

## Steel Workers Still On Strike With No Immediate Settlement In Sight Yet

**STEEL INDUSTRY STILL INSISTS PRICE MUST BE INCREASED TO OFFSET WAGE BOOST**

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 2—The steel strike entered its thirteenth day today without any immediate settlement in sight, as the steel industry still insists that, if it is to grant a wage increase of 18 1-7 cents an hour as recommended by President Truman's fact-finding board, the price of steel must be increased to at least \$6.25 a ton to offset the advance in wages.

The only bright spot in the deadlock was the report that the President and OPA Administrator Chester Bowles are to hold a conference, presumably about permitting the steel companies to raise the price of their product.

From Chicago came the report that officials of the Inland Steel Corporation, whose employees at the Armour plants in Chicago, who asserted that the company is deliberately stalling in the re-employment of former strikers.

## Pathetic Pleas Made For Ships

AP Newsfeatures  
JOHANNESBURG, South Africa.—A shipping bottle-neck is keeping more than 200 South Africans from visiting Europe to hunt for missing next-of-kin, while more than 10,000 persons are waiting in England for passage to South Africa.

"Every day we receive pathetic letters," said an immigration and passport officer, "but there is little we can do. Our allocation works out at 50 berths a month, out of which urgent business and other priorities must be accommodated."

"Some of the South Africans war widows and children in stranded in England are young dire financial straits because of being unable to return home."

The South Africans waiting for passage to Europe are mostly naturalized settlers from the Balkan countries, many of whom left their families behind. The Red Cross and other organizations have made strenuous efforts to find some trace of their kin, without success.

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## Many Defend Bradley From Legion Attack

**GENERAL EISENHOWER AND CONGRESSMEN RALLY TO HIS DEFENSE IN WASHINGTON**

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 2—General Eisenhower and many congressmen today rallied to the defense of General Omar N. Bradley, veterans' administrator, as a result of an attack made on him yesterday by John Steele, commander of the American Legion, who complained about the "antiquated and inefficient methods" of the Veterans Administration under Bradley.

General Eisenhower declared he was ready to "fly to the defense of Bradley, whom he considered 'one of the greatest living Americans.'"

Several congressmen said that the administration was being conducted ably and capably by Bradley, and added that an attempt was made to "smear" General Bradley because the legion wanted to "regain its lost control" over the Veterans Administration.

General Bradley said that Steel had asked that the proposed site for a veterans hospital in Illinois be changed, and that he had been told that he, Bradley, would abide by the decision of a committee that was considering the matter of a site, adding that the site the committee chose was not the one that Steele had recommended.

Several congressmen declared they felt confident that a great majority of Legionnaires were not in sympathy with Steele in his attack on Bradley.

## Mrs. Agnes Pinder Dies This Morning

Mrs. Agnes Pinder, 85, died this morning at 7 o'clock at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Harold R. Pinder, 611 Frances street.

Mrs. Pinder was the mother of Sam B. Pinder, former tax collector of the City of Key West.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the First M. E. (Stone) Church, Rev. C. T. Howes, pastor of the church, will officiate at the services. Lopez Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Burial will be in the City Cemetery.

Survivors are, one daughter, Mrs. Harold R. Pinder; three sons, Samuel B. Pinder, Waddell Pinder, and Randolph Pinder, of West Palm Beach, Fla.; eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild; one brother, William Sawyer.

Pallbearers who will serve at the funeral are Fire Chief Leroy Torres, Captain W. W. Demeritt, Ross C. Sawyer, Sr., Archie Roberts, Thomas Kelly and Sheriff Berlin A. Sawyer.

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## Current American Motorist Carries Story Of Key West

There is a sort of happy, teenage philosophy in the Florida air these days—cheerful, hopeful, and spiritedly confident of the future, according to an analysis of the state's early stages of postwar adjustment contained in an article by Oliver Griswold, featured in the current issue of the AMERICAN MOTORIST, official publication of the American Automobile Association. Mr. Griswold is now in Key West.

The article, entitled "Reconversion to Leisure", which is illustrated with Mr. Griswold's photographs, goes on to state that this philosophy "is an excellent ingredient to mix with the bright sunshine, the brilliant flowers, and the never-ending, shining sea. It is good atmosphere for the weary, the run-down, and the jittery, as well as for those who just want to play for a while for the fun of it."

