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HEADING FOR A FIGHT

Truman May Act Under Draft Law

Part Of Industry Could Be Taken Over

WASHINGTON (AP)—The White House was reported today to be seriously considering a plan to seize part of the strike-bound steel industry under the Selective Service Act.

This word came from a high administrative source who said Justice Department attorneys had been instructed yesterday afternoon to prepare papers leading to possible partial seizure of the industry.

The critical situation which has resulted from the 41-day steel strike was discussed yesterday at a White House meeting presided over by Acting Defense Mobilizer John R. Steelman.

The Selective Service Act gives the President power to seize only plants which fail to produce under direct contract with procurement agencies.

The act says that "if any such producer of steel or the responsible head or heads thereof refuses to comply with such requirements of the President, through the secretary of defense, is authorized to take immediate possession of the plants of such producer."

President Truman seized the entire steel industry last April 8, but on June 2 the Supreme Court ruled that he lacked authority to do so and ordered the mills returned to private ownership. The seizure was based on no specific law but rather on what the Justice Department said were the President's inherent constitutional powers.

REJECTED DRAFT PLAN

Former Solicitor General Philip Perlman told both the District and the Senate today that he believed that the government had considered seizure under the Selective Service Act but had decided the method was too cumbersome and too difficult to pursue.

At yesterday's White House meeting in addition to Steelman, were Munitions Board Chairman John Small, National Production Authority Chief Henry H. Fowler, Steelman's maneuver chief Arthur Fleming and other high officials.

The official who told of the new seizure plan declined to be quoted by name.

He told a reporter the seizure would involve "a very limited number of operations." It would include those which produce high alloy and other special steel products such as guns, bullet shells and other material.

"The situation is so desperate that we must do something," he said.

Justice Department officials refused comment on the reported new strategy. Steelman and the White House put out this statement:

"We are exploring every possible means of restoring defense production to normal levels as rapidly as possible."

At the same time, Irving Perimeter, assistant White House press secretary, said his final decision has not been reached. His statement made it obvious that seizure under the Selective Service Act was under consideration.



Maury Maverick (left) of San Antonio, Texas, leader of the 'Loyalist' delegation of Texas to the Democratic National Convention, chats with John D. Cofer of Austin, who will present the legal arguments for the delegation.

Insults Traded By Texas Delegations

CHICAGO (AP)—Bitterly contesting delegations from Texas began their fight to be seated at the Democratic national convention today by trading charges of "boilers" and "handers."

All states are in convention votes. And at issue is whether Texas will cast its lot with the eventual nominee of the convention or support an "anti-Fair Deal" nominee.

Defending his claim to lead the Lone Star State's delegation as the choice of the "regular" party in Texas, Gov. Allan Shivers said the contesting faction "got beat by about 85 per cent of the voters."

Shivers said by former New Deal Rep. Maury Maverick, therefore had based its campaign on "open social abuse, slander and vilification."

Maverick had opened the case by branding the Shivers faction a bunch of "Republicans, Dixiecrats, bolters."

Television and other cameras were trained on the scene before a credentials subcommittee of the Democratic National Committee as it got down belatedly to the business of deciding two red-hot delegate contests.

Spokesman for the anti-New Deal "regular" faction led by Gov. Allan Shivers, were to have their say later.

The contest — and another involving Mississippi's eighteen convention votes — grew out of the refusal of the regular Democrats in both states to pledge their loyalty to the Democratic nominee, whoever he might be. Their fear was that the convention might pick Truman's civil rights program.

Maverick took note of the race issue which underlies the contest. He told the committee his delegation represented Democrats of all colors and was the first from Texas ever to include Negroes and Latin-Americans in its membership.

John Cofer, a tall, bald-headed attorney from Austin, took the stand after Maverick. He said the Shivers group stresses "white supremacy." He said the regulars had gone all the way back to 1890 to take its stand.

"NATIONAL TRAGEDY" Referring to the party's slavery position that year, Cofer declared: "That platform of 1840 brought us to a great national tragedy. My grandfathers fought in that (Civil) war, and I dare often say it's an example of brave men fighting for a better future."

Heavenly Father, we turn to Thee knowing that in returning rest we shall be saved, that in quietness and confidence shall be our strength. Be near to all Thy people and may Thy call be heard by foe and friend alike. For we pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

REPLACES MCCLOY
DONNELLY NEW GERMAN BOSS

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman today named career diplomat Walter J. Donnelly as assistant high commissioner for Germany.

At the same time, Llewellyn E. Thompson Jr., was appointed to succeed Donnelly as American ambassador and high commissioner for Austria. Also a career diplomat, Thompson has been minister-consultant at Rome for the past two years.

Donnelly succeeds John J. McCloy, who is retiring for personal reasons after three years' service.

New Premier Of Iran In Peace Bid To British

TEHRAN (AP)—Premier Ahmad Qavam extended an appeal to the British today to cease long and bitter dispute over nationalization of Iran's oil. He also promised to resign if he fails to solve the nation's oil problems.

In a communique, Qavam said the entire nation, the newly-appointed premier declared: "The solving of this problem will be one of my most important efforts, so that the moral and material interests of Iran will be completely secured without the slightest rift in good relations between the two nations."

