

Predicts End of Steel Dispute Is Coming Soon

By United Press
Hopes for labor peace rose Thursday as a government official reported that the steel dispute "is virtually settled or will be by Saturday."

More than half the 1,460,000 American workers idled by strikes and shutdowns are steel workers.

It was disclosed Wednesday that representatives of U. S. Steel Corp. and the CIO steel workers union have been meeting secretly and consulting with government officials in an effort to settle the 18-day-old steel strike by the weekend.

Other Labor Developments

1. The house of representatives was expected to take final action on a sweeping strike control bill.
2. New York harbor tugboat operators were to vote today on a proposal to settle their four-day strike, which precipitated a fuel shortage and caused a return of the "brown-out" to New York City.
3. At Gridley, Ill., railroad guards shot and killed two pickets who were attempting to prevent the movement of a freight train over the strikebound Toledo, Peoria and Western Railroad lines.
4. Eighteen thousand members of district 33, United Steel workers of America (CIO) decided to join the nationwide steel strike at 12:01 a. m. Friday, 24 hours after the expiration of the cooling off period required by Minnesota state law.
5. Federal labor mediator James F. Dewey said a steel strike settlement probably would lead to an agreement between General Motors Corp. and 175,000 striking CIO United Auto workers.

Louisville School Superintendent to Resign Post Soon

Glen M. Coram, superintendent of the Louisville school system, announced recently that he will resign as a member of the faculty at the close of the present school term. He has held the position of superintendent of schools for the past 17 years.

Many developments for the betterment of the Louisville school system have been accomplished under Coram's direction. A progressive and well qualified man for his position, he has received commendations from county superintendents of schools for his outstanding work.

Elwood Pankonin Joins Business Firm

Elwood Pankonin, recently returned service man, has become a partner of his father, C. J. Pankonin, a Louisville implement dealer, effective the first of February. The firm will now operate under the name of C. J. Pankonin and Son.

After graduation from the Louisville schools, Elwood attended the University of Nebraska for special training and later worked with his father prior to his entry into the army four years ago. He is a veteran of the European campaign having spent the last several months of his service in Italy.

Public Library Kept Busy During January

The Plattsmouth Public Library showed a marked increase in book circulation and demand for reference material during January, according to Miss Verna Leonard, librarian. Total number of books circulated was 3404, with 2076 of them to adults and 1289 to students and children.

Twenty new borrowers received cards during the month and 23 new books were purchased or received as donations.

Coyote Hunt Laws

Sportsmen participating in organized coyote hunts are cautioned to observe all game laws. Complaints against illegal pheasant killing and wanton destruction of rabbits have resulted from recent coyote hunts. Hunters are reminded that possible predatory control, through coyote hunts, may be more than offset by unnecessary shooting of rabbits which constitute the staple item of diet for coyotes.

Call Me Mister!

Three men reported their discharges from the armed forces Wednesday to the Cass county selective service office, it was announced Thursday.

From the army: Dwight Clements, Elmwood; and Harold Bobenmeyer, Santee, Nebr.

From the navy: Lloyd H. Mapel, Avoca.

Parr Young Elected Head of Livestock Feeders Association

Parr Young of Weeping Water was elected president of the Nebraska Livestock Breeders and Feeders Association at the meeting of the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture at the session Wednesday afternoon. Young is a prominent cattle feeder and a long time resident of the Weeping Water community.

W. B. Banning, prominent orchardist at Union, was elected treasurer of the Nebraska Horticultural Society at another section of the Wednesday afternoon session of the Organized Agriculture meeting.

Nominees Selected For School Board Wednesday Night

Four nominees for membership on the Plattsmouth school board were selected Wednesday night at the school district caucus in the high school building.

Those selected were: William Evers, Emil Wurl, William H. Schmidtman and Hazel McCord.

There are two openings on the school board for three years each. The four nominees will be placed on the ballot at the next regular city election. The election of the school board members is non-political.

4 Cass County Men To Attend Luncheon In Omaha Feb. 15

Draft board members of 10 Douglas county boards and panels from six surrounding counties will be guests of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce at a public affairs luncheon February 15.

Selective Service recognition medals for two years or more of service will be presented by Governor Dwight Griswold.

