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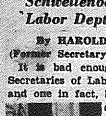
Dr. Steelman And Not Schwellenbach Sets Labor Dept. Policy

By HAROLD L. ICKES
(Former Secretary of the Interior)

It is bad enough to have two Secretaries of Labor, one in name and one in fact, but it makes for confusion and suspicion of double dealing when one of those Secretaries is known far and wide as the confident of one of the nation's strongest union leaders.



Mr. Lewis B. Schwellenbach is Secretary of Labor in name, but actually Dr. John R. Steelman, the President's labor adviser, determines labor policy to so great a degree that Secretary Schwellenbach is accustomed to learning of important decisions in his field from the newspapers.

That Dr. Steelman is in John L. Lewis's corner has long been known in Washington. It is time that this information had a little wider dissemination.

VOTED WITH LEWIS ON CAPTIVE MINES

It will be remembered that when the United Mine Workers of America undertook to organize the "captive" coal mines which were the properties of the steel companies, two arbitrators were appointed in the persons of John L. Lewis and Benjamin F. Fairless, president of U. S. Steel. Of course these could no more easily agree than a hawk and a chicken. So Dr. Steelman, at that time in the Department of Labor, was appointed by President Roosevelt to make it a trio. By the vote of Dr. Steelman the unionization of the "captive" mines was determined. Thus Mr. Lewis was given a tighter grip than ever upon the bituminous coal industry. He has been somewhat inebriated ever since from too much power.

On May 1, 1943, President Roosevelt issued an order taking possession of the struck bituminous mines. I was placed in charge of them. The following day, Sunday, May 2, when Mr. Lewis came to my office in the Interior Building by appointment, the first question that he asked me was whether he might call in Dr. John R. Steelman, who apparently was waiting where he could be readily reached. My answer was in the negative, because I felt that Dr. Steelman had no right to meddle in a matter which was being handled by a department of which he was not an employee. I learned afterwards that before coming to my office Mr. Lewis and Dr. Steelman had had a council of war.

Mr. Lewis and his associates were in my office that Sunday for three full hours. He undertook to return to New York at once to confer with his "policy committee." President Roosevelt was going on the air at 10 o'clock P. M. to talk about the coal strike and I had been urging Mr. Lewis to order his men back to work before the President spoke. Although this schedule was carried out it was only by a matter of minutes. Mr. Lewis was late in getting back to New York because of a further conference between him and Dr. Steelman after Mr. Lewis had left my office.

AND HE HAD MUCH TO DO WITH NEW PACT

Dr. Steelman had a lot to say about the recent settlement of the coal strike with Lewis although last Winter I warned President Truman that the feeling between John L. Lewis and Steelman was at least platonic.

Dr. Steelman also had much—too much — to say in the negotiations with the railroad brotherhoods that were on strike recently. And certainly John W. Snyder was too deeply involved. There can be no doubt now that this strike was deferred for five days on explicit representations by the Administration which seem to have been forgotten quite easily. It is intolerable that the country should be laid low by a strike but it is does not excuse the manner in which Dr. Steelman and Mr. Snyder handled this emergency. The resulting hysteria, accompanied by a demand for punitive and undemocratic legislation, was not edifying.

When Miss Frances Perkins was Secretary of Labor she was hounded and harassed with sadistic delight. There was a constant demand that President Roosevelt replace her by a "strong he-man." Well, we have two "strong he-men" running the labor policies of the Government with a voluntary fire brigade consisting of George E. Allen, John W. Snyder, et al, to call upon for extraordinary services. I wonder if our labor affairs would not be in more competent hands if former Secretary Perkins were back on the job.

Or how about John L. Lewis for Secretary of Labor?

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and continued warm and humid today, tonight and Thursday. With a few widely scattered thundershowers.