Written to indicate to potential tourists what they may expect to find in postwar Florida, the article continues:

**Florida Went Military**  
"Like many spots on the globe, Florida was stirred to the depths of her economy by the war; the state as a whole was as much, if not more, of an armed camp than some resort areas. Huge flying fields and training schools, taking advantage of the year-round outdoor weather, swelled little communities with vast, milling populations. The airports bustled and rumbled, and the sidewalks of villages, towns, and cities looked like Times Square on shore-leaves week-ends. Hotels and beaches were populated largely by drilling, studying, serious-minded young men and women who had little enough time to look up at the star-velvet sky, even for celestial navigation practice."

"But General MacArthur had hardly gotten ashore in Florida before the citizens of Florida were whipping out their brushes, lawn mowers, pruning shears, hammers, and tools to pretty up for the tourist season. Labor, as elsewhere, had been scarce for reconversion tasks. It must be remembered that the folk who used to run the charter boats, cut bait, wait on tables, run sightseeing tours, and make fishing tackle, have been in airplane repair shops, USO canteens, shipyards, and the Armed Forces."

"This has meant that ever since the war ended, the owners, themselves, have been working, and working hard. Helping, are many young men and women from other parts of the country who trained or served in Florida, who grew to love the place, and are staying on. Still more are coming back to go into business and make the state their home. All of these together are working with vim and vigor to put Florida's house in order."

**Lots To Be Done Yet**  
"Nevertheless, there is still a lot to be done. Reconversion to leisure will be spotty—more rapid in some places than others, and not to be totally accomplished in one season. Some of the concentrations of Armed Forces have already been disbanded, but in other places vacationers will have to share the total housing accommodations with remaining uniformed personnel and war workers who have not yet gone back to peacetime jobs."

"Although a number of resorts will have room for many vacationists, some of them that used to provide spotless and effortless service have gone a bit down at the heel and out at the elbow. In any event, it will be safest to make reservations well in advance—a service that the AAA, needless to say, is happy to render."

"Some things in Florida have changed little, if any. There is courtesy, for instance. If you are weary of sassy clerks and waitresses, and the general level of rudeness on the part of others who serve the public, it will be like a lullaby to hear again the sincere politeness of the South. It still has not returned to its pre-war level, but since courtesy and hospitality were a stock-in-trade, it never sank to the abyss of crudity observed elsewhere. What a Floridian might consider diffidence today will still sound like smiling solicitude to a Washingtonian."

**Florida Keys Fishing**  
"Among other things not changed—except for the better, in some ways—is fishing. It is still wonderful in Florida. Neither submarines nor bombing practice nor mines seem to have deterred the sport from the swift operation of multiplication tables among the gamblers, and the reefs and bays are teeming. The charter boat situation is not so good. Many boats were laid up or worn out in the war, and there will be a scarcity until new ones are built, despite the feverish activity of boatyards to repair and recondition everything that can carry an engine. It looks as though you will be able to get out to the Gulf Stream and the reefs, all right, but not so often."

"Hence bridge fishing and skiff fishing have increased in popularity. That is one of the reasons that many first post-war tankfuls of gasoline were burned on trips down the Overseas Highway, whose many bridges link the myriad Florida Keys south of Miami clear to Key West. This highway, one of the relatively few to benefit from the war, has new wonders to offer the motorist. It now passes through much new territory on a magnificent road-bed with a superb surface."

"After the war started, Key West, the sunny Southernmost city in the United States, lying at the end of the highway, was transferred almost overnight from a quiet, restful island community to an over-jammed hubbub of Army and Navy activity. To supply the quadrupled population and the construction expansion, the Overseas highway roared night and day with heavy trucks."

**New Highway**  
"The older parts of the road (Continued on Page Five)"

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## Jap War Message In Guise Of Weather Advisory During 1941 Discussed By Senate Committee

**Florida And Other States Will Continue To Grow At Expense Of Other Sections**

(Special to The Citizen)  
NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Florida and the five West Coast far South Western states which gained population so rapidly during the war will probably continue to grow, at the expense of the rest of the country, says Dr. Vergil D. Reed, associate director of research of J. Walter Thompson Co., and formerly acting director of the Bureau of Census, in a booklet "Population and Purchasing Power", based on government figures and made public today. Jacksonville is one of the sixteen U. S. cities over 50,000 population listed by Dr. Reed "as most apt to retain their wartime growth and to continue to grow." War migration to Florida merely speeded up a civilian population shift which started in 1935, Dr. Reed points out. New favorable freight rates, the writer adds, will be an important factor in the location of new industry in the South.