Attending from Cass county will be: O. A. Davis, Murray; George Lushinsky, Plattsmouth; Alvin McReynolds, Nehawka; and Charles Swan, Union.

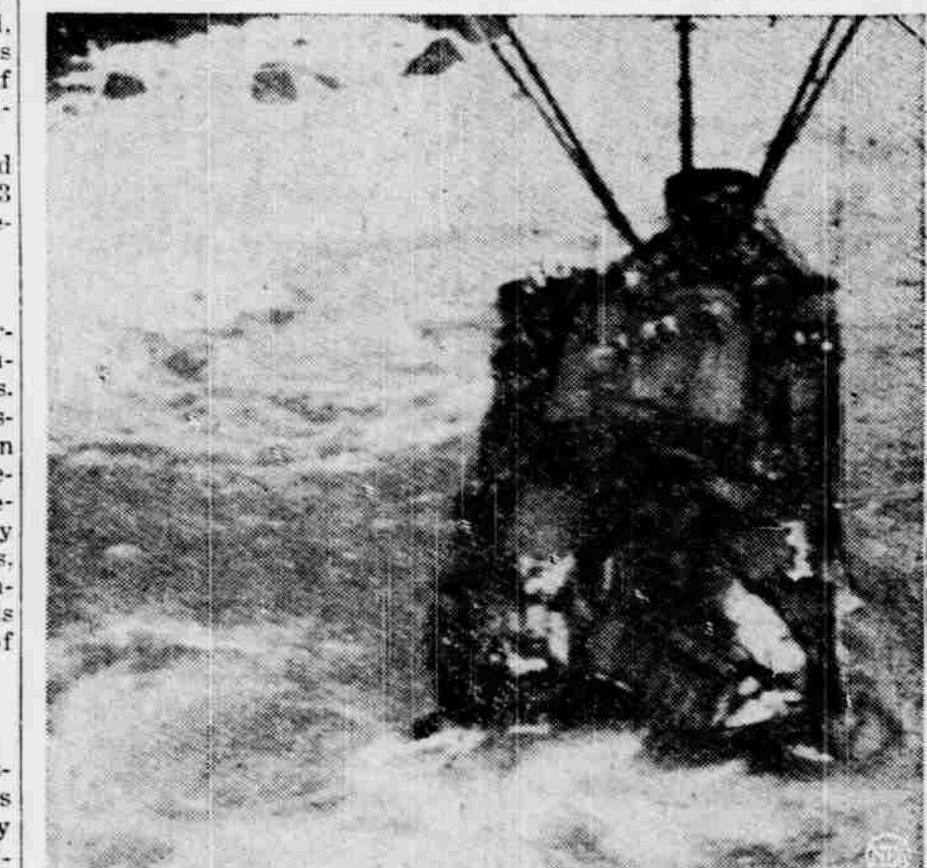
Teachers to Meet In Union Feb. 13

The Eastern Division of the Cass county Educational Association will meet for dinner 6:30 p. m. at the Legion hall in Union on February 13. Reservations must be made by February 11, with T. I. Friest, superintendent of Plattsmouth schools or with Alfred Morford, superintendent of the Union schools.

Dr. Walter K. Beves, of the University of Nebraska, will be the guest speaker for the occasion. His subject will be, "Community School, Co-operation." All patrons of the public schools and those interested in better living conditions through education are cordially invited to attend this meeting, according to Burrell Evans, chairman of the public relations committee for the association. There will be a round table discussion or open forum feature following the main address.

Study Catfish Seining

The Game Commission is studying the possibilities for paying commercial fishermen for labor involved in turning over all underseized catfish to state holding ponds for stocking purposes. At present, commercial fishermen are obliged to throw back all catfish of less than the 13 inch legal size.



