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Steel Union Delays Halt For Month

March 23 Date Is Set Pending Action By Wage Panel

PITTSBURGH (AP)—The nation will escape a steel strike Saturday but a walkout may come March 23 unless a bitter contract controversy is settled.

Top strategy makers of the million member CIO United Steelworkers did as expected yesterday in postponing their strike. They issued this warning, however:

"We hope that a strike may be averted but the patience of our members is running out."

The union decided to cancel its week end strike threat to give the Wage Stabilization Board more time to recommend a settlement.

The union headed by Philip Murray, also president of the CIO, has been working without a contract since Jan. 1.

The USW's Wage Policy Committee in unanimously adopting a resolution of the executive board to set back the strike date 20 days made it clear it expects the final settlement will be fully retroactive to the contract expiration date.

The Wage Policy Committee added:

The union and the steel companies recently concluded presenting their cases to a WSB panel. The panel is not expected to give its findings to the full WSB for a week or 10 days.

The WSB's recommendation is not binding. However, such recommendations usually help form public opinion which often brings pressure on both sides. Top government officials have said repeatedly a steel strike during the defense emergency is unthinkable.

The WSB entered the dispute after the union and industry reached a deadlock on the union's request for an 18½ cent hourly pay boost and other demands for the men who now average from \$1.92 to \$1.97 an hour.

Tax Gimmick In Hollywood

Working Abroad For 17 Months Has Loophole To Dodge Levy

WASHINGTON—UP—Shocked lawmakers discovered today that in voting a big income tax boost for most persons last year they also opened a big new loophole for movie stars and possibly others. They promised to do something about it quick."

Some well-known stars were reported planning to use the loophole as a means of escaping any income taxes for a year or so. To qualify, they must live and work abroad for 17 out of 18 consecutive months.

Indignant Congressmen, who drafted the new tax law without any thought of its effect on movie stars, said that those who try to take advantage of it won't get away with it for long. One said that "we'll change the law quick and make it retroactive, if necessary."

The tax gimmick which started the talk of a big exodus from Hollywood doesn't apply solely to the movie colony, but it appeared that high-salaried entertainers might be its chief beneficiaries.

Dispatches from Hollywood have said that several movie stars are toying with the idea of living and working abroad for the required period.

Joanne Dru, actress who has had many tax troubles, said the idea of going overseas appealed to her.

"My husband, John Ireland, has been offered five or six movies overseas, and we'll go if I can get some work, too," she told the United Press in Hollywood. "I'm under contract to Fox Studio for two pictures a year, and I'm praying they'll assign me a couple of overseas pictures."

Actor Gene Kelly can take advantage of the new law. He recently was sent overseas by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer for two years of movie-making.

John Huston, director, plans several movies abroad, and Claudette Colbert has one English movie lined up. Her agent said she might stay abroad for 18 months.

Actress Joan Fontaine took the opposite tack. She said the thought of going abroad to escape U. S. income taxes strikes her as being "unpatriotic."

"Anyone who dodges his legal taxes is a dodo bird—a bird who flies backward and doesn't know which way he's going," she said.



U. S. Boosts Arms Gifts For France

Additional 570 Million Agreed On as NATO Meets On Army

LISBON—AP—The United States agreed in principle today to give France an additional 570 million dollars in aid to help fulfill her rearmament program. In French money this is 200 billion francs.

The figure is not final but is the one tentatively agreed upon, said an authoritative American source.

He disclosed the decision just before the full North Atlantic Treaty Organization Council met to give its blessing to the European army plan to bring 12 German divisions into a unified force.

France, in turn, will raise an additional sum estimated at 100 billion francs to close the gap between what her rearmament plans will cost and what her inflation-stricken economy can afford.

Authoritative sources expected the 14 Western foreign, defense and finance ministers of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Council to stamp quick approval on the scheme for a European Defense Community (EDC).

They also believe NATO endorsement will greatly ease the path for Congressional approval of the \$7,000,000,000 President Truman is asking for foreign military aid.

American leaders here had been fearing that without quick endorsement for the European army, Congress might slash appropriations and stall plans for an Allied defense system big enough to warn off any Communist assault.

A senior American last night expressed hope that following NATO approval of the six EDC nations—France, Italy, West Germany, The Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg—would rush ahead and sign a treaty before the Congressional hearings on the aid bill.

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