

# Steel Strike Set; Truman Hints At Seizure of Mills

President Truman has instructed the Justice Department to stand by for a possible steel industry seizure to ward off a steel strike scheduled for April 8. Truman's move came one week before the expiration of the strike deadline set by the CIO United Steelworkers of America in its fight for a wage increase, union shop and other demands.

## Illinois Election Law 1030 Protest Movement Grows

CHICAGO — The "Citizens Committee Against Law 1030" continues to grow in size and activity. Two prominent citizens, I. S. Dorfman, of the Board of Directors of the American Civil Liberties Union and Myrna S. Bordelon, former head of the CIO Community Services Committee, have joined in the fight against this vicious law.

## Civil Disobedience Against Jim Crow Laws in S. Africa

In the southern part of the United States whites form over two-thirds of the population; in the Union of South Africa they represent only one-fifth. That is why the white ruling class of South Africa, in order to keep in power, has a Jim Crow system (called apartheid) which is even more oppressive and totalitarian than the one in the U.S. And that is why the situation in South Africa is so explosive.

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# Truman's Withdrawal Puts Union, Negro Chiefs on Spot

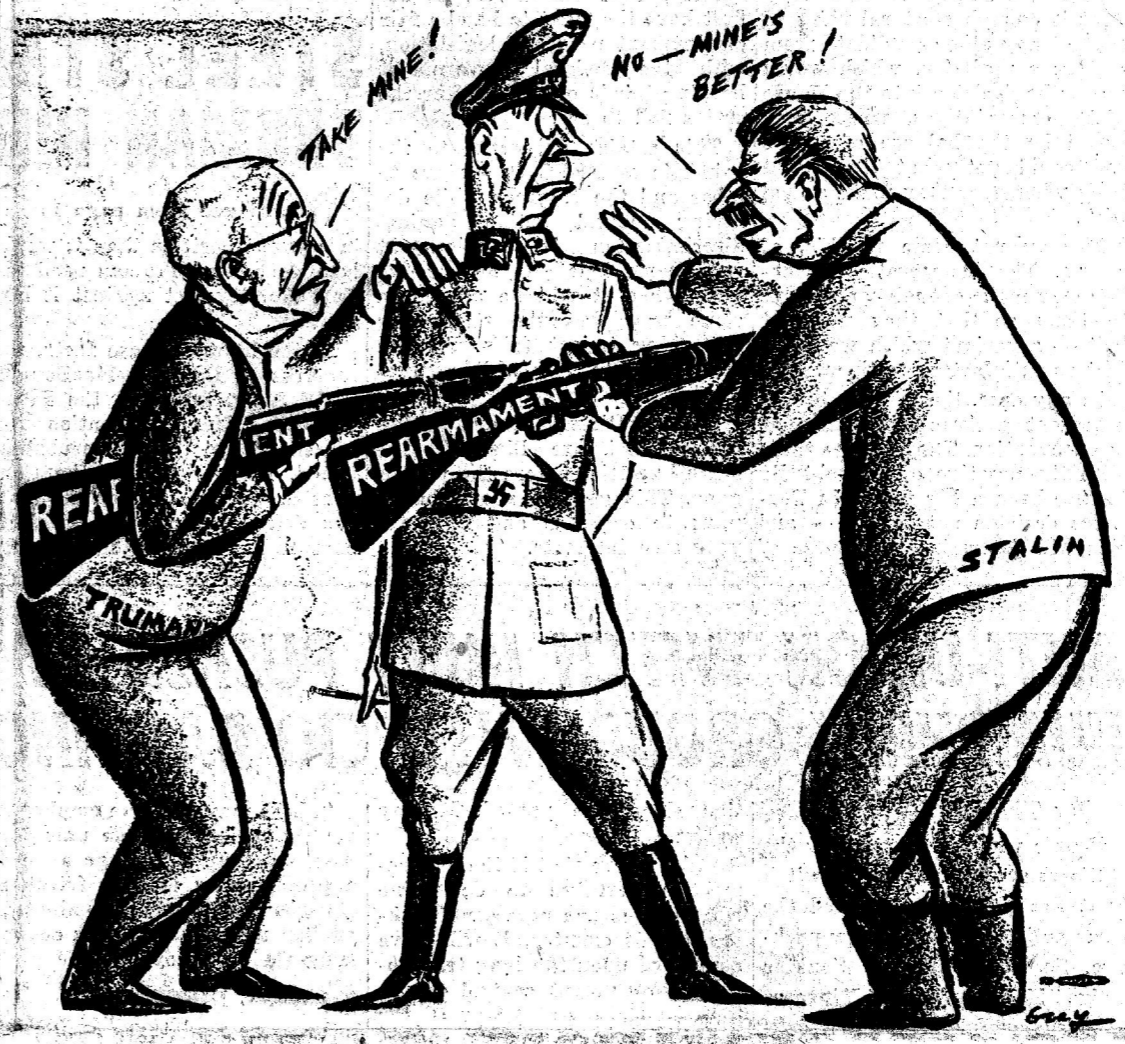
## WHAT BIG BUSINESS SEEKS IN KOREA WAR

The United States is fighting in Korea to defend the "ideals" of the open shop, affirms the giant McGraw-Hill publishing corporation in a full-page ad in the March 31 N.Y. Times. This revealing admission of Wall Street's aims in the invasion and destruction of Korea is embodied in a public appeal to the steel profiteers to "resist to the limit" the Wage Stabilization Board's recommendation of a union shop agreement.

## Washington Afraid of Election in Germany

When Stalin sent his note offering a deal to set up a united capitalist Germany, free to rearm, but neutral, the United States in concert with Britain and France replied: "A re-united, independent Germany 'can only be set up on the basis of free elections.'"

## Their Bid to German Militarism



## AKRON WORKERS FIGHT INJUNCTION JAILING OF RUBBER UNION LEADERS

By L. Cooper  
AKRON, March 28 — Angry rubber workers in this city staged a walkout protest against the action of an injunction judge in sentencing CIO United Rubber Workers (Local 5) president George Bass and eight leading unionists to 10 days in jail for "contempt" of a strikebreaking injunction.