Temperature at 2:30 today	92
High and low last 24 hours	92-70
Sunset today	7:38
Sunrise tomorrow	5:06

Plans Separate Peace Treaties

Bevin Opposed To Sending 100,000 Jews To Palestine

BOURNEMOUTH, Eng. — (AP) — Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin declared in an address today that he would reject the immediate immigration of 100,000 Jews to Palestine, and would sign separate peace treaties with defeated European nations if pending peace negotiations continued bogged down among the four principal powers.

He declared, moreover, that he would refuse to apply economic sanctions to Spain.

Bevin's stand was taken in an apperance before the dominant Labor Party's annual conference. He won an overwhelming conference endorsement of his policies.

In a fighting mood and speaking extemporaneously, the rotund Foreign Secretary won adoption of a party conference resolution endorsing his administration of foreign affairs. Five other resolutions, all critical, were withdrawn or defeated.

A resolution for a British break of diplomatic relations with Spain and economic sanctions against that country was defeated by a show of hands.

The issue of the Council of Foreign Ministers in Paris next week, Bevin said, will be whether Europe is to be split into Eastern and Western blocs.

"Next week that is the issue which is to be settled, if it ever is," Bevin said.

"I am not going to be a party to any design in strategy . . . against Russia," Bevin went on.

"Neither will we give one moment's consideration to expansion. But this division of Europe, this awful business of drawing a line from Stettin (Germany) to Albania and behind that this soldified position—if that happens, which God forbid, you will have two camps in Europe and that will be the road to another struggle."

He called for conclusion of a peace treaty with Austria and urged the clearance of occupation troops from the Danube Basin.

On Palestine, he said:

"If we put 100,000 Jews in Palestine tomorrow, I would have to put another Division of British troops there. I am not prepared to do it."

"The Jews asked, as I understand it, that in Palestine they should have not merely a home but a Palestinian state so that their voices could be heard in the chancelleries of the world.

"That is what I will strive to do, but it is going to take patience and work in order to accomplish it," Bebin declared.

"The agitation in the United States and particularly in New York for 100,000 Jews to be put into Palestine—and I do not want the Americans to misunderstand me—is because they do not want too many of them in New York." Bevin continued.

Bread Price Up A Cent

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The price of that elusive loaf of bread advanced a penny today with OPA approval.

The increase is effective immediately, along with a price boost of one cent a dozen for bread rolls.

The higher prices apply to all kinds of bread except rye, which went up two cents a loaf April 30.

COSTS HIGHER

Prices are being raised, OPA said, because bakers' production costs have climbed as a result of a 25 per cent cut in the amount of flour they may use. The reduction was ordered to help meet famine relief requirements.

OPA said that before the flour cut, bakers made a "small profit" by spreading their costs over a large output of bread loaves. It added that the effect of trimming production has been a substantial increase in the cost per loaf.

For this reason, OPA said, bakers "no longer are in a position to continue selling at prices 'frozen' at March, 1942, levels."

The price increase, the agency continued, "is designed to assure consumers of as adequate a supply of bread and bread-type rolls as is consistent with the President's famine emergency program."

An OPA official estimated that actually the cost of bread now is about two cents more a loaf than it was prior to June 1, when the Agriculture Department ordered the weight of loaves cut by 10 per cent without a price reduction.

The official said that action, in effect, had raised the price of bread a cent a loaf.

On bread, producers are permitted to put today's one-cent increase into effect by raising the price, reducing the weight further, or a combination of both. On rolls, only a price increase is authorized.

Excluded from the one-cent increase are bakers who have increased the weight of their loaves and correspondingly increased prices since last March 15.

Quiet At Naples

Heads Broken In Clashes In Rome

ROME — (AP) — Clashes between Monarchists and Republicans, armed with sticks and iron bars, resulted in broken heads in Rome today and a tense situation continued at Naples as Italy remained for another day in the strange situation of being a republic with a king.

Late in the day, however, the situation at Naples was considerably eased when the Naples trade unions consented to call off their Pro-Republican demonstration at the instance of Giuseppe Romita, Minister of the Interior.

