

Government Retakes Steel Mills

Anti-Seizure Order Ruled Ineffective--Appeals Court

WASHINGTON, April 30 (AP)—The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals put the strike-bound steel mills back in possession of the government tonight, but only temporarily, pending an appeal of the whole historic fight to the Supreme Court.

Meanwhile, the nation-wide strike continued. The administration hoped that the CIO United Steelworkers, who once again were technically employees of the government,

Steel Mills Set Record In Shutdown

PITTSBURGH, April 30 (AP)—The one-day old steel strike cut production from giant to pygmy size today in a dusk-to-dusk shutdown which broke all records for speed.

The country's vital steel mills were darkly silent less than 24 hours after President Philip Murray of the CIO United Steelworkers grimly ordered 650,000 members to stop work in almost 100 basic steel companies.

Steel plants still are winding up the laborious process required to prevent damage to fantastically expensive equipment.

But steel production in 24 hours slipped from approximately 290,000 tons to an estimated 10,000 tons.

25-cent Demand

For all its haste, the strike generally was orderly and peaceful despite a picket-line scuffle in Buffalo and a window-breaking incident in Pittsburgh. Strikers in many cities were described by their leaders in such terms as "hopping mad," "jittery," and "angry."

Rank and file steelworkers, now earning an average of about \$1.95 an hour, are determined to hold out for a steel wage settlement based on the 26-cent raise recommended by the Wage Stabilization Board.

Bethlehem Shut Down

In Cleveland, Republic Steel company officials said the firm's plants were placed in a standby condition by noon. No damage was done to plant facilities and union men remained inside to taper off the hot metal operations.

A spokesman for Bethlehem corp., second largest company, said:

"Operations at our plants are shut down, except coke oven operations which are continuing at certain plants as necessary to supply gas for local domestic consumption . . ."

May Labor Holiday Celebration to Start

LONDON, April 30 (AP)—The May Day labor holiday that once symbolized workers' solidarity will be celebrated in an atmosphere of rivalry and tension in much of the world tomorrow.

Socialists and Communists planned to vie for the limelight in Europe. Millions will march, but they will sing different tunes.

would call off the walkout, but CIO President Philip Murray was silent on his plans.

The Circuit Court, in a close 5 to 4 decision, stayed until Friday afternoon the effectiveness of an anti-seizure order issued by Federal District Judge David A. Pine.

Judge Pine, ruling that President Truman acted illegally and unconstitutionally in seizing the vast industry to head off a strike, issued an injunction declaring the mills must be returned to their owners.

The appeals court made its stay indefinite, a period that could run into weeks. It will remain in effect until an appeal to the Supreme Court is acted upon and should the Supreme Court refuse to review the case, the stay would continue, allowing continued seizure, until the appeals court issues a further order.

The only requirement to keep seizure in effect until the high court acts is that the government file its Supreme Court appeal by 3:30 p.m. EST Friday—something government attorneys promised to do.

In the 5 to 4 decision of the Circuit Court, Chief Judge Harold M. Stephens and Judges Bennett Champ Clark, Wilbur K. Miller and James M. Proctor dissented.

"We are of the opinion that the government has made no showing whatever which would justify this court in staying Judge Pine's order," Chief Judge Stephens said in behalf of the minority.

The ruling by the nine-man appeals court does not in any way deal with legality of seizure. It simply postpones for almost two days the effectiveness of the Pine order.

It does, however, return the 650,000 CIO steelworkers to the technical status of government employees who can not legally strike. CIO President Murray called a strike yesterday afternoon as soon as Pine's decision was announced and most steelworkers are already out.

At Pittsburgh, Murray said he would have no comment tonight on the Circuit Court action. Asked if the order would mean union instructions for the striking steelworkers to return to work, Murray said:

"I have nothing to say tonight."

Armistice Meeting

MUNSAN, Korea, Thursday, May 1 (AP)—A Communist May Day call for a critical armistice meeting soon was expected today.

The Allies are awaiting a reply to a secret proposal for a truce settlement.

Spanish Club to Meet

Manuel de la Sierra, cultural envoy from Spain, will speak to El Circulo Espanol at 7 tonight in the Grange playroom.

