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2-YEAR STEEL PEACE PACT IS PREDICTED

Settlement Believed Near As Industry, Union Continue Talks

WASHINGTON (AP)—An agreement running perhaps two to mid-1954 appeared near today in the steel strike.

Negotiators representing the industry and striking CIO Steelworkers Union were reported on the verge of a compromise that would give the workers a boost in wages and other benefits worth about 22 cents an hour per year.

A source close to the peace talks in the White House told a reporter that today's mid-afternoon meeting of the three-man negotiating team representing both sides was "likely to be crucial, with a 'yes' or 'no' answer."

This source said Philip Murray, union president, probably will get some form of the union which an arrangement under which all the industry's workers would have to pay union dues.

TALES IN STEEL DAY This is the fifth straight day of negotiations which John R. Steelman, assistant to President Truman, described as "a warm, but not a gainful."

It looked like the parties were determined to reach an agreement. A two-year contract deal, besides solving the present crisis and ending steel production, would insure peace in the industry for a long time to come.

It would be another step in the recent trend of writing longer-term labor-management pacts. Most automobile companies are now operating under five-year agreements negotiated in 1950.

An agreement on the basis of a 22-cent pact would probably give the workers a 15-cent hourly boost in earnings now averaging close to \$2 an hour. The additional six cents would be in the form of improved vacation, shift and holiday arrangements.

CHANGE IN WSB PLAN The deal would vary somewhat from settlement recommendations made by the Wage Stabilization Board (WSB) several months ago.

The WSB recommended a 125-cent pay increase in 1952, and a 10-cent increase in 1953 and next Jan. 1. The 15-cent straight increase for the life of the contract would be about the same as the WSB's three-step proposal. The WSB also recommended a union split.

A two-year agreement would contain provisions for a year from now, but frees most other contract provisions until mid-1954.

IN FATHERS' FOOTSTEPS

Ike Backers Oppose Mac As Keynoter

By JACK BELL

CHICAGO (AP)—Supporters of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower challenged today a move by backers of Sen. Robert A. Taft to name Gen. Douglas MacArthur as Republican national convention keynoter.

Russell Sprague, New York national committeeman, told this reporter the Eisenhower faction is opposed to selection of MacArthur because he has publicly supported Taft in the pre-convention campaign.

At the same time, Walter Hallinan, West Virginia national committeeman, predicted the convention arrangements committee will name MacArthur to the post at meeting tomorrow. Hallinan is a Taft supporter.

Sprague said the Eisenhower backers have no candidate for keynoter or temporary chairman of the convention.

"We are going to be definitely opposed to MacArthur," Sprague said. "We do not think anybody who has been particularly and vehemently active in supporting and endorsing any candidate for the selection of such a man would make it obvious to the public that he could be non-partisan."

Sprague forced that the Eisenhower forces will be outvoted in arrangements committee by Taft backers.

"That doesn't make any difference to me as far as my fight for a 'principle' Sprague declared. The New York committeeman said this as he is considered a supporter of several prominent Republicans who would be acceptable to him as keynoter.

With only four weeks left, Sen. Taft and Gen. Eisenhower got down to the bottom-boiling stage in their drive to win the Republican presidential nomination at the national convocation opening in Chicago July 10.

That meant ardent wording of 34 delegates who held the balance of power. They are the 120 GOP delegates thus far chosen who are committed to other candidates on the first ballot, and the 211 delegates uncommitted or are in dispute.

SENES FINE Eisenhower took the offensive Sunday on TV speaker. He had three hours and chat with Gov. John S. Fine of Pennsylvania, the statesman regular delegate.

While the appeal was pending the wage dispute between the steelworkers and railroads was settled. President Truman on May 23 ordered the carriers returned to private operation.

The union-representing engineers, conductors and firemen also asked the Supreme Court to strike order issued against them by a Federal judge in Cleveland last week.

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COURT RULES ON S. C. CASE

Court Hits Rail Unions' Discrimination

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court today agreed to say whether segregation of white and Negro children in elementary public schools should be outlawed.

The court granted hearings on the appeal by Negro parents who claim segregation is a "stigmatizing badge of inferiority" which has a bad effect on their children.

They contended segregation therefore violated the constitutional guarantee of equal protection of the laws. The appeals contest the validity of segregation only in schools in Topeka, Kan., and Clarendon County, S. C. However, the outcome of the cases will affect public school segregation generally.

RULING MONTHS OFF The high tribunal will hear arguments on both appeals during its term which begins July 8 and may hand down a decision late this year or early in 1953.