With a birthrate which has declined to 17.6 per thousand in 1946 from 27 in 1916 and a restricted flow of immigration, the United States as a whole will, according to Dr. Reed, reach a population peak of slightly over 100,000,000 between 1970 and 1980, after which there may be a slow decrease. Meantime, there will be a sharp rise in the number of old people; by 1980, persons of over 65 years of age will number 22,551,000—more than three times as many as there were in 1930. The number of those over 65 increased by about 35 per cent between 1930 and 1940; during the 12 months between July, 1943 and July, 1944 the number of those over 65 increased by 213,000—the equivalent of a Dayton, Ohio or a Syracuse, New York. Nearly 1,000,000 American women—most of them between 14 and 24 years of age, left the farms and moved into the cities and larger towns between 1940 and 1944, and most of them, Dr. Reed thinks, will remain in the cities.

Portents for future expansion of the economy are seen in these population "trends" by Dr. Reed who writes that "the standard of living" can increase to very great heights even in a declining population. He points out that the increasing number of old people will bring about a tremendous rise in the number of the aged, such as hearing aids, medical care, travel and resorts. As for the 1,000,000 women who left the farm, they will continue

to demand the services and products to which they have become accustomed in the cities. Another promise for continued expansion of production which Dr. Reed points out is the fact that families are increasing at double the rate for individuals, and because families are for many products the basic unit of consumption there will be "increased demand for many types of goods at a greater rate than indicated by population increases alone."

In conclusion, Dr. Reed writes: "We have natural resources, the industrial facilities, labor force, capital, and management to turn out a national product of \$200,000,000 a year. We can do it because we have already done it. But one further important force should be considered in connection with our population and the possibilities of maintaining the high standard of production which we have attained. This is the psychology of the population. If the people feel secure in their jobs and secure as to the peace, there is little reason to be concerned about depression. If people are ridden with fear as to the security of the peace, they will not only hesitate to spend from their savings, but they will try to hold on to their current income. Industry as well as Government must keep in mind this factor and create the greatest feeling of security possible, the 'climate' for prosperity."

## Confuse George Reese Persons

Monday there was an arrest of an employee at Elks Bingo Game of a George Reese who was held on \$75 bond which was created when Reese did not show up at city court Tuesday.

Did you know that there are two George Reeses in town? The other George Reese is a gambling man in the Inside Machine Shop at the Naval Station and who states very emphatically that he has never been connected with the bingo games on Duval.

George W. Reese, Jr., finds now that many persons are confusing him with the other George Reese and what was at first an amusing coincidence in names has now become quite embarrassing.

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## SUBJECT INTRODUCED BY CAPT. STAFFORD DEALS WITH DECODING OF MESSAGE

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—A Japanese war message, in the guise of a weather advisory, sent out on December 4, 1941, three days before the attack on Pearl Harbor, was discussed this morning before the senate Pearl Harbor disaster committee.

The subject was introduced by Captain L. F. Stafford, who was connected with the decoding of the message, the purport of which was that Japan had decided to go to war with the United States and Great Britain but was anxious to remain at peace with Russia.

Committee members said there was a discrepancy between Stafford's testimony today and that which he had given at a secret hearing early in 1944. At that time, it was asserted, he said the time the Japanese message was intercepted was on the evening of December 3, 1941, but today he gave the time as 8:30 o'clock on the morning of December 4.

The committee decided to adjourn before cross-question of Stafford was concluded, and he will be called to the stand again when the committee resumes its hearings next week.

**Temperatures**  
Temperature data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 a.m.

Station	last 24 hours last night	Highest	Lowest
Atlanta	48	32	
Boston	34	22	
Brownsville	66	57	
Charleston	53	37	
Chicago	40	—	
Detroit	38	16	
Galveston	56	48	
Jacksonville	58	34	
Kansas City	45	30	
KEY WEST	77	66	
K. W. Airport	76	66	
Memphis	55	27	
Miami	74	—	
Minneapolis	13	-15	
New Orleans	56	47	
New York	35	30	
Norfolk	43	31	
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