"YUKON" ON ROCKS—Stern view of the broken SS Yukon as it rolls on the rocks near Seward, Alaska. Survivors still waiting rescue can be seen awaiting their turn on the deck. Reports say most of the survivors are being taken by boat to Seward. (NEA Telephoto)



BOTH HAVE SAME HUSBAND—Mrs. Gertrude Prisco and 11-day-old baby (left) and Mrs. Anna Prisco and her 14-month-old daughter, Nancy Carol, are said to have been found by sheriffs living together in a Pittsburgh, Calif., three-room apartment with the same husband, Mike Prisco. Charged with bigamy, Prisco says he is a victim of the housing shortage—if there had been more houses he could have kept his wives apart. (NEA Telephoto)

House Passes Tough Strike Control Bill by Wide Margin on Vote Today

WASHINGTON, (AP)—A coalition of republicans and southern democrats Thursday overwhelmed weak pro-union opponents in the house and passed one of the toughest strike control bills to come before congress in years.

Passage was by a roll call vote of 258 to 155. Of the 258 members who voted for the bill, 108 were democrats, 37 were republicans and 113 were progressives.

House approval of the substitute came after five full days of floor debate and two months of committee hickering over Mr. Truman's measure. The bill claims provisions for its enforcement.

Fred M. Vinson
WASHINGTON, (AP)—The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Treasury Secretary Fred M. Vinson to be U. S. governor of the international bank and monetary fund for five years.

Americans to Eat Less So Europeans May Not Starve; Simpler Diet Needed

WASHINGTON (AP)—A generally sympathetic American public renewed Thursday to eat and drink less luxuriously for a while so that people overseas may at least have food enough to stay alive.

President Truman decreed simpler diets Wednesday when he outlined a nine-point food conservation program to help prevent mass starvation in both the conquered and liberated countries of Europe and Asia in what may well be the worst food crisis in modern times.

He warned that it might mean "inconveniences" to Americans. But he said he knew America's conscience would not permit it to let other people "suffer and die."

To Crimp Diet
The program does not mean a return to food rationing, although for at least five months it will mean a comparative course type of "grey" bread, less meat and oils and considerable less beer and whisky.

However, the President said he was requesting food retailers to ration informally commodities "that will be in scarce supply for the months immediately ahead."

There also was a possibility that deep inroads into the record 1945 wheat crop, much of it expended in wasteful livestock feeding, might make it necessary to continue the program longer.

Congress Agrees
Congressional reaction was swift and generally favorable. Some legislators questioned whether there was a wheat shortage. Bue many agreed with Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas, D., Calif., that the program was "exactly proper and right."

Mr. Truman's plan dealt principally with the conservation of wheat. It most certainly will eventually affect many other kinds of food, however, specifically it provided for:

1. A vigorous government food conservation campaign with the emphasis on bread.
2. Discontinuance of the use of wheat in the direct production of alcohol and beer.
3. An increase in the flour extraction rate, which determines the quantity of flour which can be made from a given amount of wheat, from 72 to 80 per cent.
4. Export during the calendar year of 375,000 tons of fats and oil and 1,600,000,000 (B) pounds of meat as well as increased exports of cheese and milk products.
5. Agriculture department control of wheat and flour inven-

Justice Department To Study Complaint On Chicago Police

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The justice department Thursday was studying a complaint by the Chicago Civil Liberties union against police treatment of two janitors in the Degnan kidnaping case.

The two men are Desire Smet and Hector Verburgh, janitors for buildings near the Degnan's north side home. The complaint asked the federal government to investigate the alleged third degree treatment of the men by Chicago police. It contended that their constitutional rights had been violated.

The complaint was accompanied by an affidavit by Smet describing in detail his treatment by police. According to the affidavit, a police officer told Smet "You did it and you are going to talk or hang."

The complaint said the janitor was lifted from the floor with his hands tied together behind him and hung for 15 minutes by his arms with only his toes touching the floor.

Strikes At a Glance

By United Press
Strikes and shutdowns kept 1,460,000 American workers away from their jobs Thursday the major disputes:

Steel — Hopes rose for early settlement of a strike of 750,000 CIO steel workers. Eighteen thousand Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan steel workers announced they would join the walk-out Friday.

Automotive—a federal mediator said a steel agreement probably would lead to early settlement of a strike of 175,000 CIO United Auto Workers against General Motors Corp.

Shipping—New York City faced a critical fuel shortage as 3,500 AFL tugboat crewmen refused to return to work despite government seizure.

Railroads—Two pickers were shot and killed by guards posted on a freight train moving over the strikebound Toledo, Peoria and western lines at Gridley, Ill.

