

Steel Negotiators Race Against Strike Deadline

Union And Firm Men In Talks

By NORMAN WALKER AND JOHN MOODY
PITTSBURGH (AP)—W. Abel, secretary-treasurer for the CIO United Steelworkers, said today that Union President David J. McDonald has resumed wage talks with John A. Stephens, head negotiator for the U. S. Steel Corp. The negotiations are striving for agreement on the union's demands for a substantial wage increase to avert a nationwide shutdown of steel mills at midnight tonight.

Abel made his report to the union's negotiating team but made no mention of a new offer which the corporation has indicated will be forthcoming.

TEA STANDS BY
The big negotiating team has been standing by since early yesterday. The union meeting today lasted less than five minutes. Abel said another meeting of the same group is scheduled for 8 p. m.

The union's 10-member Wage Policy Committee waited in hotel rooms for a call to act on any fresh wage offer the corporation may make.

That group must pass on all union matters pertaining to wages and contracts, and it gets better every year.

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The New York Times today quoted "authoritative sources" as saying United States air patrols in the Bering Sea have been suspended temporarily, apparently because (1) officials were trying to fashion Russian motives in shooting down the plane and (2) also studying possible measures for protecting slow-flying planes in the future.

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FILM ACTRESS BARBARA STANWYCK is wheeled into a Santa Monica, Calif., hospital after she tripped and fell down the stairs at her home. Examinations were being made today to determine whether she had fractured a vertebra. (AP Wirephoto)

Widening Protested Kings Men—And Women—Say No

By DICK YOUNG
Charlotte News Staff Writer
Before the ink was hardly dry on the City Council's resolution authorizing the widening of Kings Dr., opposition to the move developed today.

Kings Dr. was one of the streets included in a \$680,000 street improvement program authorized by the council yesterday afternoon.

Acting on the recommendation of City Engineer Loyd G. Bichey, the council agreed to widen this street to 44 feet.

Bright and early this morning, inquirers began pouring in to the engineering department and complainants said they would appear to protest at next Wednesday's council meeting.

Residents complain of making their street a thoroughfare. Opening Chapley and Washburn Aves. to connect with the parking lot at the Auditorium-Coliseum, \$35,000.

Extension of S. Cedar St. to connect with Independence Blvd., \$60,000.

Widening of 11th St. from Col. hards. The street now is only 32 feet.

New N. C. Brake Fluid Law Goes Into Effect

By JULIAN SCHEER
Charlotte News Staff Writer
Starting tomorrow new requirements for brake fluids will be in effect throughout North Carolina.

Only heavy duty brake fluids may be sold in the state and the Dept. of Motor Vehicles will be charged with the duty of enforcement.

However, Ed Scheidt, Motor Vehicles commissioner, said today that his department was setting up ways and means to improve fluids and to enforce the law. Meanwhile, unregulated fluids will continue to be sold.

DREW UP BILL
Rep. E. M. O'Herron Jr., Mecklenburg lawmaker, drew a brake fluid bill during the last General Assembly and the measure passed the Assembly the last day of the 1955 session.

Prior to enactment of House Bill 1061, there were no brake fluid regulations in the state. Now fluids with the rating of SAE 70-R-1 or better must be sold for North Carolina motor cars and trucks.

Details of enforcement have not been worked out, Mr. Scheidt said today. Enforcement will start in a reasonable amount of time," he said, but firms will be given time to obtain approval.

A laboratory report on all fluids used in the state may be required.

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JOHN A. STEPHENS, U. S. Steel Negotiator, reached in today's crucial bargaining sessions.

The U. S. Steel Corp. and other major producers already had started bargaining with the union.

The bargaining affected 600,000 workers in 96 basic steel and iron ore mining firms. They now average \$2.33 an hour.

LESS THAN AUTO PATTERN
McDonald, in pointing out that the rejected 10-cent offer was only better than the recent auto industry settlement, seemed to be shooting to equal or better the 20-cent settlement claimed by Fredson Weiler, president of the CIO United Auto Workers.

Stephens said U. S. Steel's offer would put steelworkers well ahead of auto workers in straight-time earnings. However, Stephens last night said any steel settlement would require concessions from both the industry and the union, indicating that U. S. Steel was ready to make an improved offer.

The steel and auto bargaining was somewhat similar, in that both industries are enjoying unparalleled prosperity. The steel industry is enjoying a boom.

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GATHERED AROUND THEIR CHAMPION SON, Randy, are Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mears of Augusta, Ga., younger brother Philip and sisters Margaret (left) and Charlotte (right).

Not In Russian Territory Navy Men Tell About MIG Attack

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—The Navy Neptunes shot down by Russian attackers over the Bering Sea last week was over international waters and two Russian MIGs took part, crew members say.

First interviews allowed with the seven painfully burned and wounded fliers yesterday here out, with colorful detail, the terse State Department description of the international incident a week ago. Their crippled plane, crash-landed and burned on St. Lawrence Island a week ago yesterday and the 11 aboard scrambled to safety, with four soon returning to duty.

Ens. David G. Essard, Terryville, Conn., the navigator who chartered the plane's course on its routine mission, put it: "I know damned well we weren't within Russian bounds when we were fired upon."

Aviation Ordnanceman Donald E. Sonnek, Minnesota Lake, Minn., said:

N. Y. Reporter Found Reds Undemocratic

WASHINGTON (AP)—A New York Times reporter told investigating senators today he was a Communist in the 1930s. He said he quit the party in 1940, satisfied it wasn't run on democratic principles.

The reporter, Charles Grutzner, said he wasn't a dedicated party member, that "I could take it or leave it—and I left it when I got fed up."

Grutzner followed Victor Weingarten, a longtime fellow worker on the Brooklyn Eagle, to the witness chair in the second day of the Senate Internal Security subcommittee's investigation into Red influence in the press.

OUT SINCE 1940
Weingarten, who identified himself as a self-employed publicity man in Pleasantville, N.Y., swore he hadn't been a Communist since 1940. Burdett had named her party membership since that time.

Weingarten persisted in his refusal to discuss others although threatened with a citation for contempt.

Grutzner said he was recruited into the party in 1937 by a fellow Brooklyn Eagle worker named Nat Einhorn.

Einhorn was named by Winston M. Burdett, Columbia Broadcasting System newsmen, yesterday as a man known to him in the 1930s as a Communist. Burdett said himself had been a member of a party unit on the Eagle and for two years was a Communist spy in Europe.

Grutzner named Gladys Bentley as a Communist while working for the Eagle. Burdett said he is now along with a dozen others.

But the New York Times man who had known as Reeds Burdett of others named by Burdett.

Graham Speaks Here Sept. 11

Dr. Billy Graham, Charlotte-born evangelist, has definitely accepted an invitation to make the principal address at the dedication of the new coliseum and auditorium Sept. 11.

Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, pastor of the First Methodist Church and a member of the dedication committee, said Dr. Graham accepted the invitation in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, where he is now filling a speaking engagement.

Dr. Graham gave his acceptance to Grady Wilson, a member of his organization, who talked to him by transatlantic phone this morning.

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