

Steelworkers Approve Phelps Dodge Contract

Copper Pit Strike Is Near End

Remaining Giants May Settle Shortly

By NEIL GILBRIDE
WASHINGTON (AP) — Steelworkers approved contracts with one of four big copper firms Saturday and indicated an early return to work by 6,500 of the 50,000 workers locked for more than eight months in the nationwide copper strike.

Thirteen of the 25 other striking unions with members at Phelps Dodge are expected to ratify the agreement at meetings early next week in Arizona, Texas, Arkansas and Yonkers, N.Y.

The AFL-CIO United Steelworkers of America said approval by its 100-man industry committee "constitutes the biggest breakthrough yet" in the negotiations which President Johnson called to the White House 11 days ago.

Negotiations in the Executive Office Building next to the White House continued between the unions and Kennecott Copper Corp., Anaconda Co. and American Smelting & Refining Co.

Informed sources said settlements with the other firms are expected to follow within a few days.

The Phelps Dodge settlement reportedly provides \$113 per hour increases in wages and fringe benefits over 40 months to its mining, smelting and refining workers in Arizona and Texas in one contract, and 73 cents over 26 months for wire-fabricating workers in Fairport, Ark. and Yonkers, N.Y. in a separate contract.

Wages in the industry now average \$2.28 per hour.

The Phelps Dodge agreement represents a defeat for the unions' original demands for similar economic gains for workers in all operations of each company, and the simultaneous contract expiration dates.

Anaconda reportedly was bargaining with the unions in four separate contract groupings and American Smelting & Refining in three groupings.

Details of the Phelps Dodge contracts will be given to representatives of all the unions involved at a meeting Sunday in Tucson, Ariz. A company representative from the unions have already agreed to ratification of meetings of local unions Tuesday.

Workers at the Yonkers plant, represented by the AFL-CIO International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, will hold a ratification meeting Monday, sources said.

The Steelworkers withheld action on a Kennecott offer of \$1.07 per hour in higher wages and fringe benefits over 40 months for 10,000 workers at its mining, smelting and refining operations in Utah, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico and Baltimore, Md.

Government sources said Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz, Secretary of Commerce C. B. Smith and Director William E. Simon of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service participated in shaping the Phelps Dodge agreement.

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He Has Some Backers

As Sen. Robert Kennedy Saturday discussed his decision to run for the Democratic presidential nomination, his wife kept an eye on the behind-the-scenes activities. That's four-year-old Christopher using his hand to blindfold his two-year-old brother Matthew. (AP Wirephoto)

Rockefeller Still Sitting On Sidelines

NEW YORK (AP) — Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York said Saturday he has not made up his mind as to whether to enter the race for the Republican presidential nomination in Tucson, Ariz. A company representative from the unions have already agreed to ratification of meetings of local unions Tuesday.

"Nothing definitive," Rockefeller said in an interview when asked if he has reached a decision.

He indicated he will announce his plans, yes or no, within the next two or three days.

Meanwhile, he scheduled a press conference at 10:30 a.m. Sunday with a dozen or more members of the Oregon "Draft Rockefeller" Committee. They are to meet with him at his 70th Avenue apartment in New York.

The group would Rockefeller last week. "In behalf of the many thousands of Oregon politicians and growing supporters across the nation we ask you to refrain from making your final decision until we have had the opportunity to present the results of our Oregon draft movement."

In Nomination Bid 'RFK Starts Out 'From Zero'

By JACK BELL and JOE MORBAT
WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Robert F. Kennedy said Saturday he is starting "from about zero" in his campaign to win the Democratic presidential nomination from President Johnson.

Asked whether he has any certain support from Democratic lawmakers acted on such important measures as the 1963 capital city operating budget, capital outlay for Arizona's universities, daylight saving time exemption, and a proposal to create an economic planning and developing department.

The house passed \$9.1 million for capital outlay on the universities, and the senate recommended \$18 million. A compromise was to be settled in a joint conference committee.

Although it takes a majority of the legislature to approve these bills, several key measures were sitting on the shoulders of majority leader Sen. Ted Goldberg, R-Marietta, late Saturday.

Daylight saving time exemption legislation was being considered in Goldberg's rules committee.

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'Late Arrival' Roundly Chided By McCarthy

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy chided Sen. Robert F. Kennedy Saturday for arriving "on the playing field" after the battle of New Hampshire had been fought. And he said he would make no deals and would "run as hard as I can" to defeat both Kennedy and President Johnson for the Democratic presidential nomination.

