

STEEL L.T. - Delco. Thru. June 30 - '55

Time pressure is on, tonight - in the labor ~~crisis~~ crisis of the steel industry. Midnight - the deadline for a strike against U.S. steel. All day long, increasing tension - in bargaining sessions. Negotiators making determined efforts to get an agreement, before the zero hour.

Late this afternoon, a dispatch - that U.S. steel had made a new offer to the union. Increasing the figure - for a wage hike. The wage policy committee of the steel workers - called into session tonight, for a decision on the new offer. They^are meeting at eight P M Eastern Standard time.


Which allows four hours - for a decision before the deadline. Whether to accept the offer and call off the strike - or have the walkout begin at midnight.

Nothing but suspense - in this labor ~~cr~~ crisis of the steel industry, with its six hundred thousand workers.

DEBT

Midnight would have been the deadline - for the limit of the public debt. If Congress had not passed an extension - the ceiling would have dropped from a temporary two hundred and eighty one billions back to two hundred and seventy five billions. Today, however, Congress completed ~~the~~ action in a hurry, and sent a bill to President Eisenhower - continuing the present limit for another year.

So you can bet - that the President signed his name at least once during the past few hours. Otherwise, the ceiling would have sunk, and the public debt would have been ~~left~~ *left* ~~at~~ above the legal limit. Awkward.



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(kill last paragraph - so you can bet)

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MILITARY SPENDING

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CAPITOL DOME

The appropriations committee of the House, today, put up five million dollars - for alterations on the Capitol Building. They^are going to extend the facade out about forty feet ↗ beyond the edge of the stately dome.

One angle might be - safety. Former President Truman was always afraid ↗ the mighty dome might collapse on the heads of Congress. It's made of cast iron, and ~~sure would~~ ~~come down with a bang~~ if it fell, ^{- well} The lawmakers may be hard headed, but their skulls would hardly be durable enough to resist the impact of the cast iron dome.

H.S.T. while President, lived in the White House. But, then, he had been ~~so~~ for years in the Senate, and maybe that's where he learned to worry - about the Capitol dome coming down. On his dome - maybe.

However, architects declare - there's no danger of a collapse. And Congress, putting up money today, was thinking - not of danger. But, of making more room for legislative activities. The change will add space.

DIXON YATES

President Eisenhower, tonight, ordered a new investigation of the Dixon Yates contract. This followed a decision by the city of Memphis to built its own power plant, rather than buy electrical power from the development under the Dixon Yates program. This Memphis ~~was~~ decision has been rumored, -- now official. So President Eisenhower has ordered a re-survey of the electrical power situation in ~~now~~ the Tennessee Valley.

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POLIO

The U S Public health service releases figures on polio this year - as compared with the number of cases last year. This year, of course, having been characterized - by mass inoculations with Salk vaccine.

During the first half of the year - fewer cases of polio reported. Three thousand, three hundred and seventy-seven - for Nineteen Fifty-five. Compared with four thousand, one hundred and thirty-three - for Nineteen Fifty-four. Last week - two hundred ^{and} seventy-seven. The corresponding week, a year ago - four-hundred-and-ninety-five.

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COMMUNISTS

A reporter for the New York Times told a Senate sub-committee, today, that he had been three years in the Communist party, while working for the Brooklyn Eagle. Charles Grutzner - who was named yesterday by CBS ^{news} correspondent Winston Burdett. The committee questioned Grutzner about stories he wrote - while a war correspondent in Korea.

Other newspapermen named by Burdett have refused to answer questions - taking the Fifth amendment.


SHOOTING

In Buffalo, four shots were fired at State Supreme Court Justice Hamilton Ward. Who was driving home in his automobile - when guns, in another car, blazed at him. The Judge uninjured - although his car was hit.

Two weeks ago, Judge Ward passed sentence on a number of juvenile dilinquents, giving them - prison terms. So, today, the police believe the shooting may have been the doing - of juvenile delinquents.

Burmese Prime Minister U Nu visited Congress today - addressing the House and the Senate. And - made a few remarks, decidedly pointed. He was defending the Burmese Foreign policy of - neutralism. Taking no sides - in the cold war.

He said - that was exactly ~~like~~ like the United States in its own early days. He noted that our own country, like Burma, ~~is~~ was once a colonial possession of Great Britain. And the United States, upon winning independence, adopted a ~~is~~ policy of keeping away from foreign alliances. Which policy lasted - for a long time. The isolationists ~~were~~ used to remind us how Washington recommended that this country keep clear of "foreign entanglements."

That, said Premier U Nu was a policy of neutralism - which Burma now follows. 

BURMESE PREMIER

A sort of international incident was averted, this afternoon, by the mutual good nature of Burmese Premier U Nu. And -- the ~~Secretary~~ equal good nature of Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson. The Burmese Premier called on the Secretary by appointment -- but was kept waiting, so long -- that he left. Which is no way to treat the head of a foreign government, But, it was all a mix-up and Secretary Benson hurried over to the place where U Nu was stopping and made apologies. All - ending in a laugh.

In western Viet Nam, near the border of Cambodia - there's a line of mountains. A range - a hundred miles long, with seven tall summits. The region - little explored, uncharted.

Tonight, the Red and Gold flag of the government of Premier Diem - flies on top of the seven mountains. Which, they say, signalizes the end of the rebellion of the religious political sects. They made a final stand in strongholds there.

