

Change in Format Gives Steel Talks Good Start

By Doug Bailey
PITTSBURGH (AP) — A critical phase of the labor negotiations for the basic steel industry is winding up, apparently giving bargainers their best start in years for contract talks.

Because of an early start and a switch in format, thousands of local issues have been settled during six weeks of intensive plant and company bargaining. Now labor and industry management teams will be able to start on the basic economic package in New York without many of the distractions that bottled up past negotiations.

"There's some real trail-blazing going on," said a veteran official of the United Steelworkers headquarters team.

Crisis Atmosphere

He said the decision to put the local negotiations first was unprecedented for the American labor movement as far as he knew. In the past, the industrywide settlement was worked out first, then local bargaining began, usually in the crisis atmosphere of an approaching strike deadline.

"This has given us an opportunity to get at the gut issues that used to get people all worked up," the official said. He pointed to the rash of local walkouts that followed companywide auto settlements this year.

Labor and management, both anxious to avoid tempting government intervention with a strike during wartime and an election year, worked out the stepped-up timetable and the procedural change after a proposal for arbitration fell through.

Both sides say nobody gains when the government steps into negotiations as it has 13 times in the 20 major steel settlements since 1937.

Expires Aug. 1

The steel contract expires Aug. 1. A strike has been predicted by many industry-related insiders, such as purchasing agents. Consumers have been stockpiling at record rates.

The number of local issues brought to the bargaining table was huge. One local in Ohio produced more than 4,000. Lists of 800 or more were common around Pittsburgh.

The rank and file wanted such things as a new parking lot, the washroom painted, brighter lights in halls, a full-time doc-

tor, or incentive pay for janitors. When they couldn't be settled at the plant level, negotiations that began in April were bucked to the company level. There is no count on how many were cleared away. But officials who will talk at union headquarters say the atmosphere is unusually good.

Maneuvers Minimized By Czechs

PRAGUE (AP) — Officers of Warsaw Pact armies have begun arriving in Prague in preparation for joint maneuvers next month that the Czechoslovak defense ministry says will involve "only small units" of Soviet troops. An announcement said they include a number of signal corps men.

Foreign Minister Jiri Hajek said Thursday that no Soviet combat units would take part.

Pressure Seen

The maneuvers will range through Czechoslovakia and parts of Poland. Foreign observers have called them an attempt to pressure Czechoslovakia's liberalization drive.

Defense Minister Martin Dzur said small Russian units would be used to simulate larger ones. "For example," he said, "a division has several thousand troops but in this exercise it will be represented by two or three hundred men."

"Not all types of units will be represented as we must bear in mind that the troops are just ripening and orders have been issued to the effect that no damage to them may occur."

"Our Own Maneuvers"

Dzur said the Soviet troops were bringing communications equipment "which we ourselves will use for our own maneuvers later in the year."

The defense ministry noted that "mainly Soviet officers will be involved" in "staff movements."

It described the maneuvers as "one of the regular working measures to raise the fighting potential and integration of staffs, to increase cooperation and strengthen friendship among the armies of the Warsaw treaty countries."

Nixon to Deep South; Charts New Strategy

DALLAS (AP) — Richard Nixon took his campaign into the Deep South Wednesday on the eve of a weekend strategy huddle to plan what he calls "a brand new campaign."

He was meeting Friday in Atlanta with the Republican chairmen from the Southern states.

The weekend session in Key Biscayne, Fla., is intended to present a new, less partisan image of Nixon in the hope of attracting Democratic and independent votes he feels are leaning his way.

Ronald Reagan and Nelson Rockefeller met with Southern leaders in New Orleans two weeks ago.

Nixon says he is confident he can carry much of the South in November if he is nominated. "The fact I'm going to Georgia indicates I think we have a chance in Georgia," he said, although admitting that "Georgia is in doubt."

"We could carry Texas, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina and the border states we carried in 1960. Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana and Georgia are in doubt," he told newsmen in Dallas.

McCarthy Backers To Hold 'Buck Night'

Linn county backers of Senator Eugene McCarthy of Minnesota announced Friday they'll hold a house-to-house "Buck Night" in Cedar Rapids from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday.

