

# Miners reject proposed contract

WASHINGTON — Striking miners voted overwhelmingly against a proposed contract Sunday and Pres. Carter made plans to step in swiftly to try to force miners back to work in the 90-day-old strike.

Sources said the president was likely to invoke the strike-halting provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act Monday, setting in motion a sequence of events that could lead to a back-to-work court order within a few days.

White House Press Secretary Jody Powell told reporters: "It's clear from the trend in the voting that the president will have to act no later than tomorrow. It will be the primary topic of the Cabinet meeting tomorrow to be followed by a bipartisan meeting of the con-

## Carter may invoke Taft-Hartley

gressional leadership."

Carter met with Labor Secretary Ray Marshall and other administration officials at the White House when he returned from a weekend stay at the presidential retreat at Camp David, Md.

Pending final decisions by the President, one source said, the administration's strategy was shaping up this way:

Carter would invoke the Taft-Hartley Act Monday night, appointing a three-member

board of inquiry required under the law to make a report.

It was learned that its members were likely to be Carl Wams, a law professor at the University of Louisville; Eva Robins, a labor arbitrator from New York, and Jack Gentry, a Washington lawyer.

Officials said the administration probably would be ready to go to court within a few days to seek a back-to-work order against the miners.

With 482 of the United Mine Workers' 794 locals or about 60 percent reporting, there were 44,666 votes against the contract and 19,885 in favor of it.

"It appears now that this contract isn't going to make it," said Willard Esselstyn, UMW secretary-treasurer.

Esselstyn declined to answer questions except to say he had been in touch with UMW Pres. Arnold Miller.

Administration officials began a new round of meetings to plan their next step in a strike that has caused power curtailments and job layoffs and threatened serious damage to the economy.

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### Rocky trades politics for art

NEW YORK—Nelson Rockefeller says he's out of politics for good and is embarking on a new venture making his extensive art collection available to the public via publishing and fine reproductions.

"I just decided it was time to get out of politics," said the four-time governor of New York and former vice-president.

"Quitting wasn't hard. I've spent my life changing jobs. So I've got no problem. I just pulled the curtain down."

### Bundy suspect in 36 slayings

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The FBI says Theodore Bundy was wanted for questioning in 36 sex slayings. Arrested 10 days after he was placed on the FBI's most wanted list, Bundy has not been charged with any new slayings. Some investigators say he may never be.

The FBI says he is wanted for questioning in 36 slayings during the past five years in Oregon, Utah, Washington, Colorado and California.

But some local investigators say that although Bundy is a strong suspect in their homicides, they lack concrete evidence against him.

## Ethiopians, Somalis trade charges after desert battle

Ethiopia claimed Sunday its forces recaptured the strategic town of Jijiga from Somali-backed secessionist rebels in the embattled Ogaden desert. The Somalis denied the report and claimed that Soviet troops had joined the attack on the town.

The Ethiopian Embassy in London issued a statement saying regular forces and people's militia of Ethiopia had entered Jijiga and were in "total control" of the area "after a fierce battle with the Somali invading forces."

The Somali troops were completely wiped out," it said, claiming that Ethiopian troops and militia "are advancing on all fronts and soon it will be one victory after another over the enemy forces." Jijiga is 60 miles west of the Ethiopian-Somalian border.

In Mogadishu, Somalia, the

Ogaden rebel group — the Western Somali Liberation Front — said the rebel forces at Jijiga continued to withstand the assault and that only Russians and Cubans, not Ethiopians, were seen among the attackers.

Somalia's ambassador to Britain, Ahmed Mohamed Adan, made the same claim to reporters in London. Independent confirmation of such battle-front reports from the two sides in the Ogaden has been difficult to obtain.

"I have just been in touch with Mogadishu and they say the Ethiopian claim is not true," Adan said. "The Ethiopians are in the habit of making these claims...."

"Officials sources in Mogadishu say Russian and Cuban troops and the forces of the Western Somali Liberation Front are locked in bitter fighting near the town of Babile between Harar and Jijiga," he said. Harar is an Ethiopian fortress city and base 40 miles west of Jijiga.

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## Hua solidifies political grip

TOKYO (AP) — China's parliament re-elected Communist Chairman Hua Kuo-feng as premier Sunday, solidifying his hold at the top of the Peking hierarchy as both political and administrative leader of the world's most populous nation.

Hua, 57, apparently outmaneuvered Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping for the job as head of government, proving himself a wily and successful political in-fighter. In the process he has established himself as successor to both Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai, the two great leaders of Chinese communism.

Peking's Great Hall of the People "rang with cheers and there was a prolonged ovation" after Hua was chosen premier at the closing session of the fifth National People's Congress, the official news agency Hsinhua reported in a dispatch received here.

But Teng, 73, did not come away empty-handed. He and his old-guard military revolutionary allies put two of their men into key positions.

Defense Minister Yeh Chien-ying, 81, was named to head the congress' standing committee, and Marshal Hsu Hsiang-chien,

76, was chosen to take over at Defense.

Hua, who had been premier by party appointment for almost two years, left most of his cabinet intact. But a shakeup in the seven divisions of the important Ministry of Machine Building—only two of seven ministers kept their jobs — signaled a determination to put new steam into the drive toward economic modernization of China.

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