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### Probably No Steel Strike.

The president's steel fact-finding board recommended that there be no new fourth-round wage increase, and because it did there is reason to believe there will be no steel L strike. Not, at least, on the date originally scheduled. ke. Not, at least, on the date originally scheduled.

This is the outstanding fact in regard to a situation

which threatened serious industrial trouble in the months pended stated. Such trouble may develop anyway, but it is less material likely than it would have been had the board recommended a wage increase which the steel companies almost certainly remained.

It is true that the board did recommend what would amount to about 8 cents an hour in the way of pension and free insurance increases for steel workers, which would amount, according to their estimates to shout 5 per cent increase in direct labor costs to the companies. But it should be possible to arbitrate this without a strike.

It is reasonable to believe the recommendations of the

costs were a custinct disappointment to many labor lead, where strong probably not as surprising to them as some light estimate. In the hearings before the board the arguments against a fourth-round wage increase at this time prove 10 z seemed overwhelming and it arguments.

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The time has come to consider the basic matter of collective bargaining in mass production industries where inindustry-wide bargaining has been accepted.

Direct quotation from the report in regard to wage inidea of some creases included this: "The postwar race between rising
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despite a respective production of the production of ed stable within the last year; in fact, it has slowly

declined."

The report added significantly, however, that if the steel companies do not lower prices the employes will be untified in renewing their demand for higher wages, "in order better to participate in the industry's prosperity."

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This makes sense to the average man. There is no question but what the steel industry has been making good prefectils; profits which should mean one of two things—either wage increases for the steel workers or reduced prices to steel consumers. Considered from the viewpoint of greatest good for the country as a whole, lower steel prices is the well of the profit of the country as a whole, lower steel prices is the well of the profit of the

logical answer. Presumably, steel companies have been careful to lower prices because they were faced with the possibility of a fourth round of wage increases. If such an increase is not to be, material reductions in the price of steel certainly abould be forthcoming.

In the meantime, if the fact-finding board's decision expensive the steel of the steel certainly abould be forthcoming to the steel of the

#### Another Test Election.

Today sees another of those interim test elections ich some will interpret as offering basis for conclusions

which some will interpret as offering basis for consections regarding comparative popularity of democratic and amplifican programs. This one is in the 26th congressional district of Pennsylvania, to fill the vacancy caused when Representative Robert L. Coffey, Jr., was killed in the crash of his jet airplane in New Mexico in April.

The 26th district of Pennsylvania is made up learned of farmers, though there is also considerable industry and some coal mining. In 1942 the district west republican by more than 1200 in 1946 by isses than 6,000. In 1946 by isses than 6,000. In 1946 by isses than 6,000. In 1946 by the proposition incumbent by more than 1200 for some size of the proposition incumbent by more than 12,000 for some size of the 10 for the 10

Workers. He took air force training and rose from air ca-det to lieutenant colonel. He flew no less than 97 combat missions. was shot down behind the German lines but alipped away to re-join his own forces. He received the air medal 27 times, the Distinguished Flying Cross three times, and the Purple Heart. In today's election, the republican candidate is John

In today's election, the republican candidate in some P. Saylor, a lawyer and a navy veteran, the democratic candidate is Mr. Coffey's mother; a situation which is going to insure that whoever wins there will be abundant arguments that it doesn't mean a thing, though the winning side will maintain otherwise.

There is something queer sounding about the proposal of the E. C. A. to spend half a million to send experts to Europe to improve efficiency over there when so much to improve efficiency over there when so into-mey in our federal government was exposed by the commission and still awaits correction.

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