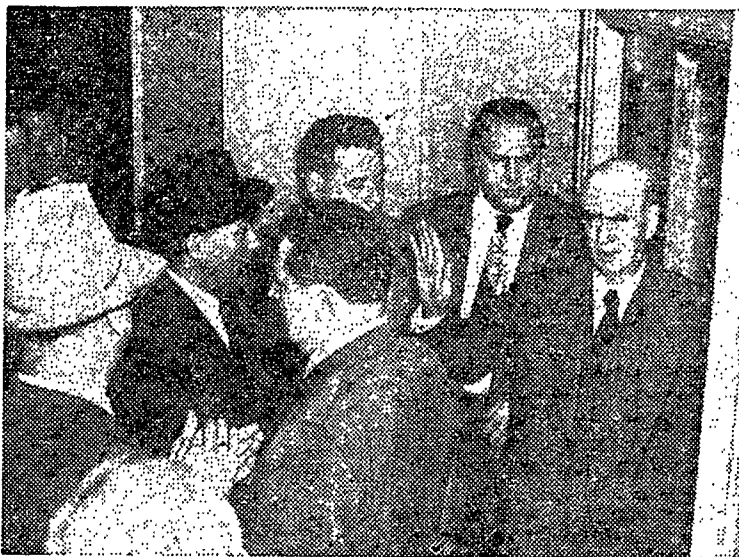
Costello Jurors Fired

NEW YORK, April 4—(AP)—Two of Frank Costello's contempt trial jurors were fired today, and one of them said the judge accused her of a \$250 bribe deal.

The woman juror, Mrs. Helen Louise Mason—the foreman—said the trial judge accused her of being mixed up in a deal to hang the jury and prevent a verdict.

The judge gave no indication of why Julius A. Fox, a textile converter, was so abruptly dropped from the jury.

'I Don't Like This'



PHILIP MURRAY, (right) CIO president and head of the United States Steel Workers, raises his hand to quiet demonstrators outside the hotel room in New York where he was leading wage negotiations with steel industry spokesmen.

6 Reds Draw 20 Years In Prison, Fined \$1000

BALTIMORE, April 4—(AP)—Six communist conspirators were sentenced to a total of 20 years in prison and fined \$1000 each today for plotting to advocate violent overthrow of the United States government.

They are the first of the so-called "second-level" party affiliates to be convicted and sentenced. Five of the six are acknowledged party district leaders. The sixth has served as a party attorney and participated in their meetings.

Their attorneys immediately began preparing appeals. Federal Judge W. Calvin Chesnut ordered them jailed until he decides on a motion for bail Monday. The government has asked a minimum of \$50,000 bond each.

Among those sentenced was Philip Frankfeld, 44, former chairman of the Communist party in Maryland and the District of Columbia and later party leader in Ohio, five years imprisonment and \$1000 fine. Last month the Daily Worker, official party organ, said he had been dismissed from the party for expressions not in conformity with Communist policies.

The conspirators were charged under the Smith Act, which carries a maximum penalty of five years and \$10,000 fine.

Before sentencing, each made a brief statement reasserting his innocence and expressing the belief all would be cleared, either by higher courts, by repeal of the Smith Act, or "by final judge, the people."

4 Tornadoes Wreck South; Six Killed

NEW ORLEANS, April 4—(AP)—

A quartet of small but vicious tornadoes, one a killer, struck across Louisiana, Alabama, and northwest Florida early today bringing death to six persons, injuries to at least 65 others, and property damage estimated in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

All of the dead and 63 of the injured were in Louisiana, hit by two of the four tornadoes born in the winds and rains of a line squall that lashed eastwardly across the gulf coast states.

Korean Talks Uncover Hints Of Settlement

MUNSAN, April 5—(AP)—Hints of compromise that would bring at least a Korean armistice were in the air today on the three remaining big issues—prisoners, airfields, and Russia.

Truce talks backed away from their secret sessions on exchanging prisoners to explore separately "additional avenues" of solving the complex problem. After 10 off-the-record meetings, they agreed Friday to an indefinite recess.

On the other two issues, Red sources hinted strongly the Communists would drop their nomination of Russia as a neutral truce observer if the Allies would allow the rebuilding of North Korean military airfields during an armistice.

SEOUL, April 5—(AP)—Allied warplanes harried Communist troops along the 155-mile Korean front Friday with showers or rockets, bombs and flaming gasoline.

Other fighter-bombers shot up supply buildings and rail lines behind the Red lines.

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McGranery Assigns Investigation to FBI

WASHINGTON, April 4—(AP)—James P. McGranery, the new attorney general, said today that J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI will be given the job of searching for corruption in government.

"If there is anything wrong, we will find it out," McGranery said at the White House after he had met with President Truman for almost an hour.

The first chore, according to McGranery: "Find out if a cleanup is necessary."

But he seemed to think a cleanup will be needed, for he told reporters:

"I think the President is a great man.

"These fellows who let him down with their hypocrisy or crookedness ought to be prosecuted. I would not hesitate to prosecute them whoever they may be."

In naming Hoover, who heads the FBI, to do the corruption-hunting, McGranery junked the elaborate investigating setup planned by Newbold Morris, who was until yesterday afternoon chief of the clean-up-the-corruption-in-government program.

Morris' setup, McGranery said, "will be dismantled quickly."

It was the firing of Morris that set up what appeared to be a

Ike May Talk At Gettysburg During May

GETTYSBURG, April 4—(AP)—A report that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower may take part in Memorial Day exercises here left memorial committee members puzzled but pleased today.

The committee said it had no knowledge that the general was planning to take part in the program, but it said it would be "more than happy" to have him participate.

John M. Cummings, Philadelphia Inquirer columnist, reported last night that the general will return from Europe next month and that his official homecoming will be held Memorial Day on the general's farm near historic Gettysburg battlefield.

The Rev. Willis R. Doyle, chairman of the Gettysburg Memorial Day committee, said today the report was the first his group had heard that Eisenhower would join in the program.

"The committee has received no word of any kind from General Eisenhower concerning his return here," said Mr. Doyle.

He added that following a custom of nearly 50 years standing the committee invited Gov. John S. Fine to make the Memorial Day address and the governor accepted.

House Votes to Ban Vatican Mission

WASHINGTON, April 4—(AP)—The House today voted to ban the establishment of a diplomatic mission at the Vatican unless the Senate confirms the mission head.

Rep. Preston (D-Ga.), who sponsored the clause in the appropriations committee, said it was designed primarily to prevent President Truman from making a recess appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican or in setting up a mission there without Congressional approval.

Preston said Truman still could appoint a personal representative to the Vatican, paying him from executive funds.

Marquis James won the Pulitzer Prize for biography in 1930 with "The Raven," a story of the life of Sam Houston.



James P. McGranery

chain-reaction. Attorney General J. Howard McGrath fired Morris. Truman then said McGrath had resigned.

Quickly the president named his new man: McGranery, a U.S. district judge in Pennsylvania.

Even before McGranery hit town, he ran into criticism.

Rep. Velde (R-Ill.), a onetime FBI agent, called him a "whitewash artist" for the way he handled an investigation of charges of communism in the Amerasia case as an assistant attorney general in 1945.

At the White House, McGranery vigorously denied there was any whitewash.

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