

UMW reaches tentative pact

WASHINGTON (AP) — The striking United Mine Workers (UMW) and a major independent coal company reached a tentative contract settlement Monday that could set a pattern for an industry-wide agreement to end the 77-day coal strike.

But Carter administration officials cautioned that major roadblocks remained and began testing congressional sentiment for legislation to force an end to the strike.

Labor Secretary Ray Marshall conferred with the chairman of the House and Senate committees that would handle any legislation

to halt the dispute.

After the talks on Capitol Hill, Marshall was called to the White House to confer with Vice-President Walter Mondale, Energy Secretary James Schlesinger and others.

Officials said Carter's options for intervening in the strike include one or a combination of the following: invoking the Taft-Hartley Act ordering miners back to work, seeking legislation for a temporary federal seizure of the mines or legislation imposing binding arbitration to dictate contract terms.

The tentative agreement with P&M Coal

Co., a Gulf Oil Corp. subsidiary, was taken to the union's 39-member bargaining council for review.

If the contract is approved by the UMW leadership and rank-and-file members employed by P&M, the company could begin producing coal, helping to ease shortages in some areas.

But more importantly, the tentative agreement could bring pressure on the Bituminous Coal Operators Association to reach a settlement.

Soviet military outstrips NATO

LONDON (AP) — The British government said Monday the Soviet military buildup is outstripping that of the NATO allies in the air, at sea and on land.

The Labor government report said the Russians are spending between 11 and 13 percent of their resources on the buildup.

Moscow's military capability goes well beyond Europe into Africa and the Soviet government is able to deploy military resources rapidly "in support of its political interests in the Third World," the report said.

It gave these examples of the increase in Soviet naval power in the Eastern Atlantic and in land power in Central Europe over the past 10 years:

- The number of nuclear-powered submarines increased from 44 to 104, or 136 percent.
- Missile-armed cruisers and destroyers increased from six to 23 or 283 percent.
- Fixed-wing maritime aircraft increased from 170 to 220, or 29 percent.
- Battle tanks increased from 7,250 to 9,500, or 31 percent.

World at a glance

From Associated Press reports

Assad goes arms shopping

Syrian Pres. Hafez Assad flew to Moscow on an arms-buying trip Monday — the fourth hardline Arab leader opposed to Egypt's Middle East peace initiative to visit the Soviet Union within a month.

As the Soviets laid on a red carpet welcome for Assad, a top U.S. envoy returned to Jerusalem to try to resuscitate the stalled Egyptian-Israeli talks and the Israeli cabinet began a major reassessment of its attitude towards the peace bid.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Alfred Atherton told reporters at the airport that he will try to draw Jordan into the negotiations.

Goering's suicide note printed

BONN, West Germany — A German newspaper has published a suicide note attributed to Hermann Goering in which the Nazi Reichsmarshal told his wife, Emmy, he would have accepted an Allied firing squad but was killing himself to escape the indignity of hanging.

The newspaper, Welt am Sonntag, said the former air force chief and No. 2 man in the Nazi hierarchy wrote the letter in his prison cell shortly before poisoning himself on Oct. 15, 1946, two hours before the scheduled hanging.

Widow, 71, arrested on assault

QUINCY, Mass. — A 71-year-old reclusive widow was taken into custody Monday after keeping police at bay from her bungalow with a shotgun for 12 days, threatening to kill herself and anyone who approached.

Detective Guido Pettanelli grabbed Mary Regina Connor when she opened the door of her home early in the afternoon. Officers found a loaded shotgun inside the door, Quincy Police Lt. James Fay said.

Paul Graham, a neighbor, said Connor opened the door after Pettanelli had knocked to check her condition when she did not answer her phone.

She was arrested on an assault charge stemming from a threat she made with the gun, police said.

Officials deny Jordan's spitting

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House released 33 pages of statements Monday to counter a story in a newspaper gossip column that said Hamilton Jordan, Pres. Carter's chief aide, spat a drink down the front of a young woman's blouse in a Washington singles bar.

The Washington Post reported Sunday that two witnesses told reporter Rudy Maxa that on the night of Jan. 27, Jordan and two friends tried to strike up conversation with the woman at Sarsfield's bar. It said Jordan introduced himself as "Harvey Phillips."

In the course of the conversation, the Post said, Jordan wrote the woman a dirty limerick and rubbed the small of her back until her repeated efforts to remove his hands finally discouraged him.

When he failed to distract her from a conversation with another man, the newspaper said, "Jordan filled his mouth with his drink

and spewed it down the front of her blouse."

