

Sawyer Threatens Steel Wage Hike

WASHINGTON, April 18—(AP)—Secretary of Commerce Sawyer fired an ultimatum at the nation's government-seized steel industry today with the announcement that he will boost steelworkers' wages unless a settlement is reached by next Monday or Tuesday.

Sawyer said he was going ahead with plans for a wage hike because it has thus far been impossible to obtain an industry-union agreement which would "get the government out of the steel business."

Steel industry lawyers were prepared to go into court the instant Sawyer tries to grant the CIO steelworkers a raise over management's head. They were expected to argue that no warrant for such an action is to be found in the Constitution or laws.

Some Democratic Support
Sawyer's announcement late in the day came as a group of Senate Republicans, quarterbacked by Senator Knowland (R-Cal.), opened legislative maneuvers designed to choke off any federal funds for government operation of the seized steel mills.

Knowland claimed some Democratic support for the move in which Senator Bridges (R-N.H.), the Senate GOP leader, Ferguson (R-Mich.) and Mundt (R-S.D.) also joined.

A cross-fire of bitter debate broke out on the Senate floor as the Republican group sought to challenge President Truman's ten-day-old seizure of the steel industry. Ferguson said Truman's seizure showed the president considered himself "above the Constitution and above the law." The Senator declared "we must check this power" and demonstrate to Truman and the world "that Congress has control of the purse strings."

'Courage' to Impeach
Senator Humphrey (D-Minn.), an administration stalwart, denounced the GOP strategy as a "back-handed, backdoor, slipshod way" of attempting to hit back at Truman.

Davis Will Direct Forum on Alcohol

The third semi-annual alcohol education forum and workshop will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in 121 Sparks. Arthur F. Davis, professor of physical education, will direct the forum and will act as moderator.

Norman E. Dettra, educational director of the Pennsylvania Temperance League, will be a member of the panel, which will also include two members of Alcoholics Anonymous from Philadelphia.

The forum will be open to the public. A coffee hour will follow at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Moffitt, 229 S. Garner street.

Iota Alpha Delta To Meet Monday

A group of graduate students in the process of organizing Iota Alpha Delta, a fraternity for graduate students majoring in guidance, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in apartment 44, Metzger building, William Braun, publicity chairman, has announced. Plans for the May program which will be sponsored by the Pennsylvania State Guidance Division will be discussed.

4-H Club to Meet

The campus 4-H Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in 100 Horticulture.

Jean Singer, international foreign youth exchange delegate to Switzerland in 1951, will speak and show slides on her trip.

Building Construction

The General State Authority yesterday called for bids, May 21, for construction of an addition to the Mineral Science building at the College, according to the Associated Press.

Pre-Vet Society to Meet

The Pre-Vet Society will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Agriculture building for a conducted tour of the bull barns, research centers and dairy barns.

Engineers Will Mark Centennial

A student convention marking the 100th year of activities of the American Society of Civil Engineers will be held at the College, Monday, Harold Light, president of the College's student chapter, said yesterday.

Two hundred representatives from Lehigh, Delaware, Swarthmore, Bucknell, Lafayette, Villanova, Drexel, and the University of Pennsylvania are expected to arrive tomorrow for Monday's activities.

The activities include a smoker at 8 p.m. tomorrow at Phi Sigma Kappa; breakfast at 8 a.m. Monday in the Corner Room; registration at 9 a.m. Monday in the lobby of Electrical Engineering; technical session at 10 a.m. in 110 Electrical Engineering; luncheon at 1:30 p.m. at the State College Hotel; and a tour of the water tunnel at 3 p.m. Monday.

Essays on technical subjects will be presented at the technical session Monday morning. Light said the technical sessions are open to the public and that students interested in attending the session should obtain permission from their instructors.

The essay topics are air photography in highway construction, the engineer's social responsibility, grouting for foundation, incorporation of glass fibres in concrete pipe, the effect of elevated temperatures on air entrained concrete, and the basic theory of prestressed steel and an elementary design problem illustrating a possible application. The last of these will be presented by Thomas Larson of the College.

The essays will be judged by three members of the parent society and will be announced at the luncheon Monday.

Excuse Forms Offered Voters

Forms are now available at the Student Union desk in Old Main for students who wish to go home to vote in the Presidential preference primary Tuesday.

The forms, which are to be signed by the chairman or a member of the elections board in the student's hometown, will serve as a certificate showing that the student actually voted. The forms are then to be taken to the professors of the classes which the student misses.

Daniel DeMarino, assistant dean of men, pointed out, however, that these forms will not guarantee an excused absence. It will be up to the individual teachers to decide whether or not the cut will be excused, he said. DeMarino added that this is the plan to which the College has adhered in the past.

New Staff of La Vie To Be Revealed Tonight

Next year's La Vie staff will be announced at the annual banquet of the publication tonight at Pi Kappa Phi. Both the old and new senior board will attend the dinner.

Professor Woodrow W. Bierly and Prof. Franklin C. Banner, editorial advisers, and Professor A. W. Case, art adviser, will be present at the banquet. Also attending will be Robert Breon of the Penn State Photo Shop. Breon did the photography work for the publication.