Truckloads of police were rushed to the Piazza Del Popolo in Rome where the beatings began started. Many of the police wore civilian clothes with armbands, indicating the Government was recruiting new forces to deal with the disorders.

TROOPS IN POSITION

Earlier troops armed with cannon and machinegung took up positions on the streets of Naples to deal with expected trouble from the scheduled Republican demonstration demanding that reluctant King Umberto surrender his vestige of royalty.

The Monarchists had their day yesterday in Naples, one of the strongholds of the House of Savoy which voters rejected in a plebiscite early this month, and in Taranto. For hours, a surging throng of 10,000 to 20,000 Monarchists besieged Communist headquarters in Naples with gasoline bombs and gun fire in battles which raged over most of the city and left seven dead and more than 50 wounded.

TARANTO CLASH

Giornale D'Italia reported from Taranto that Monarchists and Republicans clashed yesterday in that southern port city and that 28 were wounded and 15 arrested.

The Cabinet was unable to persuade Umberto to leave his throne. His queen and children are in Portugal and his bags were packed when the Supreme Court on Monday ruled that while the Republic had been voted, judgment must still be given on petitions charging electoral fraud.

Jet Planes Cross U. S.

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Three jet-propelled Army fighter planes landed at Andrews Field, Md., at 12:58 P. M. (EST) today completing the eastward leg of a dawn-to-dusk cross country trip in 5 hours, 31 minutes.

Their elapsed time, from March Field, Calif., including a 34-minute refueling stop at Oklahoma City, was 14 minutes longer than the Los Angeles to Washington record established last December by the XB-42 Army bomber.

Pilots of the three planes are scheduled to stop in Washington and then start the flight back to March Field.

Four planes began the flight from California, but one was forced out at Oklahoma City.

The pilots encountered bitter cold at a 40,000-foot altitude during the 2 hour, 36 minute hop from Oklahoma City.

Col. Leon Gray of Casa Grande, Ariz., flight leader, rubbed his hands almost continuously after climbing out of the cockpit of the "Beautiful Doll," the first plane to taxi up to the refueling station.

Maj. Robin Olds of Beverly Hills, Calif., reported "plenty rough" weather en route from Oklahoma.

The third pilot, Lt. Jack Richardson of Oklahoma City, said he was kept busy scratching frost off the windshield, adding "we were up about as long as you could stand it."

Quite A Town, Bub

Brooklyn Pernts With Pride In Celebration Of 300th Boithday

By NATHAN POLOWETZKY

NEW YORK—(AP)— From Greenpernt to the Gowanus, from Gravesend Bay to Ebbets Field, and along all points on the BMT subway through Flatbush to Coney Island, Brooklyn was in festive mood today.

No—"the Bums" had not clinched the National League Pennant. (A mere formality, bub. We're leading the pack, ain't we?)

But today's the day when Mollie and Joe put on the glad rags to celebrate the borough's tercentenary—parm me, 300th boithday, that is.

NO ROUGH STUFF

No fireworks or parades, mind you, but a nice dignified observance, with buildings decked out in flags and bunting—and plenty of speech making.

It all started back in 1636 with a half barrel of beer and three containers of brandy. For with these spirits a group of Dutch settlers bought the village of Flatbush from the Rockaway Indians and planted along Gowanus Bay.

Ten years later, June 12, 1646, Breuckelen (meaning broken or marshy land) was recognized by the Dutch as a self-governing city.

From then on the settlement grew and grew until now it is the largest of New York's boroughs with 2,783,000 citizens—only a few of them Giant rooters.

In the interim, in Brooklyn, George Washington's troops fought the Battle of Long Island against British troops landed at Gravesend Bay; a guy named Brodie did a high dive from a bridge; a bearded dreamer named Walt Whitman sang of the glories of America and edited the Brooklyn Eagle; Coney Island became the playground of the East; the Monitor, USS Missouri, the Iowa and the Franklin D. Roosevelt began their careers in the world's greatest Navy yards . . .

