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PAY

Good evening. In the war against inflation - a major personnel change today. Three of the five labor members of the President's Pay Board - quitting their posts; George Meany of the AFL-CIO - Floyd Smith of the International Association of Machinists - and I. W. Abel of the United Steelworkers.

This in protest against a number of recent Pay Board decisions - but most recently a wage cut of about one-fourth in that West Coast dock agreement. Meany, Smith and Abel all calling the Federal panel - a tool of the Administration and big business.

Meany said that the working man - has "no hope for fairness, equity or justice in the Pay Board." He charged that wages are controlled - while prices and business profits continue to rise. Meany told reporters: "If you think prices are not going up - ask your wife."

Labor Secretary James Hodgson was quick to point

out, however - the President's wage control program will continue. He also said that labor leaders - have a real "basis for concern." "But we should take the machinery we have" - said he - "and make it work rather than tear it down." Hodgson added that he believes that "is what the nation wants."

WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW PAY

A few hours later - White House News Secretary Ziegler said - "It is the President's view that a small group of labor leaders - will not be able to sabotage the fight against inflation." Adding: "The President cannot and will not allow any labor or management leaders - to put themselves above the American people."

SENATE

*At long last - the clearing of a major hurdle -
in the fight for equal rights for women. The Senate
approving today a proposed Constitutional Amendment -
giving women the same legal status as men.*

*This by a vote of eighty-four to eight - finally
completing Congressional passage; with the measure now
going to the states - where three-fourths approval is
needed.*

MARIJUANA

From the National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse - largely appointed by President Nixon - a long-awaited report today. The report urging an end to criminal penalties - for possession and private use of marijuana; at the same time, urging continued penalties - for growing or selling the stuff.

The White House later stressed that President Nixon, "still opposes the legalization of marijuana."

ILLINOIS

In the post-mortems from Illinois - a slight difference of opinion today. Senator Muskie - with sixty-three per cent of the popular vote - also, a big edge in delegate strength - calling Illinois, for him, "a clear-cut victory." But former Senator McCarthy - with thirty-seven per cent of the popular vote - saying he was "quite content and satisfied;" for this showing. Said he - "the voters want a Democratic Party - which offers a significant choice on the critical issues."

And now - it's on to Wisconsin; where the choice on the Democratic side - will include no fewer than twelve candidates.

BELFAST

In London - Britain's Prime Minister Heath conferred today with Brian Faulkner, the Premier of Northern Ireland. The two men attempting to hammer out a viable plan - that might bring peace to that embattled land.

Meanwhile, a bomb exploded today in a stolen truck in Belfast - about midway between the city's Europa Hotel and its main railway station. More than seventy people were injured. Fortunately, nobody was killed.

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "HAYES"

As you may have guessed by now - Lowell Thomas is off again on another jaunt; this time, in Arizona. In the meantime - another special report he left us. Subject tonight: An unusual discovery - during his recent jaunt to South America. Lowell Thomas..

PARAGUAY-HAYES-HUEY LONG

I wonder how many Americans are aware that a town in South America bears the name of an almost forgotten President of the United States. Almost a hundred years ago, when Paraguay was involved in one of its bitter controversies with its neighbors President Rutherford B. Hayes played the role of mediator. As a result of this, our President Hayes is perhaps better known in Paraguay than he is here at home. A town, across the river from the capital city of Asuncion today bears his name, Villa Hayes. But, it may come as even more of a shock to learn that Senator Huey Long is something of a hero in Paraguay. Not quite forty years ago, when Paraguay was involved in a bloody tragic war with Bolivia, The Chaco War, Huey Long defended the Paraguayan cause on the floor of the U.S. Senate. Today, there is a Fort in the Chaco named for him, "Fortin Mister Long" also in the capital city a wide Avenue called Calle Senado Long.

Huey Long may not be a national hero in our own country but future generations of Paraguayans are likely to long remember with gratitude the Louisiana Senator whom we called The King Fish.

SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE "HAYES"

Thank you, Lowell.

A final note - in a moment.

JACKSON STATE

An all-white jury in Biloxi, Mississippi has rejected civil damage claims resulting from the shootings at Jackson State College in Nineteen-Seventy. The suit, brought by families of the dead and injured, was for nearly Fourteen Million dollars.

It is expected, the case will be appealed.

PAN AMERICAN

The Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive officer of Pan American World Airways, Najeeb Halaby, resigned today. He is succeeded by William Sewall, formerly of Rolls-Royce who became President of the Company last November. Reports among financial quarters in New York say there were basic differences on policy matters.

This is Stuart Novins for Lowell Thomas -

Good Night.