

Steel Now Appears Ready to Accept \$5.50 Price Boost

By James Y. Newton

The Government and the steel industry were still some distance apart on the size of the price increase necessary to settle the critical steel wage dispute.

But the gap was narrowed by two developments. These were:

1. Federal action authorizing a steel price boost of \$3 per ton effective May 1.
2. Assertion by a top industry official that a price increase of \$5.50 per ton would enable the producers to put in effect a large part of the wage "package" proposed by the Government for settling the dispute.

Price Stabilizer Ellis Arnall authorized the \$3-per-ton increase. He acted under the Capehart amendment to controls law. The boost covers most cost increases incurred by producers prior to last July 26.

Figures Fair, Says Arnall.

Mr. Arnall said the industry is not entitled to a larger increase under existing stabilization regulations.

The Federal Wage Stabilization Board has proposed for the 650,000 United Steelworkers a three-step wage increase of 17 1/2 cents an hour. Other benefits proposed were 8 1/2 cents per hour in so-called "fringe" improvements and the union shop.

Clarence B. Randall, president of Inland Steel Co., dropped the first hint yesterday that the producers would accept by way of a price increase.

He spoke at the National Press Club. Mr. Randall was asked how large a price boost would be necessary to offset the producers' last wage offer to their workers. This offer called for a wage increase of 12 1/2 cents per hour plus 5 1/2 cents in fringes.

Mr. Randall replied that it would take a boost of \$5.50 a ton. He said even then "considerable" cost absorption would have to be made by the industry.

Raises in Three Stages.

But the 17 1/2 cents in wages and fringes were all of the money items which the Wage Board said should be made effective immediately. The rest of the proposals for wages and fringes would be forthcoming July 1 and next January.

Before Mr. Randall spoke all the industry has said in the matter was that the Wage Board's complete proposals would add \$12 per ton to the cost of producing steel.

Meanwhile, Wage Board Chairman Nathan P. Feinsinger said he is certain there will be a steel strike if President Truman's seizure of the industry is nullified by the courts. He spoke at a dinner in Kansas City, Mo.

Steel Seizure Is Backed By Gary City Council

By the Associated Press

GARY, Ind., April 26.—The Gary City Council last night adopted a resolution supporting President Truman's action in seizing the steel industry on the eve of a scheduled strike.

The vote was 8-1, with six Democrats and two Republicans supporting the resolution. The dissenter, Albert Brown, a Republican, said he felt the problem was one for the President, Congress and the courts to settle.

George Fernat, a Democratic councilman and a steel worker, presented the resolution.

John H. Vohr, superintendent of United States Steel's Gary works, said in a statement issued before the meeting was held: "Does the City Council want to endorse an unlawful seizure that means more inflation? If the Government by edict can seize the steel company, it can also confiscate the corner grocery store, the tavern down the street, or Gary banks; it can take over a labor union."

LOST.

BRACELET (link), mother of pearl, small, n.w. area. Reward. OW. 1063.

BROOKLYN, silver, with small brilliant, about 1 in. long; lost Tuesday night downtown. Call Mr. 3080.

CAT, Siamese, seal point female; wearing red collar, with bell; lost Sunday, April 24, 1932. Reward. OW. 1063.

CHARITREUSE PARAKEET, named "Tommy", blue, from 1710 North Highland St. N.W. Call Mr. 3080.

EYEGLASSES, blue, afternoon, Western Ave. det. Wm. and Conn. red and black. Reward. OW. 1063.

FENDER SKIRT, 1948 Chevrolet, on Friday in rear of reservoir. Reward. OW. 1063.

FUR PIECE, Stone Martin; vicinity of 14th and G Sts., April 24. Reward. OW. 1063.

GOLD WATCH, lady's, inscribed "Dorothy M. Pace, from Bank of Montreal, Market Branch, New Westminster, B. C."; kept safe. Reward. OW. 1063.

PARAKEET, chaffinch, vicinity of Lanier St.; answers to name "Pete". Reward. OW. 1063.

POLICE BADGE, Metropolitan, No. 1486; lost in D. C. area. V.I. 5562.

RING, platinum, with brilliant diamond, of 8603 Old Bladenburg rd. Silver Spring, Md.; liberal reward. Phone JU. 8-3756.

SWEATER, white cashmere with pearl pin on shoulder. Reward. WO. 0060. Leave message with operator.

WALLET, lady's, red, containing some money and valuable papers, Minneapolis address. Call AP. 1535, evenings.

WALLET, red leather, containing money and papers; can identify. Reward. Call Liberty 5-0700.

WATCH, lady's, Gruen, long chain; vic. 80 St. N.W. and Rosslyn car. Reward. OW. 1063.

WATCH, double, black rope band; 6 diamonds on either side; vic. Riverside, N.W. Hot Shoppes and shopping district. Phone 1-5559.

WATCH, lady's, yellow gold with black band, downtown area. Reward. DE. 0600 or DE. 3838.

WREST WATCH, Kord, gold, 6 rubies and 12 round diamonds; type. Ayre & Taylor; vic. Union Station. Sat. April 19. Liberal reward. ME. 0316.

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