

# Taft Forecasts Future Change In Labor Law

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP)—Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) said after a White House conference today that chances appear good for making "substantial" changes in the Taft-Hartley labor law.

It apparently was decided at the meeting with President Eisenhower and legislative leaders, including chairmen of the House and Senate Labor Committees, that no attempt would be made to draft amendments until present hearings are completed.

# Allied Jets Attack Red Supply Line

SEOUL, Tuesday, March 10 (AP)—Allied Thunderjets spewed a fiery trail of destruction along the Communist main supply route to the Western Korean Front Monday and Sabre jets reported destroying three MIGs that tried to interfere.

The Fifth Air Force, announcing the latest kills, said possibly five other Red jets were damaged in morning air battles over North-west Korea.

Stiff ground fighting erupted along the Central Front where the Eighth Army said "the enemy continued pressure." One outpost was lost northwest of Kumhwa in a company-sized 175-man Chinese Red hand grenade attack. An Allied counter-attack recaptured it. The Communists lost an estimated 66 men killed or wounded.

Smaller Red stabs were reported in the Triangle Hill-Snipper Ridge area and near Panmunjom on the Western Front. Near Old Boldy, southwest of Chorwon, the Reds closed from three sides on an Allied patrol and opened up with artillery and mortar fire in an effort to cut off its escape. Reinforcements helped the patrol battle its way out.

The fighter-bombers struck Red positions from the battle line northward to Sinanju, only 50 miles from the Manchurian border. Bombs, machine guns and rockets knocked out 59 Red gun positions and bunkers along the front, the Air Force claimed.

# USW to Install New President

PITTSBURGH, March 9 (AP)—The 35-man executive board of the CIO United Steelworkers will install a new president and secretary-treasurer at its session here Wednesday.

David J. McDonald, who had served the 1.1 million-member union as secretary-treasurer since the presidency. He succeeds the late Philip Murray who died Nov. 9.

L. W. Abel, former USW district director in the Canton, O., area will succeed McDonald as secretary-treasurer. Neither officer had any opposition in the nation-wide USW referendum election Feb. 10.

Official tellers still are tabulating votes to determine the winners in several district director races.

# Tito Sails for Britain

LONDON, March 9 (AP)—Yugoslav President Tito and military, economic and political advisers sailed toward Britain today for a five-day semi-official visit. Their movements were shrouded by secrecy and security measures almost unprecedented in peacetime.

# Witnesses Testify Russia Circulates More Propaganda

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP)—Witnesses before a Senate inquiry committee testified today that Russia is doing "a bigger job" than this country in circulating propaganda books and pamphlets in Europe and the Middle East.

Coincident with this new phase of criticism directed against the State Department's overseas information program, Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis) announced that his Senate investigations subcommittee will open a full-scale probe later this week into another angle of the department's operations.

Atty. Gen. Robert E. Woodside said his testimony tomorrow will support Fine's endorsement of proposed consolidation of the state police and parole boards with the Justice Department.

# Chinese Nationalists Battle Red Warships

TAIPEH, Formosa, March 9 (AP)—The official Central News Agency said tonight that Chinese Nationalist warships steamed up close and attacked Communist craft in Swatow Harbor, opposite Formosa, a week ago.

The report gave no idea of the type or size of Communist craft attacked but said one was captured and others heavily damaged.

# Yugoslavia Receives Jets

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, March 9 (AP)—Yugoslavia will unveil tomorrow at a formal ceremony the first shipment of jet aircraft to reach this country under the American defense aid program.

# Electricity-Producing Atom Furnace Built

OAK RIDGE, Tenn., March 9 (AP)—A reactor, or atomic furnace, capable of producing useful amounts of electric power has been developed here.

"It could turn out to be the most important achievement at Oak Ridge since the war," declared Dr. Alvin Weinberg, director of nuclear research at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, where the reactor was developed.

The Atomic Energy Commission in announcing the reactor's development today, described it as "an important milestone" in the search for economical atom-generated power.

In tests last month, the reactor produced 150 kilowatts of power—enough to serve 50 average five-room houses.

The power-producing furnace is a new type of reactor known as a "homogeneous reactor." A solution of uranium is fed into the reactor. The nuclear reaction creates heat which produces steam. The steam, in turn, drives a generator which generates power.

A test reactor in Idaho produced a small amount of electric power two years ago. But the reactor here, the AEC said, is the "first to operate at a temperature and power high enough for production of steam to run a standard industrial turbine-generator."

There are still many problems to be solved, the commission said, before atomic-produced power can be generated cheaply enough to compete with current methods of commercial production.

Further study of the reactor will be made, the commission said, to acquire information regarding the feasibility of the "homogeneous" reactor for full-scale power production.

# U.S. Ships Aiding Reds — McCarthy

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP)—Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis) said today the United States holds mortgages on 96 foreign-flag ships hauling cargoes to Red China and other countries behind the Iron Curtain.

McCarthy announced that his Senate investigations subcommittee will conduct a full-scale public inquiry to determine how the U.S.-financed ships were permitted to engage in trade with Soviet bloc nations.

The Wisconsin senator said Foreign Aid Chief Harold E. Stassen and Maritime Administration officials will be called to testify.

Stassen's Mutual Security Agency has primary responsibility for enforcing the Battle Act, which calls for suspending American aid to countries selling strategic materials to the Communists.

McCarthy said in a statement that the 96 ships—described as being all large dry-cargo vessels left over as surplus from World War II—were sold to foreigners on mortgages by the old U.S. Maritime Commission.

The senator said this country now holds 25 million dollars in mortgages on the vessels.

"Of these ships, 52 are registered in Greece, 40 in Italy and four in France," McCarthy said.

This means that the Eisenhower administration has no present plans for submitting any proposed amendments in the near future.

Secretary of Labor Martin P. Durkin, who also attended today's conference, confirmed this, saying he has given up the idea of having a Labor Department advisory committee—composed of representatives of industry, labor unions, and the public—seek a compromise of varying views about the Taft-Hartley law.

The advisory group broke up last week after a hot argument on how to proceed.

Durkin said he still may make some recommendations on changing the law after the congressional hearings get further along.

# Economy Report to Be Heard

HARRISBURG, March 9 (AP)—Pennsylvania General Assembly cleared the decks tonight for economy hearings that may last a month.

A 30-member House-Senate committee will open hearings tomorrow on the bulky Chesterman Committee reports proposing a broad reorganization of state agencies.

The committee estimated its recommendations, if adopted, would eventually save the commonwealth 100 million dollars a biennium. A bonfire of opposition already has built up against some of them.

Republican leaders decided to dig into the economy reports before going into Gov. John S. Fine's recommendation for 157 million dollars in new taxes for the 1953-55 biennium.

The economy committee, getting ready to hear both sides of the numerous Chesterman recommendations, today named Sen. James S. Berger (R-Potter) and Rep. Adam T. Bower (R-Northumberland) as co-chairmen.

Bower immediately took issue with the 100 million dollar estimated savings.

"I feel, like many of the committee members, that the 100 million dollars is a turkey that can't be accomplished," Bower told a reporter, adding:

"The report is full of fallacies such as the abolishment of the 10 medical and surgical hospitals in the hard and soft coal regions.

They (Chesterman Committee) said 10 million dollars could be saved by doing away with them but they overlooked the fact that somewhere in the neighborhood of five million dollars comes in each biennium in fees and payments by patients. So actually, only about half of the 10 million dollar savings could be made by turning the hospitals over to the local communities."

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