President Planning Wage-Price Formula For Steel Strike

WASHINGTON, (AP)—President Truman said Thursday he hopes to be able to announce within a day or two a wage-price formula which will lead to a settlement of the steel strike.

Mr. Truman told his news conference that he hoped to be able to make his announcement shortly. He said that it was not a naturally new economic stabilization formula, but a plan for meeting the immediate situation.

In general terms, he explained that if this country achieves the mass production of which it is capable, the situation will adjust itself.

And then, the president said, there would be no need for a government wage-price formula.

Stumbling blocks have prevented the achievement of this production and the president said if these difficulties had not arisen the government's original stabilization formula would have worked out.

Aircraft Carriers to Be Backbone Of Postwar Navy, Forrestal Declares

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The "cutting edge" of the navy's peacetime fleets will be big, fast carriers, with battleships relegated to auxiliary roles, Secretary of Navy James Forrestal said Thursday.

In an annual report to President Truman, Forrestal said airpower will be the backbone of the "immediate postwar navy."

Nowhere in his report did Forrestal mention the atomic bomb or its possible effect on fleet composition and ship design. The navy and the army air forces will test the bomb on surface ships in experiments next May and July in the Marshall Islands. A third, underwater, test will be made some time next year.

Spearhead of Fleet
"The carrier is today the spearhead of the modern fleet just as the battleship was 25 years ago," Forrestal told the president.

"But just as the battleship had to have fleet complements and auxiliaries . . . so the carrier—the modern cutting edge of the navy—must have its auxiliaries: the fast battleships, the modern cruisers, the long-range destroyers, the submarines and all the vast complex of auxiliary vessels that constitute a truly effective navy."

Built Around Carriers
Forrestal disclosed that U. S. Pacific and Atlantic active fleets will be built around a total of 13 large carriers, augmented by 13 escort carriers, and only four battleships. The carriers will have 3,627 planes.

In addition, Forrestal said, the navy will retain 18 more carriers,

Milo Price and Clement Woster Are Selected as Candidates for Mayor

Woster is Named By Republicans

Plattsmouth republicans in caucus Wednesday in the Library Building nominated Clement Woster, local shoe store operator, as their candidate for mayor in the coming city elections.

Woster won easily over A. B. Rogers and Richard Logsdon. His name was given to the caucus by Vernon Waterman, while Miss Minnie Guthmann and Miss Loris Long nominated the other candidates in order.

Acting Chairman
George Farley served as acting chairman until Searl Davis was properly nominated and elected as convention chairman. C. C. Westcott was named secretary.

For council candidate for the long term in the North Ward, Vernon Waterman was nominated unanimously. A. B. Rogers was nominated for the short term.

City Councilmen
Leslie Hutchinson was nominated for the 2-year council post and Robert Painter received the 1-year nomination in the South Ward.

Judge Charles Graves received a unanimous nomination for police judge.

Albert Olsen, present clerk, refused the nomination for the newly created clerk-treasurer post.

Robert Mann was given the nomination for that post.

Committeemen and committeewomen named were: North Ward, Miss Minnie Guthmann, Mrs. C. A. Ruse, Henry Wooster and H. A. Schneider; South Ward, Mrs. Lillian Freeman, Mrs. Frank Gorbman, Harold Alkire and Orville Neilsen.

Truman Supports Pauley in Spite Of Opposition

WASHINGTON, (AP)—President Truman Thursday gave his full support to Edwin W. Pauley, whose nomination to be under secretary of the navy has caused a heated senate controversy.

Asked directly whether he planned to withdraw Pauley's nomination, the president said no; that he was backing Pauley because he believed he was an honest man and an excellent administrator.

Rumors that the Pauley nomination might be withdrawn had been heard as republican senators who have been fighting the Pauley appointment—turned their fire on another Truman nomination, that of George E. Allen as a director of reconstruction finance corporation.

Opposition to Pauley, California oil man and former Democratic National treasurer, has been fed by testimony at Senate naval affairs committee hearings on his qualifications.

Ickes Testifies
Secretary of the interior, Harold L. Ickes, testified that Pauley in his party role, tried to persuade him to drop a federal suit for title to oil bearing tide lands.

