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TRUMAN BOARD SEEKS PEACE FOR STEEL

22 Persons Killed And 137 More Hurt In Texas Tornadoes

Gets Vet Post



IT HAS BEEN announced in Washington that Lt. Col. Margaret D. Craighill has been appointed consultant for the medical care of women veterans. She was named to the post, the first of its kind in the veterans administration, by Gen. Omar N. Bradley, administrator of veterans' affairs. (International)

Six Are Critical Hurt At Palestine And 25 Seriously

Palestine, Texas, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Tornadoes which dipped into a 200-square-mile triangle of northeast Texas last night killed at least 22 persons and injured 137. One man is missing.

Continuing rain and heavy mud is delaying search for additional victims.

Twelve of the dead have been identified in Southview, near here. Six others are critically injured and 25 seriously hurt and in hospitals.

Twisters left trails of wreckage in at least four East Texas counties. Scores were homeless, and many communities went power. One was isolated from outside communications.

Army Slaps Brakes Upon Discharges

Washington, Jan. 5.—(AP)—The Army slapped the brakes on demobilization today with a declaration that replacements would be insufficient to maintain necessary forces abroad at the present rate.

By full use of available shipping, all of about 1,553,000 overseas troops who are or will become eligible could be returned to the United States in three months, a War Department official said at a news conference.

Instead, the Army plans to spread the returns over six months.

This slower rate, combined with replacements, will reduce total overseas strength to a planned minimum of 797,000 by July 1, Lt. Gen. J. Lawton Collins told reporters today.

Rail Strike Is Averted

Washington, Jan. 5.—(AP)—President Truman acted to avert a strike on the St. Louis & San Francisco Railway (Frisco) today by naming an emergency board to investigate the dispute of the brotherhood of railroad trainmen.

The strike was scheduled for 6 p. m. central standard time today and would affect 7,000 workers.

Under the railway labor act, appointment of an emergency board stays any walkout of workers while the board investigates the merits of the dispute.

Mr. Truman said disputes existed between the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company and St. Louis, San Francisco & Texas Company carriers, and certain of their employees represented by the brotherhood of railroad trainmen.

New Electric Wage Offer

New York, Jan. 5.—(AP)—The office of Charles E. Wilson, president of the General Electric company, said he would announce today a new wage increase offer "better than the ten per cent" recently made to the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America CIO.

The statement came as union leaders met in executive conference to determine a date for a nationwide strike of 200,000 workers against the General Electric Company, the General Motors Corporation electrical plant and the Westinghouse Electric Company.

Wilson's office said the offer would be made known at a news conference called for 3 p. m. today. The union announced a news conference from 4 p. m. for a statement of its decision.

The union is seeking a \$2 wage increase for its workers in the three companies.

FAMED 82nd AIRBORNE COMES HOME



HEADS POKED THROUGH PORTHOLEs and jamming the top deck rail, members of the crack 82nd Airborne Division arrive in New York aboard the Queen Mary. The famed fighters, who spent two and a half years battling from Sicily to Germany, will take part in a giant military parade in New York City on January 12. (International)

Chinese Factions Reach Agreement To End Fight

UNRRA'S Head Is Ordered To London After His Ouster

London, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Sir Frederick Morgan, head of UNRRA in Germany, who was asked to resign because of a press conference statement on Jewish refugees, has been instructed to return to London, a spokesman for the international relief agency said today.

The spokesman said the general would be succeeded temporarily by his deputy, Brigadier General William Arthur Stawell. It was emphasized, however, that Stawell's appointment would be only temporary.

Morgan has been under fire since stating at his press conference in Frankfurt that secret Jewish organization was responsible for a vast exodus from Poland.

Taft Says Truman Now Left Winger

Washington, Jan. 5.—(AP)—President Truman was pictured by a Republican Senate leader today as a man who has turned from belief in free enterprise to "left wing" economic ways.

Senator Taft of Ohio declared "half the Democrats and most of the Republicans" in Capitol Hill disagree with Mr. Truman because he "has chosen to follow the CIO-PAC course on every economic measure except the last fact-finding labor proposal."

As a result, the Ohioan asserted "the Democratic party is hopelessly divided, and the President's legislative recommendations are stalled in spite of the party's majority in Congress and in the committees which control the flow of legislation."

Taft, who is chairman of the Senate Republican steering committee, broadcast a speech last night.

COTTON IS MIXED AS MARKET CLOSES

New York, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened unchanged to 15 cents a bale higher. Futures closed 15 cents a bale lower to 25 higher.

	Open	Close
March	24.59	24.56
May	24.55	24.51
July	24.34	24.32
October	23.64	23.66-67
December	23.55	23.55
March		23.48

Middling spot 25.21.

Any Strike Would Stop All Plants

Corporation Won't Meet With Agents From The Workers

Washington, Jan. 5.—(AP)—President Truman's fact-finding panel for steel wage disputes took up its crucial assignment today—trying to head off a vast strike set for January 14.

Although only U. S. Steel Corporation is involved in the hearing, the CIO steel workers union has called for a walkout of its 700,000 members in steel mills, aluminum plants and iron ore processing units across the nation.

Union leaders say any pattern set for U. S. Steel, the biggest in the business, would apply to the whole industry. They ask \$2 a day higher wages.

As the three-man panel prepared to work out procedure, lack a staff and schedule sessions, there was no advance announcement by either the union or the company whether they would cooperate fully.

The corporation previously had rejected proposals of Secretary of Labor C. W. Whelan to get together with the union under auspices of the conciliation service, or with an arbitrator.