The program, open to the public, will also feature slides and movies of Spain. Sierra will deliver his talk in English.

'I Wonder . . .'



Dwight D. Eisenhower

'Ike' Happy On Hearing Election Win

PARIS, April 30 (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower scratched his head thoughtfully today over his victory in the Massachusetts Republican primary and said, "It has begun to look kind of serious."

Earlier at the airport at Frankfurt, Germany, he received the news from Massachusetts with chuckles. Told he had far outdistanced Taft, he put one hand on a reporter's shoulder, grinned, and asked:

"Is that good?" He described the outcome of the Bay State primary in which he defeated Sen. Robert A. Taft and mustered more than 15,000 Democratic write-in votes, as "an overwhelming sort of thing."

The North Atlantic Pact commander returned here today from a three-day farewell visit to Allied occupation troops in Germany. He is leaving his command June 1 and returning to the United States in advance of the Republican National Convention in July.

The general showed no eagerness to make any comment on politics and did so only at the repeated urging of reporters.

As he stepped from the plane, he said, "I don't have any new thoughts on the matter. I haven't anything to say to you that I haven't said before."

Under prodding, however, he took off his cap, scratched his head and made the additional statements.

"If God is on your side, you have the majority." — Chas. Wells

Today **WARNER** theatres
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J. Arthur Rank Presents
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"THE LAVENDER HILL MOB"

State
Johnny Weismuller
in
"JUNGLE MANHUNT"

Hittacy
Errol Flynn
"ADVENTURES OF ROBIN HOOD"

Oil Workers Strike, Seek 25-Cent Hike

DENVER, April 30 (AP)—An often-postponed strike of oil workers swept across the nation today. It closed some refineries, curtailed pipeline operations, and started motorists lining up for gasoline.

Nearly 90,000 men—about half those who run the pipelines, refineries, and distribution plants—walked out as facilities were closed down in orderly fashion.

Lovett Blasts Defense Slash Before Senate

WASHINGTON, April 30 (AP)—Secretary of Defense Lovett told Congress today that a proposed \$6,000,000,000 slash in defense spending next year would halt or delay the production of at least 3500 planes, 3100 tanks, and a vast arsenal of other fighting equipment.

Lovett also disclosed that defense spending in the four-year period ending June 30, 1954, is expected to reach the staggering total of \$163,000,000,000—or about two-thirds of the present national debt of \$258,000,000,000.

Testifying before the Senate appropriations committee, Lovett declared that a House-approved limit of \$46,000,000,000 on defense spending for the next fiscal year would deliver "a possible critical blow to military preparedness efforts and the defense of the country."

"The immediate effect would be to raise a serious question as to our ability to maintain troops presently deployed in Europe and those engaged in combat in the Far East."

Meanwhile, the Senate foreign relations committee voted 12-0 to approve a \$6,900,000,000 foreign aid bill—a billion dollars less than President Truman requested—and Chairman Connally (D.-Tex.) predicted the Senate will pass it without further reductions.

CIO, AFL, and independent unions worked together. Socony's East St. Louis refinery was shut down when CIO and AFL members walked out together, even though they're tangled in their own jurisdictional dispute there.

Union Offers Workers

In their patchwork of local negotiations, the unions are demanding a 25-cent an hour wage increase. With it, they want a differential of six cents instead of four cents for the 4 p.m. to midnight shift and a differential of 12 cents for the midnight to dawn shift. Present wages run about \$2 to \$2.10 an hour.

California workers were offered by union officials to stay on the job to avoid cutting critical supplies for the Korean War. Negotiations continued there as well as some other places.

Midnight Walkout


Officials at headquarters of the Oil Workers International Union (CIO) in Denver said the talks in San Francisco between their representatives and the Shell Oil company are "the most promising."

The walkouts began at one minute after midnight. Some will not be complete until midnight Saturday to allow time to shut down refineries properly.

Union officials estimate 44 percent of the nation's daily refinery capacity—2,850,000 of the 6,500,000 barrels—is affected by the strike.

Many motorists were taking no chances of running out of gas, lining up to fill their tanks.

Railroads reported diesel fuel supplies on hand to last 30 to 60 days.



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