McCarthy is contesting with Vice-president Hubert Humphrey and Senator Robert Kennedy of New York for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Sees Need for Better Storm Warning Devices

DES MOINES (AP) — State Civil Defense Director George Orr indicated Thursday that Iowa cities might need better storm warning systems and civil defense emergency plans.

Orr said that the three Northeast Iowa cities hardest hit by the May 15 tornadoes, Charles City, Maynard and Oelwein, do not have tornado warning systems and that "some confusion" existed among local civil defense officials when the storms hit.

Said Orr: "Local civil defense officials at first were not organized and did not know specifically who would be in command of emergency efforts and what the role of each official was."

However, he said, the officials organized quickly and provided invaluable assistance to citizens in the wake of tornadoes, which left 18 dead, hundreds injured and homeless and an estimated \$33 million in property damage.

Orr also said city officials have been reluctant to spend money on tornado warning systems.

Arrests Top 400 Mark In Louisville Outbreaks

LOUISVILLE (AP) — Arrests in Louisville's West end climbed to more than 400 Friday as police and volunteer Negro marshals tried to cope with scattered looting and isolated incidents of sniping.

Police, trying to work without the help of national guardsmen, arrested about 100 people, including 20 juveniles, in the predominantly Negro section during a nine-hour period ending at midnight Thursday.

Two leaders of the Black Unity League of Kentucky, a militant group composed of teen-agers and young adults, were among seven arrested when police stopped a seven-car caravan heading into the east section of the city.

Mother's Plea

The trouble during the fourth consecutive night of racial disorder came despite a plea for calm from the mother of a teenager killed in the violence.

"We appeal to everybody to stop this disorder before other mothers and fathers suffer as we are," Mrs. James Groves told a news conference. Her son, James, 14, and Mathias Browder, 19, were shot and killed Wednesday night in what police said were looting incidents.

Iowa Bar Assn. Names Linn Bar Best in State

The Iowa State Bar Assn. has selected the Linn County Bar organization as the outstanding large lawyer group in the state.

Selection was determined on the basis of general activities. The Linn bar during the last year has helped set up a legal assistance program for the poor, paying 40 percent of the cost with the county paying the remainder.

The Linn bar has conducted two legal institutes; organized Law day observances; and helped maintain the law library in the county courthouse, paying the salary for a full-time librarian.

There are 155 practicing lawyers in the Linn County bar, and approximately 70 associate members. F. James Bradley is the current president.

Chile Average

Fifty percent of Chileans are under 21 years of age.

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Secret De Gaulle Visit To West Germany Told

BONN (AP) — President de Gaulle paid a secret visit Wednesday to Baden-Baden, site of the French military headquarters in West Germany, the West German government said Friday.

A government spokesman, Guenther Diehl, reported the French chief dropped in at the airport of Baden-Baden. Diehl did not say whom De Gaulle met, but said it was likely under military protocol that he was greeted by Gen. Jacques Massu, commander of the 60,000 French troops in West Germany.

The president dropped out of sight for awhile that day after taking off on a helicopter flight from Paris to his home in eastern France. A direct flight on the 150-mile route would have taken less than two hours. He took about eight hours.

"Technical Stop"

Diehl said the Bonn government did not know why De Gaulle went to Baden-Baden, but he assumed it was a sort of "technical stopover."

Diehl said Chancellor Kiesinger was informed at the time of De Gaulle's "brief stay" by Francois Seydoux, French ambassador in Bonn. There were rumors Thursday that De Gaulle planned to bring half the French troops in West Germany back to their troubled homeland. These were denied by the French defense ministry in Paris.

"No Large Size"

Diehl implied some French soldiers were moving out, saying there were no French troop movements "of any large size" from West Germany to France.

A West Germany Defense Ministry spokesman said one French transport battalion has been transferred to take up duties in strikebound Paris and marching orders have been issued for two regiments with a total of about 2,000 soldiers.

In Baden-Baden, a spokesman for French headquarters said the report of the De Gaulle visit "did not meet the facts." He denied De Gaulle had met with Massu or that French troops were being withdrawn.

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