The fact-finding board is headed by Mason T. Reisinger, University of Wisconsin law professor, and the former public member of the labor board. Other members are James M. Douglas, of the Missouri Supreme Court, and Associate Justice Roger McDonough, of the Utah Supreme Court.

In the meantime, the General Motors fact-finding panel was completing its report to the President on the strike of 135,000 CIO auto workers, which began November 21 in support of demands for a 30 per cent wage increase. The findings probably will be made public Monday.

Conciliation Director Edgar L. Warren planned conferences in Chicago next week on wage disputes affecting the big four meat packers—with Armour, Wilson, Cudahy and Swift. The CIO packing house workers were first to schedule a strike for January 16. Yesterday the rival AFL Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers said they would join in the walkout if the companies failed to make a new wage offer before January 11.

The AFL unit, noting that Swift had countered the CIO demand for a 25 cents hourly increase with an offer of 7 1/2 cents, sent an urgent plea to President Truman to call an industry conference. Tax-wage-price advisers to President Truman discussed the packing house controversy yesterday.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Mild and windy with showers tonight, beginning in mountains late this afternoon, Sunday partly cloudy, mild and windy, with slightly lower temperatures in mountains.

Truman Addresses The Nation



President Truman shown here ready to address the nation last Thursday night, urged in his appeal that the people of the country bring pressure on Congress to enact his reversion and other programs. This picture was made from a desk in the White House, where the President spoke.

Police Guarding Against Fresh Strike Disorders

Kearney, N. J., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Police were on the alert today against any renewal of picket line strife at the strikebound Western Electric plant, as attempts at striking a peaceful picketing policy failed.

Four persons were injured and several others arrested yesterday as a result of picket line battles.

As the strike of 70,200 members of the Western Electric Employees Association moved into its third day at 21 Western Electric Company plants in New Jersey and New York City, there were no indications of immediate settlement of the dispute over the union's demand for a 30 percent wage increase.

Jap Cabinet Halts Vote On MacArthur Directive

Tokyo, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Premier Shidehara's storm-tossed cabinet, weathering the first shock of General MacArthur's political purge, today postponed until Monday the scheduled emergency session to discuss ways of compliance.

The cabinet chief secretary indicated that the government might attempt to remain in power by reorganization, rather than by resigning en masse.

Tokyo newspapers speculated that the new Allied directives would leave untouched only the premier himself and foreign minister. The secretary, Tsugita, who may himself be out of a job as the result of the drastic Allied orders to eliminate all who led Japan into war said that drafting of emergency imperial ordinances to carry out the directives, had delayed the session scheduled today.

Shidehara, still confined to his home by a cold, was not expected to attend tomorrow's meeting, and the question of ministerial resignations was not officially on the schedule.

CLEVELAND PAPERS HALTED BY STRIKES

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Cleveland's three daily newspapers today faced a publication halt as AFL pressmen quit to enforce wage demands.

As a 9 a. m. deadline passed, Emmett O'Flanagan, president of the Cleveland newspaper pressmen's union, announced: "The strike is on."

O'Flanagan said no pickets would be posted today but reported no employees of the two afternoon dailies, the News and the Press, entered press rooms of the two plants.

WAGE STABILIZATION BOARD AT FIRST MEETING



TAKING UP THE WORK of the recently-abolished War Labor Board, members of the National Wage Stabilization Board are pictured as they met in Washington, D. C., for the first time since their appointment by President Truman. They are (seated, l. to r.): Earl N. Cannon, industry; Sylvester Garrett, public, vice-chairman; W. Willard Wirtz, public, chairman; Robert J. Watt, AFL; and Carl J. Shipley, CIO. Standing (l. to r.) are: James D. Marshall, alternate-industry; Colman Barrett, alternate-industry; John R. Leonard, alternate-AFL; Walter Mason, alternate-AFL; and David R. Stewart, alternate-CIO. (International)

FDR Barred All Pledges To Nations

Warned Envoys Not To Mislead Britain On U. S. War Plans

Washington, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Congressional investigators heard today that President Roosevelt was particularly careful to instruct subordinates against making any commitments to other nations in pre-Parliament days. This testimony came from Admiral Harold R. Stark, who was chief of naval operations at the time.

He told of a White House conference which he attended along with Vice Admiral Robert L. Ghormley early in 1941.

After questioning by Senator Ferguson, Republican, Michigan, Stark said that so far as he could recall Ghormley was being given instructions for his new post as a naval observer in London.

"The President told him to be particularly careful not to make any commitments which would lead the British to believe we were going into the war," the witness said.

The testimony turned to a projected Pacific war plan that would cover Allied operations in event of Japanese aggression. Stark said that while President Roosevelt officially declined to approve it, as the committee had heard before, Mr. Roosevelt gave his tacit approval by okaying a letter Stark sent to Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, Pearl Harbor commander, and Admiral Thomas C. Hart, then in command of the Asiatic fleet.

Stark insisted that, in effect, this was an agreement between the British, American and the Dutch as to what strategy would be followed in the Pacific if the United States entered the war.

RECOVERY TREND IN STOCKS CONTINUING

New York, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Scattered favorites continued to reach for recovery in today's stock market, although animation still was lacking and many leaders backed into slightly losing territory.

In front most of the time were Goodrich, Goodyear, Montgomery Ward, Woolworth, General Motors and General Electric.

Rails shifted over a thin and uneven trail, as did a majority of motors, utilities and oils.

Occasional losers included U. S. Steel, United Aircraft, DuPont and Westinghouse.

ARMY MEN WARNED AGAINST BUSINESS

Shanghai, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer's headquarters today warned United States military personnel against official positions to operate businesses or line up post-war jobs that they are violating military law.