"It was a little lonely in New Hampshire," McCarthy said of his campaign there and he acknowledged that he had been looking for help. "But they didn't even come in. They just threw messages over the fence."

Outwardly undisturbed by Kennedy's charges that the country is on a "perfidious course" because of the administration's "diastrophic, deviative" policies, Johnson flew off for a weekend at his Texas ranch after learning about the New Hampshire senator's plunge into the contest.

Kennedy told a supporter-packed, televised and broadcast news conference in the Senate Caucus room where John F. Kennedy officially began his quest for the presidency eight years ago that he was not running merely to oppose Johnson, the man his assassin's bullet had picked for his vice-presidential pick.

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Cargo Ship, Oil Barges Collide; 7 Persons Die

POINTE A LA HACHE, La. (AP) — A great gulf of fire erupted when a ship collided with an oil barge on the Mississippi River in pre-dawn darkness Saturday. The Coast Guard said seven bodies were recovered, with six persons missing.

Of the 63 persons on board the African Star, a 485-foot cargo vessel, 41 were taken to hospitals in New Orleans, 38 river miles to the north, for treatment of burns.

The Coast Guard, which first reported 11 killed and 11 missing, kept three boats and a helicopter busy through the daylight hours in a search for survivors or bodies.

The fire aboard the African Star, though under control, burned into the night, deep in the bay. The ship, which had left New Orleans en route to Sydney, Australia, was deliberately run aground after the collision.

Of the 61 aboard the 25-year-old Farrell Line ship, 65 were crewmen, 12 passengers and 4 cadets.

If Congress Passes Tax Surcharge

Appropriations Cut Acceptable To LBJ

Lawmakers Still Can't Close Shop

Towel Thrown In Under Midnight

PHOENIX (Special) — Arizona house Republicans faced up to their problems after a 15 hour struggle and decided shortly after midnight Saturday to quit temporarily and continue working without pay again at 10 a.m. Monday.

By AL BRADSHAW JR.
Star Staff Correspondent

PHOENIX — After repeated adjournment was impossible late Saturday night, the Arizona senate stopped action about midnight and went home 10 Tuesday.

Wary capital workers and legislators alike were hoping to adjourn late Saturday night, but it never happened and they called it a day after 13 hours of work.

The Republican decision to go home is expected to touch off bitter opposition among minority Democrats. Tuesday, lawmakers will enter their second week of payless overtime. Some observers predict this session could now continue almost indefinitely, since the GOP has admitted it has problems.

A key senate member said a major hangup is a bundle of small bills in the house that are yet to be acted upon. But there are still many high priority issues on which the newly formed leadership cannot find agreement.

But this high source and knowledgeable people at the Pentagon agreed that there is nothing in the works close to the 200,000-man buildup, which has been reported requested by the commander on the scene, Gen. William C. Westmoreland.

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A division here, including supporting units, would amount to 45,000 men.

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The Root Of The Crisis

The rush on gold in world markets has not affected this display of gold bars at the Denver Mint. Each bar averages about 416 troy ounces and is worth about \$14,581. As the sign notes, the display is worth \$1,000,442. The Denver Mint mints about \$18 million worth of gold annually. (AP Wirephoto)

U.S. Preparing To Send More Troops To Vietnam

Source Calls Hike 'Moderate Increase'

By FRED S. HOFFMAN
WASHINGTON (AP) — An authoritative source said Saturday there will be a "moderate increase" in U. S. troop strength in South Vietnam — but neither this source nor the Defense Department would disclose the increase.

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Alive And Happy

Dr. Phil Blalock stands on the balcony of the apartment and waves to the crowd that welcomed him after his release from Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town, South Africa. Blalock went home Saturday. (AP Wirephoto by cable from Cape Town)

Blalock Is Home 74 Days After Heart Transplant

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — Phil Blalock, the surgeon who directed Blalock's transplant Jan. 2 and the first heart graft in history on Louis Washkansky Dec. 3, Washkansky died 18 days later.

Blalock, 58, took Blalock's hand and with a voice choked with emotion repeated: "Thank you very much, thank you very much."

Wearing a sport shirt, ascot and dark trousers, Blalock stepped into the sunlight at the entrance of Groote Schuur Hospital and said: "I am very very happy. I am delighted to be going home, and home is the man thing in my thoughts."

Blalock's return drew a large crowd of relatives and friends who were his wife Edith and Dr. Blalock's daughter.

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