Ickes told the committee that Pauley, in September 1944, told him oil men would contribute \$200,000 to the party treasury if the suit were dropped. Pauley reportedly denied the charge. He said Ickes was confused and had misunderstood their conversation.

Truman Questioned
Mr. Truman added under questioning that the situation would not mean any change in his relations with Ickes.

The president went on to say that he thought Pauley was an honest man. He added that he was not the only honest man in Washington.

The president's statements scotched what had appeared to be a move in some democratic quarters to get the Pauley nomination withdrawn.

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A dispatch from Manila said that Western Pacific headquarters already had announced that witnesses would be banned from witnessing the execution. The announcement gave no further details.

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In announcing confirmation of the sentence, MacArthur blasted the stony-faced general for "violating the sacred trust of a soldier, profaning the military profession and threatening the very fabric of international society."

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The Candidates

MAYOR
Clement Woster, R.
Milo Price, D.

CLERK-TREASURER
Robert Mann, R.
Erwin Siemer, D.

CITY COUNCILMEN
NORTH WARD
Vernon Waterman long term, R.
Melvin D. Brown, long term, D.

SOUTH WARD
Leslie Hutchinson, long term, R.
Vincent Kelley, long term, D.

POLICE JUDGE
C. L. Graves, nominated by both parties.

Price is Named By Democrats

Milo Price, principal of Plattsmouth high school, received the democratic nomination for mayor at the caucus Wednesday night in the district courtroom. It was a three-way race between Price, Thomas Solomon and C. A. Johnson, with Price winning with only a four-vote margin over Solomon. Walter C. Soennichsen was also named but he declined to run.

Convention Chairman
Frank Smith served as chairman of the convention with Mrs. Esther Donat elected as secretary. Before accepting nominations, Smith reminded the voters that the city government has been streamlined, with only four city councilmen to be elected instead of ten. Smith pointed out that this will mean that each of the councilmen will be a department head and therefore urged that special care be taken to get competent men.

For the job of clerk-treasurer Erwin Siemer was elected by unanimous vote.

City Councilmen
Councilmen nominated from the North Ward were Clyde Rosborough for the short term and Melvin D. Brown for the long term. Rosborough is a member of the council at the present time and Brown is the present city treasurer.

Councilmen nominated from the South Ward are Bob Bestor for short term and Vincent Kelley for long term, both of whom received unanimous vote.

C. L. Graves received a unanimous vote for the nomination as police judge.

Committeemen Selected
Committeemen and committeewomen selected were: Walter Smith and Emma Egenberger from the North Ward; Everett Newton and Thelma Tritsch from the South Ward.

County Judge Paul E. Fauquet made the suggestion that a finance committee be appointed to collect money to be used by the candidates to conduct their election campaigns. Chairman Frank Smith appointed Judge Fauquet, Everett Newton and Francis Casey as members of the finance committee.

Yamashita Will Die On Gallows

TOKYO, (AP)—Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, the once haughty "Tiger of Malaya," must die on the gallows for his responsibility in the atrocity deaths of 60,000 Americans and Filipinos in the Philippines.

His last avenue of possible escape from the penalty imposed by a U. S. military commission in Manila was closed Thursday when Gen. Douglas MacArthur affirmed the conviction and sentence. MacArthur's finding was final.

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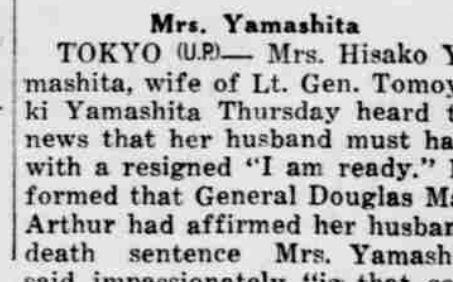
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ELECTED BY UNO—Green-H. Hackworth, Washington, D. C., former state department adviser, named American member of Court of International Justice by UNO assembly council. (NEA Telephoto)

NEBRASKA FORECAST — Partly cloudy and warmer Thursday; cloudy Thursday night with snow and decidedly colder in north west portion. Friday, partly cloudy west, probably snow east; strong northerly winds and much colder; low tonight zero to 10 above northwest; 20 to 30 southeast portion.