And a team called the "trolley Dodgers" back in the Gay Nineties grew into the beloved Daffiness Boys.

(Like I was saying, Bub, quite a town, quite a town.)

The borough was absorbed into New York city 48 years ago over heated opposition.

Brooklyn newspapers ran such editorial slogans as: "Brooklyn is a city of homes and churches. New York City is a city of crime government."

And the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, perhaps the most famous preacher Brooklyn ever produced, thundered from his pulpit: "Who Owns New York? Satan."

(Oh, well, Mollie. That is all past. Come, leave us celebrate.)

All Aboard Lose Lives In Accident

Near Tennessee-N. C. Line

GATLINBURG, Tenn. — (AP) — An Army B-29 Superfortress on a night navigational training flight from MacDill Field, Fla., to Chicago, crashed today in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, near the Tennessee-North Carolina line, killing all twelve men aboard.

The crash occurred at Collins Gap, about a mile east of Clingman's Dome, a 6,643-foot peak, park headquarters reported. At noon nine bodies had been removed from the wreckage.

OVER KNOXVILLE

Army authorities at MacDill Field, near Tampa, Fla., said the big bomber was last reported over Knoxville, at 2:16 A. M. Planes were dispatched from the Greenville, S. C. Army Air Base to conduct a search.

A ranger sighted the wreckage strewn about the rugged mountainside after daybreak.

The Army closed the road beyond Newfound Gap in the direction of Clingman's Dome, the highest peak in the park and second highest east of the Mississippi River, a park official declared.

Tar Heel Aided

Blind Woman Gives Vet And Family Haven

PHILADELPHIA —(AP)—A sympathetic blind woman today offered temporary shelter to a Pacific war veteran, his wife and their four children, who for the past month have slept nights on the floor in a friend's apartment and spent their days in a park.

Lewis S. Baggett, 26, a native of Godwin, N. C., rang Mrs. Charles B. Taggart's doorbell to ask if he could use her stove to cook some food. When the blind woman heard his story she took in the family.

Baggett, who was a railroad brakeman before he was drafted, said he brought his family here May 12. The only place they could find to stay was the apartment of a friend, whose husband worked at night. They slept on the floor, and left early in the morning for a nearby park. On Monday, however, the apartment house owner told them they no longer could stay there.

Four Killed In Tenn. Shooting

LAPOLLETTE, Tenn. —(AP)— Four men were killed early today in a shooting affray in a cafe here.

The dead were identified by Campbell County Jailer James Jones as Robert Stanford, about 60, owner of the cafe, and his two sons, about 31 and Jay, 23, and Night Policeman George Woods.

"Ulis Stanford called County Jail this morning about 2 o'clock and said there was some trouble at the cafe," Jones said. "Sheriff (H. H.) Sutton and Policeman D. R. Roberts and George Woods answered the call. The shooting occurred as soon as they arrived at the cafe."

Westerner Head Of Kiwanians

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—(AP)—Jay N. Emerson, 66-year-old retired merchant of Pullman, Wash., was elected president of Kiwanis International by acclamation today, succeeding Hamilton Holt, head of Rollins College at Winterhaven, Fla.

Bankhead Grows Worse

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Senator John Bankhead, Democrat, Alabama, has "developed further complications and his condition is considered to be grave," Capt. R. E. Duncan, commanding officer of the Bethesda Naval Hospital, reported today.

The Senator has been in the hospital since he had a stroke May 24.

Sullivan Given Approval

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The Senate Naval Affairs Committee gave speedy and unanimous approval today to the appointment of John L. Sullivan of New Hampshire as Undersecretary of the Navy.