Gov. James F. Byrnes of South Carolina has said that if his state loses its fight in the courts to keep segregation in the public school systems there will be abandoned.

Other Southern states—notably Georgia, Virginia and Alabama—have taken steps which could lead to abolition of the public school system, Negro and white children in equal facilities are provided for both races.

PRINCIPAL UPHELD The special courts both upheld segregation in public schools, citing an earlier Supreme Court decision that segregation is permissible if equal facilities are provided for both races.

The Negro parents' victory in the special court ruled against the high court to overturn decisions by two special Federal District Courts which sat in Topeka and Charleston, S. C.

The court said the universities did not furnish truly equal opportunities to Negroes.

In the Topeka grade school case, the special court found facilities were substantially equal.

In the South Carolina case, the special court ruled that school officials had complied with its decree to equalize facilities "as soon as humanly possible."

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Government Slashes Cash Requirements

20 To 50 Pct. Cut Effective Wednesday

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Government today relaxed its restrictions on how much you must pay down to buy a new house.

Under the new program, effective Wednesday, purchasers will be allowed to make down payments 20 to 50 per cent less than those now required under Regulation X, which has been in effect nearly two years.

On the least expensive houses, down payment requirements were cut in half to the most expensive, they were reduced 20 per cent.

The relaxed controls program means that only 5 per cent will be required on some houses and that the maximum required will be 40 per cent.

The action was announced today by the Federal Reserve Board. Here is what the board order will do:

- 1. On houses costing \$7,000 or less, 5 per cent down payment will be required; it has been 20 per cent.
2. On houses costing \$25,000 or more, 40 per cent will be required; it has been 50 per cent.
3. On houses between those figures, a sliding scale fine requirements will be required, ranging from 10 per cent to 40 per cent of the sale price.

The real estate credit controls apply to all houses bought with a Federal Housing Administration mortgage, regardless of the age of the house.

Where only a private mortgage is involved, the controls apply to houses bought with a Federal Housing Administration mortgage, but not to older houses.

There were no controls on houses built before the effective date of Regulation X.

Time limits for paying off mortgages have not been changed. The maximum period for paying off mortgages on houses costing less than \$12,000 remains 25 years; on higher priced houses, 30 years.

The only exception permits veterans to have a longer period on the Veterans Administration funds that a shorter pay-off period would cause hardship.

With home construction already slowing toward the mark of one million houses this year, the Federal Reserve Board also granted easier terms to service-mortgagees by the VA. This was in line with provisions of the Defense Production Act granting preferential treatment to veterans.

No down payments will be required on veterans housing costing \$7,000 or less, although a down payment—costs must be paid in cash.

The down payment for houses costing \$25,000 or more and financed with a VA mortgage will be 10 per cent, compared with the previous 20 per cent. The earlier terms apply to credit on houses for one to four families or more than four families, down payments will now range from 10 to 40 per cent against the previous schedule of 15 to 50 per cent.

For apartment houses containing more than four families, down payments will now range from 10 to 40 per cent against the previous schedule of 15 to 50 per cent.

APPENDIX An internal organ of no value to anyone except a surgeon.

Senate Delays Action On Steel At Truman Request

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman told the Senate today that negotiators may be on the verge of settling the steel strike, but he asked the lawmakers take no action which might upset the delicate negotiations.

Sen. McFarland (Ariz.), the Democratic leader, asked for postponement of consideration of the proposal.

Truman's request was made in a letter addressed to Vice-President Barkley as the presiding officer of the Senate. Since Barkley was out of town, the letter was delivered to Chairman Maybank (D-S.C.) of the Banking Committee.

Truman said there was "at least a reasonable hope" for settlement of the strike by direct negotiation. The GOP majority, he said, "could no longer alter the situation or the attitudes of the parties in this case so as to cause a breakdown in their negotiations."

OUR WEATHER Generally fair and continued hot today, tonight and Tuesday with a chance of widely scattered showers in late afternoon or early evening.

High temperature yesterday, 93 degrees. High temperature expected today, 95 degrees. Low temperature this morning, 71 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight, 76 degrees. Sunrise, 5:37 P. M. More Weather Data on Page 13-A

Violence Claims 29 Lives in NC

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EVERING PRAYER For many of us, our Father, the rush of the day is over, and we can turn to the quiet joys of home, for which we earnestly thank Thee. We pray for those who must toil through the night. Give them strength for their labor, faithfulnes in the task, a sense of Thy presence. In Jesus' name. Amen.