Oceania is the name of a collective group of islands in the South Seas and the central Pacific Ocean.

Peace Talks Will Resume On PW Issue

Munsan, Korea, April 19—(AP)—Allied and Communist negotiators today reopen secret prisoner of war discussions that may settle one of the three major issues blocking a Korean armistice.

Staff officers representing the opposing truce delegations scheduled a meeting on the issue at Panmunjom at 11 a.m. (9 p.m. Friday, EST) sub-delegations deadlocked over two issues of truce supervision meet at the same time.

The reopening of the prisoner talks, recessed April 4, was agreed upon Friday after another of a series of fruitless sub-delegation meetings on truce supervision.

The meeting lasted more than eight minutes, but brought no changes in the Reds' insistence on Russia as a "neutral" truce observer and the Allies demand for a ban on rebuilding North Korean airfields during an armistice.

There had been no word on the progress of prisoner of war discussions in the ten secret staff officers' sessions that preceded the April 4 recess.

However, it is generally believed both sides used the recess to prepare a compromise formula allowing the United Nations command to maintain its position that no prisoner should be repatriated against his wishes and the Communist demand for the return of all captives.

Flood Levees at Omaha Hold, But Crisis Remains

OMAHA, Neb., April 18—(AP)—The swollen Missouri pitched itself against Omaha and Council Bluffs levees with the most of its mighty strength today but couldn't smash the hastily-strengthened bulwarks protecting the cities.

The crisis wasn't over—and won't be for several days. The long flat flood crest—the river area where water is at maximum bulk—will be some 24 hours funneling through the channel "neck" between the cities. And the drop thereafter will be slow, river forecasters said.

"We're in the top of the danger zone," said Brig. Gen. Don G. Shingler, Missouri river division engineer. "We're winning the fight, but we're going to be in this crest business for some days."

The renewed hope that the furious river has met its match at Omaha and Council Bluffs was not being duplicated downstream, as new towns and new thousands of acres in Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, and Kansas yielded to the river's relentless rise.

Above Rulo, in Nebraska's southeastern tip, the river was

Boom for Harriman Seen by Democrats

By The Associated Press

New York Democratic chieftains insisted yesterday that the fledgling boom from W. Averell Harriman, hailed by President Truman as a "great liberal," will develop into an all-out campaign to nominate Harriman for the presidency.

"This is not a gesture, nor a holding operation," Sen. Herbert Lehman declared, shortly after Harriman won the endorsement of the New York state Democratic organization.



W. Averell Harriman

Democrats' Hope

Lehman made the statement in the wake of reports that Harriman would figure largely as a "holding candidate" to keep a tight rein over New York's 94-vote delegation to the Democratic national convention in July.

Some party bigwigs had been described as having little expectation that Harriman, a longtime disciple of the Roosevelt-Truman "deal" programs and now the Truman administration's foreign aid chief, would go anywhere on a national scale.

But Lehman said Harriman's candidacy will be pushed in other states in a full-fledged drive to win the Democratic presidential nomination for him.

Similarly, New York State Chairman Paul Fitzpatrick said the party would proceed "with all vigor" to "lay before the people of the country the qualifications of the man we are supporting."

Demonstration Course Offered

The College will offer a new course in lecture demonstration materials and methods during the Main Summer Session beginning June 30.

Dr. David C. Duncan, acting head of the Department of Physics, pointed out that it is not always realized that a wealth of simple demonstration material is readily available and that a wide range of common objects can be used for effective demonstration purposes in physics.

The course will emphasize the use of simple devices and materials which are available even to the science whose conventional laboratory equipment is very limited.

PHILADELPHIA, April 18—(AP)—Looking ahead four days to Pennsylvania's primary election, Democratic National Committeeman David L. Lawrence said today his party's state delegation is "not going to make any decision" on Presidential candidates until the national convention.

"We have said before and we repeat, there will be no decision made now," Lawrence said. The Pittsburgh mayor, long a power in national affairs of the party, commented that "anybody who makes a decision now doesn't know what's he's doing."

"Two weeks ago Harriman's name wasn't even mentioned. Now he's a candidate. In prior years when Roosevelt and Truman were running, our convention was tailor-made; but not now."

29 Are Killed In Plane Crash

LOS ANGELES, April 18 (AP)—A non-scheduled New York-Los Angeles airliner crashed and burned today in the Puente Hills 25 miles from its destination, killing all 29 persons aboard.

The plane, a C-46 two-engine transport operated by North Continental Airways, smashed into a low hill as the pilot, Capt. Lewis Powell of Los Angeles, was trying to find his way through a thick early-morning fog to the Los Angeles International Airport.

Harry Bachelor, secretary of the airline, said it was impossible to say what might have caused the crash. The plane left New York Thursday and made stops at Chicago, Kansas City, Amarillo, Tex., and Phoenix, Ariz.

It apparently scraped the top of a 400-foot hill, then plunged into another. There were grooves on the first hilltop barely six feet from the top, apparently from the plane's landing gear.

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