

Wage Hike Not Forbidden; Steel Groups Await Ruling

Sawyer Expects No Wage Raise In Near Future

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—The U.S. Court of Appeals, by a split 5 to 4 vote, refused today to forbid the government to raise wages in the embattled steel industry, but Secretary of Commerce Sawyer said no immediate wage boost is planned.

Sawyer also called for new peace talks in the strike-crippled steel industry and asked Congress for legislation empowering the government to deal with "titanic" struggles between industry and labor.

Late in the day, President Truman told his news conference he has no ambition to be a dictator and will abide by any Supreme Court decision on his seizure of the multi-billion-dollar steel industry.

Wants Steel Flow

The President said he will take every possible action to get the steel strike settled, but gave no clue of what steps he might have in mind.

All he wants, he said, is to keep steel production flowing.

Earlier, in a day of multiple developments bearing on the great controversy, there had been speculation that Truman might issue a back-to-work call now that the steel mills are once more back under government control.

Agreement Important

But the President was silent on that subject.

Sawyer told a news conference immediately following a White House talk with President Truman that "the important thing" now is for the nation's steel companies and CIO President Philip Murray's United Steelworkers to get together and reach an agreement.

John A. Stephens, chief industry negotiator, declined to comment immediately on Sawyer's invitation for new company-union peace talks.

"We'll have to see where we stand," Stephens said.

Union leaders also declined comment.

'Curtain' Nations Ruled Taboo for Americans

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—The United States today put all of the Iron Curtain countries out of bounds for American travelers except for trips specifically approved by the State Department.

To prevent "sneak visits" and protect venturesome individuals from risking travel to Communist-run areas, the department started stamping all new passports:

"This passport is not valid for travel to Albania, Bulgaria, China, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Romania or the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (Russia) unless specifically endorsed under authority of the Department of State as being valid for such travel."

Massachusetts Returns Give Ike Big Lead

BOSTON, May 1 (AP)—Complete unofficial returns from Tuesday's Massachusetts primary election, except for one missing precinct, were tabulated today. The vote from 1738 precincts out of 1739 gave:

Republican—
Eisenhower 254,723; MacArthur 2306; Stassen 1274; Taft 110,345; Warren 1565.

Democratic—
Dever 2308; Kefauver 29,443; Russell 710; Stevenson 1310; Truman 7826; Eisenhower 16,107; Taft 5759.

West Germans To Talk to 'Ike' About Progress

BONN, Germany, May 1 (AP)—Gen. Eisenhower comes here tomorrow for his first direct talks with German leaders over progress in bringing West German resources and manpower into the Western defense system.

Progress is threatened now by a German government crisis that has overshadowed the last stages of the peace contract negotiations.

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and three Allied high commissioners met again today, for the 26th time in seven months, in an effort to complete the draft of the pact that would end the occupation and clear the way for the rearming of German troops inside a six-nation European army.

But all the talk in the corridors was of the revolt of two parties in Adenauer's three-party government.

The right wing Free Democrats and German Party have announced they will refuse to ratify the peace contract in its present form. They have swung around to the Socialist opposition because it carries over too many features of the occupation regime.

Allied officials, surprised at this development, called the demands of the two parties an ultimatum to the West to get more concessions.

Adenauer has quashed similar revolts before, but observers here regard this latest split as the strongest challenge yet to his European confederation policy.

Cowen Nominated

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—President Truman today nominated Myron M. Cowen, former envoy to the Philippines, to be ambassador to Belgium. He succeeds Robert Murphy, appointed as the first postwar ambassador to Japan.

Industry-CIO Not Too Eager To Start Work

PITTSBURGH, May 1 (AP)—The steel industry and the CIO United Steelworkers apparently were in agreement today on one thing—let the nation-wide strike continue pending a Supreme Court ruling.

Until a final decision is made on legality of government seizure of the steel industry, neither side appears eager to start getting the nation's steel mills back into production.

Court Review

Steel men pointed out that it would be futile to try to resume operations now should they have to stop again next week if the union refused to work.

Speculation on a possible re-sum work attempt came on the heels of a U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling which stayed a lower court's finding that the seizure is illegal. The latest court opinion put Uncle Sam back in the saddle pending a review by the U.S. Supreme Court.