Qavam's promise was his first public announcement since he took office yesterday as premier, succeeding Mossadegh.

He served warning on the national oil nationalist chief, Police arrested several persons when they tried to demonstrate in the center of the city against Qavam. Those arrested were members of the Iran Party and Labor Party.

EXPOSED
Candidates Bidding For Labor Support

CHICAGO (AP)—Labor leaders hit Chicago today determined to have a dominant voice in next week's choice of a Democratic Presidential nominee.

CIO President Philip Murray arrived in this Democratic-besieged city as candidates were bidding furiously for union support.

There were reports that the CIO and the AFL might get together to back a single candidate—possibly Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee or Averell Harriman of New York.

George Harrison, an AFL vice-president and head of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, has been on hand several days—active in behalf of Harriman.

Harrison said AFL members who are Democratic convention delegates will get together, probably Monday, to discuss candidates and issues.

Such a session would complete a series of conferences Russell has held with John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers and William Green of the AFL.

SUC Upholds Duke Rate Hike

RALEIGH (AP)—Att. Gen. Harry McMillan's request that the State Utilities Commission reconsider the \$1,909,328 rate increase it recently granted the Duke Power Co. was turned down today.

In an order written by Commissioner Fred C. Hunter by Commission said it could find no basis for exceptions to its order by the applicant.

As expected, a vigorous dissent was written by Commissioner Joshua James.

The order could lead to a court fight which conceivably would terminate exactly what should be considered a fair rate of return for a public utility.

With McMillan out of town there was no comment from his office on the order.

James declared "The opinion testimony of the commission's electrical engineer and its director of accounting is given no consideration at all. Great reliance is put on the fact that the Federal Internal Revenue Bureau has allowed the depreciation rates in question for income tax return purposes covering the years 1946-49 inclusive. What to the Internal Revenue Bureau is its business, but such action in no way relieves this commission of its solemn obligation to protect the rate payer from what may be excessive charges."

SOVIET WOMEN GET WARNING ABOUT KISSES

BERLIN (AP)—The Communists urged unmarried women today to kiss with caution.

Anna Welch, leader of the women's committee of the Soviet zone railway system, told a Communist women's meeting: "Our unmarried colleagues must make certain their friends and sweethearts are ideologically safe."

Western agents and spies, she said, frequently use courtship methods to worm their way into the Red net.

Democratic governors at breakfast Monday morning.

Despite his many statements that he "doesn't want the nomination, lie-harder Stevenson backers made clear they expect increased pressure will be put upon him if the party's national committee panel, Fifty-two nominating votes were at stake.

Ally Shivers fought to seat a delegation not pledged to support the party nominee. Former Rep. Russell, however, headed a rival "Loyalist" group.

Shivers said the Maverick group consisted of Republicans, Dixiecrats, bolters.

The Credentials Committee voted unanimously earlier to seat all 60 excess delegates from Idaho, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, and North Carolina.

Barley always has had organized labor support in his political races.

Sen. Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma, self-proclaimed runner in second choice votes for the top nomination, said he had a prediction that he will have the nomination on the first ballot.

Kerr bid for labor union support with the aid of a new committee, which he has always had been against the Taft-Hartley Act and the Federal Internal Revenue Bureau has allowed the depreciation rates in question for income tax return purposes covering the years 1946-49 inclusive.

Despite his wealth — he is an oilman — he is a campaigner who is a Kefauver. Russell is spending less money on his campaign than are Kefauver, Russell and other Democratic candidates.

HALLEY BOOSTS KEFAUVER
Rudolph Halley, whose election as president of the New York City Council creates a new committee as counsel for the Senate Crime Investigating Committee, put in a bid for Kefauver, the former chairman of that committee.

Halley told a news conference he has stopped to think Kefauver, leading in the 70-vote contest, has been dropped in the convention voting.

Sen. Lister Hill of Alabama told a news conference he thinks Kefauver's 28 votes, abruptly whisked out from under Russell's banner for Kefauver, will be behind Russell in the convention showdown.

Hill predicted that Sen. Harry Byrd of Virginia, one of the Truman leaders in the convention, will keep right on backing Russell through the entire of the approaching free-for-all convention, made arrangements to attend the Illinois delegate conference Sunday afternoon and to meet with

His wife, Barbara and General and Mrs. Eisenhower watch soberly at Denver as Maj. John D. Eisenhower prepares to leave by plane for duty in Korea. (United Press Telephoto).

OUR WEATHER
Partly cloudy and continued hot humid today, with scattered showers this afternoon and evening and again tomorrow.

WATER'S LUBRICANT
Did you ever stop to think that if it weren't for the water vapor in the atmosphere, most of our machinery would soon come to a sudden grinding stop?

EISENHOWER WATCH SADLY AS SON LEAVES FOR KOREA
His wife, Barbara and General and Mrs. Eisenhower watch soberly at Denver as Maj. John D. Eisenhower prepares to leave by plane for duty in Korea. (United Press Telephoto).

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Comic Dictionary
The art of fooling the patient while nature cures the disease.