White House Press Secretary Jody Powell said when he heard last Friday the Post had prepared the story, an assistant to White House counsel Robert Lipshutz was dispatched to talk with several witnesses, including the bartender at Sarsfield's who served Jordan.

UO YWCA presents WOMEN/SPEAK

A Brown Bag Lunch Series

- Tues, Feb. 21 - How to Start A Bookstore and Other Businesses - Mary Faust and Patricia Tubb - Book and Tea Shop
- Mon, Feb. 27 - Rabbi Laura Geller (co-sponsored by the Jewish Student Union and Women's Referral and Resource Service)

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Multi-cultural

Historical Symposium

Feb. 20-24

Events Daily in the University of Oregon EMU

Monday, Feb. 20

Nobuko Joanne Miyamoto and Bennie Yee, members of "Warriors of the Rainbow," an Asian American movement band, will give a concert at 8:00 pm in the EMU Ballroom. Tickets are \$3.00 and may be purchased at the EMU main desk.

Tuesday, Feb. 21

Jerome Hall, internationally known Black poet and writer, will give a lecture at 1:00 pm in the EMU Forum Room. Hall writes articles and does photography for many newspapers and magazines, and also teaches courses on racism in Spain and the U.S. One of the possible topics Hall will speak on is "European racism: variations and significance. Free admission.

Wednesday, Feb. 22

Roger Broer, nationally known Sioux Indian artist will give a lecture and show some of his paintings at 12:00 pm in the EMU Forum room. Admission is free.

The award-winning film "At the Time of Whaling" will be shown at 7:00 pm in the EMU Forum room. This movie tells about whaling from the side of the Eskimos and explains why it is an important part of their culture.

Members of the Asian American Student Union will combine poetry, history and commentary with Judo, Kung Fu and Karate in a martial arts demonstration at 7:30 pm in the EMU, room 167. Admission is \$1.00 and tickets may be purchased at the EMU main desk. This demonstration will combine technique and thought so that viewers may gain insight into the total picture of martial arts.

Thursday, Feb. 23

Jerome Hall, internationally known Black poet and writer, will give a lecture at 8:00 pm in room 167, EMU. One of the possible topics Hall will speak on is Contemporary poetry—the significance of new movements.

Friday, Feb. 24

Dance to disco from 9:00 pm to 12:30 am in room 167, EMU. Admission is \$1.00.

Multi-Cultural Dinner/Show

Friday, Feb. 24 6:00 p.m.
EMU Ballroom 2.50

Ethnic Food and Entertainment

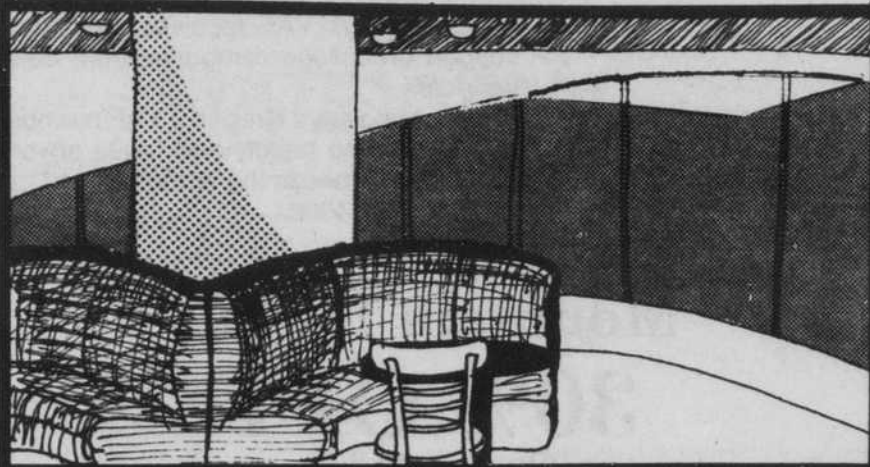
Menu:

Barbecued chicken, greens, fried won ton, fried bread, corn cobettes, lemonade and coffee.

Entertainment:

Poetry reading, singing, traditional Indian and Japanese dance, martial arts and more!

THE SKYLIGHT & CENTURY ROOMS



* Cottage Cheese with Chopped Green Onions, Sliced Tomatoes and Alfalfa Sprouts on Rye

* Peanut Butter, Sliced Banana and Coconut on Raisin Bread

* Cheddar Cheese, Sliced Tomatoes and Alfalfa Sprouts on Caraway Rye Bread

* Cream Cheese, with Sliced Green Onions, freshly sliced Mushroom, Cucumbers, Alfalfa Sprouts on Caraway Rye Bread

* NEW ITEM Baked Potatoes with Cream Cheese

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