## Washington Afraid of Election in Germany

Walter Lippmann, chief political commentator for the influential Republican N. Y. Herald-Tribune, has admitted the facts even more openly and frankly. On March 20, he wrote: "We should take a very careful look, too, at the idea of all-German elections as the preliminary to everything else . . . we would find ourselves in an impossible predicament if our proposals were accepted and the ideas had to be carried out."

## Embarrassed By Democrats' Shift to Right

By George Breitman  
Truman's announcement that he will not run again puts his labor and Negro supporters on the spot, because it means that the Democratic presidential candidate will be even more openly conservative than Truman. What are the labor and Negro movements going to do in 1952? Tag along behind a Democratic candidate who will give them even fewer concessions than Truman did, and who stands a good chance of being beaten anyhow? Or break with the capitalist parties altogether and begin to build an independent Labor Party?

## APPEASES DIXIECRATS

Stevenson favors a "states' rights" approach to the Fair Employment Practices Committee issue, — opposing any federal action against discrimination in hiring until after the states have "every opportunity" to handle it. This is appeasement of the Dixiecrats who walked out of the 1948 convention because it promised to enact a federal FEPC law.

## AIMED AT STEEL WORKERS

Two important points are contained in this description of what is going on in Washington. First, it is made clear that, if the plants are seized by the government, it will be aimed at the steelworkers and their strike plans, although the seizure would be "seemingly aimed against the companies."

## DELAY 99 DAYS

In contrast with this, here is what has actually happened since January 1. The union has been forced to delay its strike for 99 days so far, as against the 80 days provided in the Taft-Hartley Act. The controversy has been heard by a board, exactly as provided in the Taft-Hartley Act.

## A FEW EXAMPLES

"Let me give you a few examples. In South Africa you have to carry a series of from 17 to 20 passes. If a Negro is found without one of these passes he can be arrested and put in jail. There are absolutely no laws to protect their natives."

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