No Comment

President Philip Murray of the CIO USW declined to comment on the ruling—or any other phase of Washington developments. Pickets continued pacing in front of plant gates in the absence of any orders from Murray to the contrary.

There was no sign that Murray would tell his 650,000 strikers to return to work rather than conduct a strike against the government—their technical employer.

All Murray would tell a newsman was:

"I have no comment on the ruling."

Korean Air Battle Marks May Day

SEOUL, Friday, May 2 (AP)—May Day ended quietly in Korea Thursday after an early morning artillery duel and a brief air battle in which U.S. Saore jet pilots reported they damaged a Communist MIG-15.

While the guns sounded, the infantry on both sides remained in bunkers. Only light patrol contacts were reported.

The Communists began the artillery fire, perhaps as a sort of May Day salute, and the Allies reacted violently with their own artillery, with naval guns and with bombing and strafing warplanes.

New Tactical A-Bomb

LAS VEGAS, Nev., May 1 (AP)—A new tactical A-bomb of fiery intensity today gave 2150 entrenched Marines a solid jolt in their first nuclear maneuvers, but there were no casualties.

Oil Strike Forces Hoarding, Shortages

DENVER, May 1 (AP)—Forced hoarding of petroleum supplies was ordered today in the face of spreading local gasoline shortages and a continuing deadlock in negotiations aimed at breaking a nation-wide oil strike.

President Truman, asked at his news conference if he had any intension of seizing the oil industry, as he had in the steel industry, said the question had not been put to him. The President said he understood an agreement was near in the oil walkout.

Industry, rail and air transport, and natural gas supplies still were largely unaffected by the wage walkout. But filling station pumps were running dry in the Chicago-Gary area. Other dealers, such as those around Boston, were restricting gasoline sales to regular customers.

Secretary of the Interior Chapman in Washington said strikes now underway in the oil industry will cut aviation gasoline production by almost 30 per cent and it already "is in short supply."

He said an order limiting use of aviation gasoline probably will be issued soon. About half of the entire domestic output of aviation gasoline is used for military purposes, Chapman said.

An aviation trade journal quoted an oil industry official, not named, as saying civil and military planes will be grounded within three days if the strike halts the output of gasoline.

Government officials warned of a possible major, nation-wide shortage of gasoline. They said it would come if the 45-day supply is cut in half by a prolonged strike.

Headquarters spokesmen here for the CIO Oil Workers International, largest of the 22 unions participating, had called negotiations between an independent union and Standard Oil of Indiana at the Sugar Creek, Mo., refinery "the most hopeful" of the day.

Truman Says Definitely He Won't Run Again

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—President Truman said emphatically today he would not run if nominated for another term.

When asked at a news conference whether he would go a step further and say he would not serve if elected—a statement attributed to Gen. William T. Sherman in 1884 but disputed by some historians—the President asked how could he be elected if he refused the nomination.

Red Reply On Korean Peace Due

MUNSAN, Korea, Friday, May 2 (AP)—Korean peace negotiators assemble in a full dress meeting today to hear the Communist reply to an Allied compromise offer—a reply that could make or break the talks.

The Communists spent three days studying the Allied plan. The United Nations Command submitted it as an over-all solution for three bedrock issues which so far have balked all effort at compromise.

Then yesterday the Communists sent word they were ready to end the recess. They gave no hint whether they would accept or reject the plan or make a counter proposal.

Secrecy Possible

The plenary meeting was scheduled for 11 a.m. (9 a.m., EST) Thursday at Panmunjom.

The results of the fateful meeting may not be made known immediately. The session will be conducted in secrecy at the suggestion of the UN delegation.

Details of the UN offer have not been made public.

Washington reports say, however, the Allies might drop their proposed ban on building Red airfields in North Korea during a truce if the Communists will not insist on getting back Red prisoners who do not want to go home.

Reds May Give In

The third issue is Allied rejection of Russia as a neutral truce inspector. The Washington reports indicate the Allies might give in on this too if the neutral label is removed from the truce commission.

The Communists have insisted they will never budge from their stand on any of these issues. It was believed, however, the secret session was ordered because the Communists might be ready to change their minds.

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