NEBRASKA CANDIDATES—Senator Hugh A. Butler (left) won the Republican Senatorial nomination in Nebraska yesterday, defeating Governor Dwight Griswold (right), who had the support of Harold E. Stassen.

Nebraska Primary

Stassen-Backed Candidate Loses

By D. HAROLD OLIVER
Associated Press Political Reporter

Senator Hugh A. Butler won renomination handily over Governor Dwight Griswold in Nebraska yesterday to cloud Harold E. Stassen's prospects for the state's Republican convention votes in 1948.

In another primary contest Senator Charles C. Gossett, Democrat, Idaho, was unseated by State Senator George E. Donart, supported by Gossett's Democratic colleague, Senator Glen Taylor.

Stassen, who helped write the San Francisco Charter, backed Griswold because he liked the three-term governor's demand that America play a strong international role, and what he called Griswold's "progressive" views on domestic issues.

Butler is a first termer who voted against lend-lease, the British loan, Draft Act extension, UNRRA and the Bretton Woods financial agreements. Griswold said Butler wanted to "sidetrack internationalism."

ANOTHER CHANCE

Stassen has a chance to regain in Minnesota's July 4 senatorial primary whatever prestige he lost in Nebraska yesterday. But its rather clear now that he cannot count on Nebraska's 15 votes in the presidential nominating convention.

He is supporting Gov. Edward J. Thye against Senator Henrik Shipstead in the Minnesota contest.

How much Butler's victory was due to the congressional issue and how much to the fact that Stassen was an outsider intervening in the primary cannot be measured.

However, Senator Brooks, Republican, Illinois, himself a conservative in international dealings, said: "This is another evidence that the states do not want outside interference in the election of their Representatives in the U. S. Congress."

Griswold conceded defeat when only about 8 per cent of the 1,331 precincts had reported. Butler's margin remained about 3 to 1 as counting proceeded.

With 1,322 of the state's 1,331 precincts in, the vote was: Butler 65,844, Griswold 34,677, Robert W. Arndts 1,047.

On the Democratic senatorial ticket State Senator John Mekota, endorsed by this party's state convention, won over George Olsen, former Idaho who was nominated for governor in 1942.

The Idaho Democratic senatorial contest was enlivened by the raising of a "self-appointment" issue against incumbent Gossett, who resigned the governorship last November and took the appointment

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Ex-Corporal Held

Former GI Arrested In Gem Theft Case

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The War Department today announced the arrest of Roy C. Carlton, a former enlisted man, for investigation in connection with the Kronberg Castle jewel theft.

An Army officer said that Carlton, the fourth person seized in the fabulous case, had been arrested by Federal customs agents at his home at Kilgore, Texas.

The officer, Lt. Col. Aubrey Thomas of the War Department Public Relations Bureau, said "the extent of his (Carlton's) participation is believed to be minor."

Carlton, the officer said, is the previously unidentified former technician 5th grade who was mentioned by Army investigators as being involved in the inquiry.

BEYOND ARMY'S REACH

Carlton was discharged from the Army several months ago and as a civilian is beyond the Army's current jurisdiction, the spokesman said.

Three Army officers, including a Wac captain and her colonel husband, are held in connection with the case, which involved the "liberation" of $1,500,000 worth of Hessian crown jewels hidden in the castle.

The officers in custody are Capt. Kathleen Nash Durant and Col. Jack W. Durant, her husband, and Maj. David Watson.

Operators' Work Week Compromise Move Fails

Curran Warns Of Coming Strike

By MAX HALL

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Frank J. Taylor, a spokesman for the ship operators in the threatened maritime strike, reported today that the unions involved have rejected a new compromise offer on the work week for seamen.

Almost simultaneously, Joseph Curran, president of the CIO National Maritime Union, said "a long and bitter strike will begin Friday midnight, as scheduled, unless the seamen's work-week is cut or their pay boosted.

Both appeared before a House Labor Subcommittee.

