

Truman Claims Seizure Power

WASHINGTON, May 22 (AP)—President Truman declared today that nobody—neither Congress nor the courts—can take away from the President his power to seize industry in an emergency.

Yet he readily agreed that if the Supreme Court rules his steel industry seizure is illegal, he will promptly restore

the plants to their private owners. He will turn the mills back and see what happens, he said.

He promised that the nation's railroads, having reached a wage settlement yesterday after 21 months in federal hands, will be returned to private management as quickly as papers can be signed.

Doesn't Expect Reversal

Truman asserted his claim to inherent seizure power in the strongest terms he has used to date. He implied at his news conference that he would veto any act of Congress seeking to outlaw the seizure technique.

The President said he did not believe the questions of constitutionality were before the court, and he didn't expect the court to declare the seizure illegal.

The President has the power to seize, he stated, and they cannot take it away. Who is "they", Congress or the courts? He was asked.

Happy Over Settlement

Truman replied that nobody—and he emphasized the nobody—can take the power away because it is inherent in the Constitution, because the Chief Executive has the responsibility to see that the national welfare is met.

Russell Gains Speed in Race

By The Associated Press

Georgia's Sen. Richard B. Russell picked up speed yesterday as a third-place contender in the nationwide race for delegates to the Democratic National Convention in July.

Russell got a big boost when North Carolina Democrats, meeting in state convention, endorsed him for the presidential nomination.

The state's 32-vote delegation will go to Chicago without any binding instructions on how to vote, but the formal endorsement plus the known leanings of delegates strongly indicated that Russell would get the lion's share.

All nine of the first nine delegates willing to state a choice said they favored Russell.

Previously, Russell had trailed far back behind the front-running Sen. Estes Kefauver and foreign aid chief W. Averell Harriman.

The World At a Glance

Allied Planes Smash 3d Red Supply Center

SEOUL, Friday, May 23 (AP)—Allied war planes Thursday smashed the third Red supply base in two months, leaving in flaming ruin a huge storage center near the North Korean capital of Pyongyang.

The Fifth Air Force said the planes pressed home their all-out attack from dawn to dusk. By nightfall, pilots reported 117 buildings flattened and 85 more heavily damaged.

Harrison Replaces Joy

MUNSAN, Korea, Friday, May 23 (AP)—Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison Jr. takes over today as top man of the Allied armistice team, a serene soldier who says of Red negotiators "let 'em rant and rave."

Harrison succeeds Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy, who gave the Communists a parting verbal volley Thursday and a tremendous scare.

Joy in his farewell statement accused the Reds of being interested only in gaining time to rebuild their "shattered forces" and to win by negotiation what they "could not accomplish in the field."

Sutton Moved to N.Y.

OSSINING, N.Y., May 22 (AP)—Willie The Actor Sutton, notorious bank robber and jail breaker, was secretly moved from Sing Sing Prison to the state prison at Attica, N.Y., yesterday. Authorities said today the undercover transfer was made to prevent any possible attempt to free the prisoner.

Ridgway Blasts Reds

WASHINGTON, May 22 (AP)—Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway told Congress today Communist charges that the Allies used gas and germ warfare in Korea should serve as a "monumental warning" of deadly danger to the free world.

Red POW's Strength On Decline

KOJE ISLAND, Korea, Friday, May 23 (AP)—Communist inmates retained control within the 17 barbed wire enclosures of this big prisoner-of-war camp today, but were weakening under a firm show of force by battle-tryed U.S. troops.

With an ultimate showdown inevitable, Gen. James A. Van Fleet, U.S. Eighth Army commander, visited both Koje and the prison hospital camp at Pusan Thursday and said the situation "looks very fine today; there has been a great improvement."

"Within a few days," Van Fleet said, "we will command these camps as everyone would like them to be commanded . . . we have treated Communist prisoners of war with every human decency. They, themselves, have responsibilities they have not fulfilled."

At the Pusan camp, one prisoner was killed and 85 were injured when U.S. troops took charge of the rebellious captives.

The toughest 1100 prisoners were moved Thursday to Koje Island, where 80,000 already are held.

While the Reds still rule inside the wire at Koje, their swaggering attitude had been tempered somewhat.

Russia Warns Iran Against U.S. Aid

MOSCOW, Friday, May 23 (AP)—Russia, in a stiff note, has protested Iran's acceptance of American military aid and warned that it works against good relations with Moscow.

The note was delivered by Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky to the Iranian ambassador here yesterday. It charged that by taking American military aid Iran had violated the Soviet-Iranian treaty of 1921.

The Soviet note was published in all leading newspapers today. It declared that "by this token the Iranian army loses its character as a national army of an independent sovereign state" and said acceptance of the aid "is putting the Iranian army under the control of the United States government."

Russia accused Iran, her neighbor to the south, of co-operating with the U.S. "in the implementation of the latter's aggressive plans directed against the Soviet Union."

The treaty which the Soviet Union claims Iran violated contains a clause giving Russia a right to move troops into Iran if that country's soil is used by foreign military forces hostile to Russia.

The Soviet note of protest was delivered just four weeks after the U.S. resumed military aid to Iran. It had been cut off Jan. 14 when Iran refused to sign an agreement pledging to help in-

crease "the defensive strength of the free world." Such a statement is required under terms of the U.S. Mutual Security Act.

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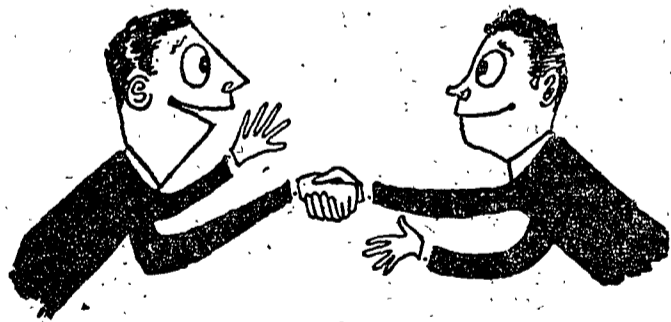
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