

United Mine Workers' Board Of Strategy Opens Contract Talks With Coal Operators

PHILADELPHIA, July 8.—(AP)—The United Mine Workers Board of Strategy and the nation's anthracite operators opened contract negotiations Thursday with the controversial three-day work week a highly possible issue.

Negotiations between John L. Lewis' UMW and three branches of the soft coal industry are ready underway.

Lewis, whose union includes 400,000 bituminous diggers and 80,000 hard coal miners, put a three-day work week in effect for all soft coal miners east of the Mississippi starting this week.

His order, which drew immediate criticism from both congressional and industry leaders, did not include the hard coal miners, however.

In the anthracite fields a five-day work week is in effect this week after the Pennsylvania Anthracite Committee set the weekly production quota at 1,207,000 tons.

While the bituminous industry is divided into three negotiating

groups — steel-owned captive mines, Southern operators and coal men of the North and West — the anthracite industry speaks as a unit.

One of the prime reasons for Lewis' shortened work week order was believed to be the record soft coal stockpile now above ground. Lewis himself said the move was aimed at "stabilizing" the industry, reducing current heavy production to meet the small demand.

A smaller coal reserve would, of necessity, enhance Lewis' position in the soft coal wage negotiations.

The hard coal situation includes a similar heavy stockpile but differs in that the Pennsylvania Anthracite Committee — composed of union, operator and state representatives — sets the production quota. And that in turn determines the length of the work week set by the individual operators.

There appeared a possibility Lewis may seek in today's talks to change that.

So far Lewis has not disclosed any of his hard coal demands.



ANN HACKWORTH, a member of the Multnomah Athletic Club's "Cody Kids," will be here for the first Southern Oregon Invitational Swimming Meet, scheduled Saturday night and Sunday afternoon at the Roseburg Municipal Pool. The meet is sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, with all proceeds, above expenses, going to the swimming pool fund.

Small Steel Firms Extend Contracts With Union

PITTSBURGH, July 8.—(AP)—Extension of contracts with 72 small steel companies employing 40,000 steelworkers was announced Thursday by William J. Hart, director of District 19 of the CIO-United Steelworkers of America.

The terminal dates of the smaller companies' contracts coincide with that of the U. S. Steel Corp. as a result, operations in the smaller plants will be allowed to continue if "big steel" is struck July 16.

Hart said the extensions granted the smaller industries will per-

mit operations of these plants until negotiations with U. S. Steel, usually regarded as a pattern for the whole industry, are resolved in agreements.

Negotiations with the smaller firm will then be opened, with possibly no suspensions of operations resulting for "little steel."

The contracts of two other large producing companies in District 19, Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp. and the Blaw-Knox Co. have Aug. 16 as a terminal date, one month later than those of big steel and its subsidiaries.

Labor Situation In Japan Takes On Grave Aspect

TOKYO, July 8.—(AP)—New violence marked Japan's worsening labor situation yesterday.

A state of national emergency appeared in the offing.

Ibaragi prefecture miners joined in the general unrest. They protested and demonstrated against arrest of 19 of their number and discharge of 200 more.

Evidence mounted to indicate the country's first political murder since the occupation had been committed. The victim was Sadanori Shimoyama, president of the National Railway Corporation.

Doctors said there were strong indications he had been dead at least 12 hours before his body was mangled by a speeding freight train in Tokyo Tuesday.

Shimoyama had just issued discharge notices to 30,000 of 95,000 rail workers scheduled to be let out under an American-sponsored retrenchment plan.

Prime Minister Yoshida was said by a member of his cabinet to be demanding the ousting of National Police Superintendent Salto.

The miners' participation in the general unrest was a surprise. Three thousand of them demon-

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Sen. Cain Backs Magnuson's Bill Authorizing Building Of Columbia Basin Projects

By CHARLES D. WATKINS
WASHINGTON, July 8.—(AP)—Senator Cain (R-Wash.) came out yesterday in support of a bill by Senator Magnuson (D-Wash.) which would authorize construction of all Columbia Basin projects contained in the \$3,000,000,000 coordinated program of the Army engineers and the Reclamation Bureau.

The authorization would be the first step toward getting the projects under way. Appropriations cannot be made for actual construction unless Congress has authorized the projects.

Magnuson's bill is the same as one introduced previously by Cain except that the Magnuson bill names the projects.

Cain's bill would have provided a blanket authorization for all projects listed in the coordinated report.

These are:
The Priest Rapids, John Day and The Dalles project on the Columbia River in Washington and Oregon; the Hells Canyon project on the Snake River in Idaho; Albeni Falls on the Pend

Orelle River; extension of the Willamette River improvements in Oregon; 12 irrigation projects in the Columbia Basin and related flood control works.

Cain, a member of the Senate Public Works Committee, told a reporter:

"I shall do everything I can to support Senator Magnuson's bill. It covers exactly the same projects that are covered in my bill submitted sometime ago. The program contained in the coordinated project should be authorized quickly.

"It would be the first step toward getting more projects in the basin in position for appropriations to start their construction. We cannot go any further with basin development until we get these additional projects authorized."

Meanwhile, Chairman Chavez (D-NM) of the Senate Public Works Committee announced further testimony will be heard Friday on the administration's bill to set up a Columbia Valley Administration in the Pacific Northwest.

Chavez said C. Girard Davidson, assistant secretary of the interior, will resume his testimony. He has stepped aside twice to permit proponents of the bill from the Pacific Northwest to be heard.

At a committee session two weeks ago, Cain charged Davidson had violated the anti-lobbying act by making speeches in the Northwest urging support of the CVA bill. Davidson, who was not present, later denied the charge.

Ousted Doctor May Ask Hearing Of Civil Service

SALEM, July 8.—(AP)—Dr. Horace G. Miller, State Hospital psychiatrist who was fired Wednesday for insubordination, said he might demand a state Civil Service hearing.

"I have been deeply grieved by some of the trends and developments at the Oregon State Hospital under the superintendency of Dr. Charles E. Bates, and the treatment that has been accorded some of my friends. I am considering having a Civil Service hearing."

Dr. Miller indicated that his purpose in demanding a hearing would be to clear himself of Dr. Bates' charges that Dr. Miller "was guilty of subversive activity and insubordination."

William Ryan, state supervisor of institutions, said he would welcome a hearing, and that he isn't afraid of any charges Dr. Miller might present. Ryan supported Dr. Bates, who was appointed superintendent only last year.

Dr. Miller said Dr. Bates called him into the superintendent's office Wednesday and fired him.

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