

# Coal strike negotiations collapse

## Walkout nears 59-day record

WASHINGTON (AP) — Contract talks in the increasingly bitter 54-day coal strike collapsed again Sunday after the United Mine Workers (UMW) union rejected the industry's latest settlement proposal.

Delicate efforts to put together a settlement fell apart when union and management negotiators were unable to narrow their differences over wages and other economic issues.

A spokesman for the Bituminous Coal Operators Association, the industry's major bargaining group, issued a statement saying that talks had "recessed indefinitely."

The strike by 160,000 UMW members already was close to the longest walkout in

the history of the union's relationship with the coal operators association. The longest previous strike was in 1946, and lasted 59 days.

In its statement, the industry said it offered the union a contract "substantially better than settlements reached in any major industry in America."

The union rejected the proposal and made a counter-proposal to which the industry did not respond, according to sources familiar with the negotiations.

"The stumbling block was money," a

source said. "The company thought the union's demand was out of sight."

Along with wage increases "clearly higher than those granted in other industries," the association said, it offered to guarantee all health benefits, restore the UMW's health and pension funds and "provide a contract right to deal fairly on both sides with wildcat strikes."

"Despite this offer, the UMW negotiators refused to move significantly from their incredibly high demands," the industry said.

With UMW President Arnold Miller and

other top union officers scheduled to attend a union rally in Pittsburgh Sunday, the coal association said it decided to call off the negotiations.

"Under all these circumstances, we can only conclude that after 54 days of strike, the union is not interested in settlement on any responsible basis," the management negotiators said.

Union officials were not immediately available for comment.

Although the strike has stopped only about half of the nation's coal production, it is beginning to have a growing impact, especially in the Appalachian states where electric utility companies are reporting diminished coal stockpiles.

## World at a glance

From Associated Press reports

### African leader stresses unity

SOWETO, South Africa — Stressing unity and self-reliance, Zulu Chief Gatsha Buthelezi told a throng of 10,000 blacks Sunday they have "reached the crossroads" in the fight for racial equality in white-ruled South Africa.

The leader of the 5.5 million Zulus, the country's largest tribe, told the roaring crowd who packed a football stadium:

"We owe it to the founding fathers of the African National Congress, now banned, and their successors, some deceased, some exiled and some incarcerated, to uphold the tradition of this titanic struggle for liberation."

Buthelezi, 49, the most vociferous government critic within the country who has not been jailed, attracted what appeared to be the largest black audience ever at political rally in Soweto.

### Schlesinger raps satellites

WASHINGTON — Energy Secretary James Schlesinger said Sunday it is inappropriate for satellites containing nuclear reactors to orbit the earth.

But he said he didn't know whether nuclear-equipped satellites could be banned effectively. Schlesinger was commenting on the Soviet spy satellite which fell from orbit Tuesday with a nuclear reactor aboard.

He was asked whether the United States should push for an agreement with the Soviet Union to prohibit nations from sending up nuclear reactors with their earth-orbiting vehicles.

"I would prefer to leave that particular question to the Department of State," he replied. "But there are serious hazards, and I regard it as inappropriate to have nuclear reactors orbiting the earth."

### Hotel fire dead reaches 12

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Workers poking through the debris of the fire-gutted Coates House hotel in near-zero temperatures found three more bodies Sunday, raising the death toll to 12.

Only an ice-coated shell remained of the landmark hotel's south wing Sunday as the workers, aided by a Caterpillar and a large crane, dug through the rubble. Smoldering ruins on the shaky upper floors prevented firemen from immediately examining that part of the hotel.

## Blizzards, flash floods sweep through Europe

LONDON (AP) — Severe storms swept through parts of Europe over the weekend, bringing blizzards to northern Scotland, snow to the Italian Riviera and flash flooding to Venice and other Italian communities.

Officials said seven people were killed in Italy, two men drowned in British waters and 27 sailors from the Spanish fishing trawler Marbel were reported missing off the Spanish coast.

At an Italian Alps resort at Pescegalla, the cook and the owner of

a hotel were killed when a wall of snow crashed into the building. Officials said a major disaster was averted because the hotel's usual weekend visitors were kept away by a heavy snowfall the previous day.

Three persons crossing a bridge over the River Marecchia at Pesaro were presumed drowned when the bridge collapsed in a storm plunging their car into the river. On Saturday officials reported that a motorist and a snowtractor driver died in separate snowslides.

## Israeli, Egyptian defense heads expected to resume Cairo talks

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel decided Sunday to resume military talks with Egypt, giving a new push to Middle East peace negotiations following a cooling of the public war of words between the two countries and intensive backstage U.S. diplomatic efforts.

The military talks in Cairo between defense ministers are expected to resume early this week. But there was no indication after Sunday's regular Israeli cabinet meeting when the parallel political negotiations in Jerusalem might resume.

"That is up to Egypt," cabinet secretary Aryeh Naor said after the three and a half hour session. "It wasn't Israel that broke off the talks."

Israeli officials said, however, that agreement is possible as early as this week — before Egyptian Pres. Anwar Sadat confers with Pres. Jimmy Carter in Washington — on a joint "declaration of principles" to outline future negotiations.

Agreement on the declaration would be the first breakthrough since Sadat's trip to Jerusalem in November created the first real peace negotiations in the 30-year conflict.

But Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohamed Ibrahim Kamel has taken a more pessimistic line, saying agreement on the declaration should not be expected even during Sadat's U.S. trip.

## 'Whiskey sour please easy on the hijacker'

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) — An airline flight attendant who threw a whiskey sour in a hijacker's face, enabling other crew members to overpower him, said Sunday, "It wasn't courageous. I was just scared and I wanted to end the entire incident."

"You just have to do what you do in times of emergency," said Steve Addona, a 5-foot-6-inch, 120-pound flight attendant for Piedmont Aviation of his action aboard Flight 964 Saturday night. "Nobody wanted to come out a hero."

Stunned by the drink, the hijacker, who said he had a gun and wanted to go to Havana, Cuba, was wrestled to the ground by crewmen after the plane had passed Wilmington and was headed south.



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10:30 & 2:30 Campus Tours, Oregon Hall  
12:00 - 5:00 Art Museum open  
All day bowling, A.C.U. - I Regionals, EMU  
\* 3:00 - 5:00 Registration for Dads Weekend, EMU Lobby  
Beer Garden 4-7  
BB King 7-10/Tickets EMU Main Desk  
Campus Movies: "Carrie", 7 & 9:30, 180 PLC, one dollar;  
"Drive, He Said", 7, 8:45, 10:30, 150 Geology, one dollar.

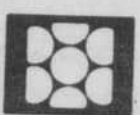
### Saturday

\* 8:00 - 11:00 Registration for Dads Weekend, EMU Lobby  
8:30 Campus Tour, 13th & University  
9:00 - 11:00 Dad's Breakfast, \$2.50 per person, 167 EMU  
All day bowling, A.C.U. - I Regionals, EMU  
12:00 - 5:00 Art Museum  
2:30 Wrestling, U of O - Wash. State, McArthur Court  
5:00 Dine out with Dad  
7:00 Gymnastics invitational, McArthur Court  
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