

# Governors urge coal agreement

WASHINGTON (AP) — Governors of three coal-producing states said Thursday only industry capitulation to the United Mine Workers' (UMW) bottomline contract terms can avert presidential intervention in the coal strike by this weekend.

West Virginia Gov. Jay Rockefeller, declaring his "absolute conviction" that Pres. Carter will intervene soon, said the only way to end the 80-day-old strike is for the industry to accept a tentative contract already negotiated between the union and a major

independent operator.

The statement came only hours after Carter told reporters he had decided to forego immediate intervention because "we're still trying to get the parties to negotiate with each other."

Rockefeller, Pennsylvania Gov. Milton Shapp and Kentucky Gov. Julian Carroll issued a statement supporting strong action by Carter.

Carroll appeared to be laying the groundwork for an administration decision to terminate industry-wide bargaining. He said

the talks are "near impasse" and added: "It's time for the operators to understand the negotiations essentially are over."

The statement, made shortly after the three met with Carter, appeared to be part of the administration's effort to maneuver the industry into accepting the terms of the settlement between the UMW and Pittsburg and Midway Coal Mining Co., a Denver-based independent. The union has said it will accept nothing less than that contract; the operators have refused to consider it as a model.

The Bituminous Coal Operators Association, the industry negotiating arm, had no comment on the governors' statements.

The Senate agreed to take a break Friday from debate on the Panama Canal treaties to discuss what Congress could do to end the strike.

Carter called the three governors to a meeting after conferring with congressional leaders about the strike. Administration sources said Carter told the lawmakers

there was still a last chance for a negotiated agreement and that he could not wait past the weekend to act.

But they said he stressed the need to keep his options open for a few more days and the need for the two parties in the dispute to know that he had congressional backing.

Legislative solutions which have been frequently mentioned are a federal seizure of the mines and the imposition of binding arbitration on both parties. There has also been talk of Carter asking the courts to invoke the Taft-Hartley Act, which would order the miners back to work.

An Associated Press-NBC News poll found nearly two-thirds of the American people think Carter should try to reopen the mines through Taft-Hartley.

Senate Minority Leader Howard H. Baker Jr. said after the meeting with Carter it could be late April or May before Congress could act. By then, he said, there could be 90 percent power cutbacks in some areas and millions of people idled.

## Foremost LSD manufacturer eludes police

ASHFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Denis Lee Kelly, described by federal authorities as "one of the foremost manufacturers of LSD in the world," has escaped an FBI arrest attempt after hiding out for five months in a rural house.

Kelly, 36, a chemical engineer by profession and a woman identified as Brenda May Smith — both said to be heavily armed and extremely dangerous — fled just hours before a Feb. 15 raid at the isolated home in this western Massachusetts hill town.

Kelly, wanted on federal warrants issued in California and Oregon, allegedly developed a process for manufacturing millions of dollars worth of the hallucinogenic drug more efficiently than other underground drug producers.

In their flight, Kelly and Smith left behind a truckload of valuable antiques and other goods. Kelly "lived like a king," according to Alan Ringgold, agent-in-charge of the FBI's Springfield office.

## ...while UMW strike causes GM layoffs

The spreading effects of the 80-day coal strike reached the auto industry Thursday, with two General Motors plants in Indiana announcing one-day furloughs of a total of 8,300 workers.

Meanwhile, Ohio, West Virginia and Maryland braced for power cutbacks that seemed likely to bring more drastic layoffs next week.

And officials of the Tennessee Valley Authority, the nation's largest utility, said the cutbacks could spread to it by early March and lay off more than 100,000 workers in seven states.

Meanwhile, pleas for voluntary power-saving or orders for cutbacks not drastic enough to affect

jobs were in effect in a wide swath of states — from Missouri and Illinois to Alabama, Virginia and Maryland — that depend on Appalachian coal.

Indiana so far is under the most serious power curtailments — 25 percent to industries in much of the state. Some 300 National Guardsmen remained on duty Thursday, protecting coal shipments from non-union mines to fuel-short utilities. But another 300 guardsmen were being deactivated because there has been no significant violence.

On Thursday, before the auto layoffs, an estimated 3,400 workers were laid off at plants in Indiana because of the curtailments.

## World at a glance

From Associated Press Reports

### Wayne Hays re-enters politics

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Wayne Hays, whose career as one of the nation's most powerful congressmen was cut short by the Elizabeth Ray sex scandal, re-entered politics Thursday as a candidate for the Ohio Legislature.

"I have had a lot of people ask me to run. I don't mean 20 or 30, I mean in the hundreds," Hays said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press from a St. Clairsville bank where he serves on the board.

Hays said backers have told him any references to the 1976 affair with Miss Ray, a Capitol Hill secretary, would only strengthen their support.

"I think people are inclined to say that has no bearing on this," Hays said. "If the constituents hold it as a major bar to my being a representative, I wouldn't run."

### Mideast talks falter

JERUSALEM — American efforts to mediate a Middle East peace settlement are running into snags because of a toughened Egyptian stand, Israeli officials said Thursday.

A pessimistic view of chances for an Egyptian-Israeli agreement leaked out of a closed briefing given Wednesday by Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan to Parliament's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee.

### LSD defendants sentenced

BRISTOL, England — The last of 31 defendants will be sentenced next week in the windup of the biggest drug bust in the annals of British crime. The "British Connection," police say, "was supplying 60 percent of the world's street-corner LSD."

The operation, which police said pulled in an estimated \$230 million, was begun by a university-educated gang in 1971 with distribution links in New York, Paris, Amsterdam and Sydney.

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