On Monday, a big battle began. Soldiers of Premier Diem, today, making such progress that French military observers, we hear, were astonished. Today - complete victory announced. The remnants of the religious-political forces - driven across the border into Cambodia.

This means, according to the dispatch from Saigon - that, for the first time, ^{Tonight} Premier Diem is in unchallenged control of Southern Viet Nam. ^{following the final victory of his troops over the rebels} Diem, with his pro-American policy.

TIBET

The Dalai Lama is back in Tibet - after a year of ~~absence~~ *admittedly going to Chinese Reds*. The spiritual and temporal leader of the Himalayan land - having been on a "visit" to Communist China. The Reds call it a "visit". Actually, after they seized control of Tibet, they took the Dalai Lama to Peking - using him as a puppet.

Today's dispatch states that, at Lhasa, fifty thousand people ~~were~~ *were on hand to* ~~welcomed~~ *welcomed* - the return of the head of Tibetan Buddhism.

A Communist broadcast says - the Dalai Lama praised the regime the Chinese Communists have set up in the land of monasteries. Probably, he couldn't ~~do~~ do anything else.

But, at any rate, the Dalai Lama is back in the Potala, the fabulous monastery-palace in ~~the once forbidden~~ *Lhasa.* ~~city of Lhasa.~~

JAPAN PLANE

Along the coast of Japan, today, radio stations picked up weak signals - from out on the Pacific. Signals - of the kind sent by small emergency radios carried on life-rafts.

So they may have come from survivors of those recent mishaps. Two marine corps flyers forced down on the Pacific. The pilot of a search plane - also forced down. They may be adrift. The signals picked up today - raising hope. Although, they were so weak, they revealed little.

The great sea and air search goes on - impeded by bad weather.

A blast from the Moscow radio, today. Sharp criticism - for the Soviet Ministry of State farms.

The ~~complaint~~ complaint, focuses on a great primitive region of Siberia, where Khrushchev ordered millions of acres of New land - to be placed under cultivation.

The Moscow radio, describing the Kazakh building program in the past five months, declares "it has not accomplished even one tenth of its annual plan."

This is accompanied by a report in London that Soviet Russia wants to buy twenty five million bushels of wheat from Canada.

All adding to the belief - that the failure of the Soviet agricultural program is one of the reasons for the mild, reasonable tone of Russian Foreign Policy ~~now~~ nowadays.

The United States, today, pledged arms and equipment - for the new West German army. We - to provide the weapons for five hundred thousand Germans, who are to join the forces of Nato.

The agreement - signed at Bonn by U.S. Ambassador Conant and West German Foreign Minister Von Brentano. Reports are that this may cost your Uncle Sam - a billion.

In Jerusalem, meanwhile, Prime Minister Sharet has resumed office - after resigning yesterday. He broke up his coalition government, after one element in it, the general Zionists - wouldn't back him in a last vote. Now he has formed another coalition, the general Zionists - included.

The Egyptian-Israeli talks have broken down.

Conferences - held in the "no man's land" of the Gaza strip.

The Israelis put the blame - on the Egyptians.

Saying, they wouldn't even agree to an agenda.

The chief truce supervisor for the U N., Major E. L. M

Burns - is reported to have submitted seven draft agendas.

But the Egyptians wouldn't accept any of them. The Israeli -

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ITALY

News from Italy - a political surprise. The Left Wing Socialists - offering to back the coalition cabinet, headed by Premier-Designate Segni, of the Christian Democratic Party. They'll give their ~~unqualified~~ support - if economic and social reforms are far enough to the left.

Hitherto, the Left Wing Socialists, led by Pietro Nenni, have been lined up with the Communists. The Leftist vote - a combination. Recently, there has been talk in Rome of taking Nenni and his faction into the government. The idea being - to split them from the Communists.

So today's news might be somewhat along that line. With Nenni and his left wing Socialists - offering to back a Christian Democratic Premier.

Today, Mr. Etna - erupted. The far famed volcano - hurling immense clouds of volcanic ash. Showering a great area and terrifying - the local people.

An expert on volcanoes made his way toward the crater, and reports - there's no likelihood of a disaster. This eruption - mostly a matter of smoke and ashes.

Mt. Etna, in Sicily, goes into action frequently - but has not had a major eruption since the turn of the century. But Etna can be a terror. In sixteen Ninety-three one hundred thousand lives were lost, forty towns destroyed. When the Sicilian fire mountain produced a double disaster of eruption and earthquake.

EGYPT DRUGS

Egypt reports what the news dispatch calls - "a four day running land, sea and air battle." Sounds like an insurrection - but there's nothing political about it at all. The military campaign - waged against a mob of drug runners. The authorities grabbing - five million, six hundred thousand dollars worth of hashish. The dream drug - of the orient.

The authorities got a tip - that a huge consignment of hashish was to be landed on the ~~xxx~~ coast, near the Red Sea port of Ghardaha. The Egyptian coast guard seized the smugglers' boat, with a crew of twelve. But - that was after the Hashish had already been landed.

So now the task was - to chase ~~the~~ and catch the drug runners, who were making their way across the desert country. A military scout plane spotted them - and the coast guard picked up the ~~xxx~~ trail. A hot pursuit - with clashes from time to time. Exchanges - of gunfire.

The drug runners got ^{to} a mountain hide out, but that ^{wild was} ^{Hugh} was located. A final battle fought, Four of the drug runners were killed and a huge quantity of hashish - captured.