OPTIMISM SHOWN

Despite this testimony, officials involved in the Labor Department's conciliation conference privately predicted a settlement, possibly tomorrow.

They did not divulge the reason for their optimism, however, and the negotiations resumed in secrecy after Taylor's and Curran's appearance on Capitol Hill.

Taylor, chairman of the Negotiating Committee for the Atlantic and Gulf Coast shippers, said the operators proposed to give the seamen's day off with pay for each week worked at sea.

"Yet this new offer was turned down by the NMU," Taylor testified.

"It is thus quite apparent that the union's plea that the present work-week (of 56 hours generally) is 'inhumanly' long and should be shortened lacks sincerity," he continued. "The union is perfectly willing for its men to continue working these hours if they receive extra compensation."

Taylor added that "perhaps Uncle Sam may be able to afford these new costs (proposed by the union but private industry finds them prohibitive."

WILLING TO ARBITRATE

He also declared that the operators still are willing to submit the entire controversy to arbitration, that the union has not.

Earlier, Curran told the House subcommittee: "there is no use kidding ourselves.

"We are going to have to fight to get protection for the seamen, and by God, we will fight."

Curran was critical of both President Truman and Navy officers for statements that the Navy would run the ships if the maritime workers refuse to so, in a strike set to begin Friday midnight.

"The President's position was not helpful" to negotiations, Curran said. He made a similar reference to Navy officials.

The labor chief also said the seamen were not hopeful of getting any better settlement in the controversy from the Government than from the ship operators.

Curran said repeatedly that all the maritime workers want is "the same consideration as any other citizen" in wages and hours.

He said that at present seamen are exempted from Federal wage and hour provisions.

He also spoke out bitterly against

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Taft Favors Some Control

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Senator Taft, Republican, Ohio, told the Senate today it would be "dangerous" to drop price controls altogether until after another year or nine months, but he declared the "rigid control" of war years should be relaxed.

OPA still maintains ceilings on some products below the cost of production, Taft said. He mentioned butter as one, and added:

"Butter has disappeared from the market because butter is so priced that nobody can make a profit on butter."

Taft contended that future price control must allow "a reasonable incentive for production of needed goods.

He argued for amendment of OPA extension legislation to prohibit any price ceilings below the price during the first two weeks of October, 1941, plus the "weighted average" of subsequent increased costs in the producing industry.

VOTE NEAR

Before the Senate resumed debate, Democratic Leader Barkley, Kentucky, told reporters he thought a final vote could be reached early.

Senator Capehart, Republican, Indiana, suddenly withdrew his amendment to set up a percentage reduction formula for removing OPA controls.

His action was taken to obtain a showdown vote on the Banking Committee's recommendation and removal of meat, dairy and poultry products from OPA authority by July 1.

If the Senate agrees to that, Capehart told newsmen that he planned to redraft and reintroduce his proposal to cover only non-agricultural products.

Grandmother Tops Class

CHICAGO—(AP)— Mrs. Helen Kogan, 46-year-old grandmother, is the valedictorian of the graduating class of Central Y. M. C. A. High School. Tonight 62 members of the graduating class at the school, which is maintained as a special service to adults, will receive their diplomas at commencement exercises.

Ship Stoppage Call Issued

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—A work stoppage aboard all ships in major Pacific Coast ports Thursday was called today by the joint strike committee of the CIO's Committee for Maritime Unity to persuade maritime workers to attend mass meetings in San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, and San Pedro.

Meetings at Portland, Seattle and San Francisco will be held in the evening, that at San Pedro in the afternoon.

The meetings were called a little more than 24 hours before the scheduled start of a nationwide shipping strike by CIO maritime unions, beginning midnight Friday.

CMU Co-Chairman Harry Bridges of the International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union and Joseph Curran of the National Maritime Union will return to Washington on the status of negotiations with shipowners, and presumably will tell workers to prepare to strike unless an agreement is reached.