

Union Rejects New Steel Pact

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Negotiations in the 83-day-old steel strike appeared to be on the verge of collapse last night.

After the United Steelworkers earlier yesterday had rejected an industry proposal to end the strike, an extraordinary night session was called. It lasted only five minutes.

Unions Discuss Aid to Striking Steel Workers

CLEVELAND (AP) — Financial aid to striking steelworkers was urged yesterday in resolutions put before two separate international union conventions representing 285,000 workers in oil, chemical and atomic industries.

The resolutions were submitted at the opening convention sessions to committees, which will report back later in the week to delegates of the International Chemical Workers Union (ICWU) and the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union (OCAW).

The measures are supported by administrations of each union and are expected to win approval of the delegates.

Walter L. Mitchell, president of the ICWA, told 450 delegates at his union's convention that "the steelworkers' strike is our strike."

"The key issues in the steel negotiations," Mitchell said, "are the very same we are meeting every day in chemicals—employer demands for 'flexibility' and 'prerogatives' which are only a disguise for a 'speed-up' and a 'stretch-out.'" Mitchell added:

"The big companies of this country through their insistence on the princely right to replace and shuffle workers at will are making a dirty word out of automation."

In his report to 1,000 delegates, OCAW President O. A. Knight, of Denver, urged establishment of a new defense fund that would supplement the union's regular strike defense fund and lend aid to steelworkers and other unions.

U.S. Runs 2nd In ICBM Race

WASHINGTON (AP) — America still lags behind the Soviet Union in rockets for space projects but in the "life and death" field of intercontinental ballistic missiles she's climbed close to her rival.

That was the word yesterday from the Defense Department's top scientists, Dr. Herbert York.

York indicated it might take at least a year for the United States to duplicate the Soviet's present effort of hurling a 600-pound satellite towards the moon. The reason: America's most powerful booster for space rockets has only about half the thrust power of the booster believed used by the Soviets.

Elsewhere, Dr. T. Keith Glennan, head of the nation's civilian space agency, said the Soviets have "a solid advantage over us in the field of rocket propulsion."

But York said America's most powerful booster—the 150-ton more than 300,000 pound thrust Atlas—has proved its worth as an intercontinental ballistic missile.

MacMillan Urges Early Summit Talk

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Harold Macmillan promised yesterday to keep on fighting for early summit talks. He denied he is making a political football out of the project.

Both Macmillan's Conservatives and Hugh Gaitskell's Laborites took up the summit talks as a major issue in Thursday's election of a new House of Commons.

Britain's Allies watched this development with silence which may conceal annoyance. Diplomats said the process of arranging top-level talks has been suspended by the big Western Allies until after the British balloting.

Labor leaders declared President Eisenhower had given Macmillan the brush-off for trying to use the summit conference in the election campaign. They cited a statement from President Eisenhower's vacation headquarters in Palm Spring, Calif., that there had been no agreement yet to hold summit talks.

Macmillan was unabashed. He still was pitching the Conservative cause on the claim that he was the original icebreaker of the cold war and the driving force behind the whole summit idea.

UAR Criticizes Israel In Suez Canal Dispute

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — The United Arab Republic accused Israel yesterday of raising a fake crisis in the United Nations over freedom of navigation in the Suez Canal.

Mahmoud Fawzi, UAR foreign minister, told the 82-nation General Assembly the issue would "melt away and automatically disappear" if Israel recognized the legitimate rights of more than a million Palestine Arab refugees.

Ambassador Arthur Lourie, head of the Israeli delegation, immediately challenged Fawzi to tell the Assembly whether the UAR is willing to negotiate a

settlement of the entire Palestine problem.

He said Israel is ready to negotiate "at any time and place without attaching any conditions." He described the UAR position as a "maze of contradictions" and added: "Having failed on the field of battle, they now say they are entitled to maintain against us a one-sided state of war."

The sharp exchange appeared to doom chances for negotiating any settlement of the canal issue at this Assembly. Diplomatic efforts have been persisting behind the scenes in an attempt to minimize the risk of a new Israeli-UAR blowup in the Middle East.

President Eisenhower has threatened to invoke the Taft-Hartley Act if necessary to get the half-million strikers back on the job for an 80-day cooling off period during which steel production would be resumed.

The union's Wage Policy Committee yesterday morning rejected the industry proposal to settle the strike on the basis of a two-year contract which the industry said called for a 15-cent hourly pay increase.

A brief negotiating session was held yesterday afternoon. Then David J. McDonald, president of the USW, called for the night session—first held since the strike started in July.

McDonald asked that the principals of the industry—leaders of 12 major companies—be invited to participate. None were on hand when the meeting began, only the four negotiators from each side.

Developments came thick and fast, but they all added up to no settlement and none in sight. Here's what happened:

The USW's 170-member Wage Policy Committee turned down the industry proposal as "completely unsatisfactory." The vote was unanimous.

Industry negotiators lifted a news blackout and said its offer amounted to a 15-cent hourly package increase over a two-year period.

They added that no more could be granted "at this time without resulting in an inflationary increase in production costs."

The union issued a statement placing the worth of the proposal at 10.2 cents an hour for the two years.

"Such an economic package would be unacceptable to the Steelworkers even if you did not attach further conditions to it which are themselves totally unacceptable," it added.

Sleeping Sickness Blamed for Death

PITTSBURGH (AP) — An autopsy showed yesterday a potential diagnosis of encephalitis in the death of a 35-year-old Clearfield County man.

The victim, Albert H. Salvatore of Penfield, died Sunday at West Penn Hospital. The hospital said confirming tests are being conducted at the University of Pittsburgh.

Salvatore died nine hours after he was admitted to the hospital. Encephalitis is an inflammation of the brain and commonly results in sleeping sickness.

The sleeping sickness variety has caused a number of deaths recently in southern New Jersey.

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