

Carter forces strikers back to mines

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pres. Carter, declaring the country "cannot afford to wait any longer" for a coal strike settlement, invoked the Taft-Hartley Act Monday in an effort to force miners back to work.

Mine owners hoped imposition of the Taft-Hartley Act would work. United Mine Workers Pres. Arnold Miller had said earlier he didn't like it but would go along with it. And initial reaction from the miners was mixed.

Carter asserted that negotiations between the striking United Mine Workers union and the coal industry were at an impasse.

Griffin cranks up Taft-Hartley

He said he was directing Attorney General Griffin Bell to make preparations for seeking an 80-day back-to-work order under terms of the Taft-Hartley Act.

Officials said they hoped to make a formal request for a back-to-work order by Thursday.

The strike by some 160,000 UMW members, which enters its fourth month Tuesday, has forced power curtailments and resultant job layoffs in the Midwest and is threatening to inflict further harm on the

economy.

Carter announced creation of a three-member board of inquiry, as required under the Taft-Hartley Act, and the panel made plans to hold a public hearing on the strike Wednesday.

Board Chairman John Gentry, a Washington lawyer and former deputy assistant secretary of Labor, said about 5,600 Mailgrams had been sent to union and industry officials as well as other interested parties, inviting them to appear at the hear-

ing.

Gentry noted that under the law the board must prepare a report for the president before the government can go to court. Carter said he expected the board to issue its report quickly.

Besides Gentry, Eva Robins, a New York arbitrator and Carl Warns, a professor at the University of Louisville, are serving on the board.

In another development, Army staff officers were reviewing a civil disturbance control plan, but Pentagon officials said federal troops would be used in the coal strike crisis only as a very last resort.

World at a glance

From Associated Press reports

Carter woos Yugoslavia's Tito

WASHINGTON — Pres. Tito of Yugoslavia, the longest serving head of government in the world, flew here Monday for a three-day official visit.

Six American presidents have come and gone since Tito's dramatic break with the Soviet Union in 1948 and all have considered preservation of Yugoslavia's independence and territorial integrity to be a vital American interest.

Apparently concerned about a possible Soviet effort to return Yugoslavia to Moscow's camp, the Carter administration has been discussing a "modest expansion" of U.S. military sales with Yugoslav officials.

Marston returns to politics

PHILADELPHIA — David Marston, the Republican U.S. attorney whose ouster by the Carter administration became a national issue, announced today he is a candidate for governor of Pennsylvania.

The 35-year-old lawyer said he would seek the Republican nomination in the May 16 primary.

California begins dig

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Homeowners salvaged what they could Monday on the Southern California coast and the Baja Peninsula of Mexico after a disastrous weekend storm killed at least 45 persons, left thousands homeless and caused millions of dollars in damages.

South of the border, U.S. Coast Guard helicopters airlifted many Mexicans to safety, including 80 children taken from a Tijuana orphanage to an Ensenada army barracks.

Hua claims Taiwan issue hinders U.S.-China ties

TOKYO (AP) — Hua Kuo-feng, newly confirmed as China's supreme leader, has told the national parliament in Peking that the American attitude on the Taiwan issue remains the chief obstacle to establishing full U.S.-Chinese diplomatic relations.

Hsinhua, the official Chinese news agency, said in a dispatch received here Monday that Hua also outlined to the fifth National People's Congress an intensive 10-year plan for modernizing

China's "backward" basic industries.

Hua made his three and a half hour report last week, but only brief excerpts had been released previously.

The Congress, meeting for the first time in three years, renamed Hua as China's premier, a post he will continue to hold concurrently with the chairmanship of the Communist Party.

Chairman-Premier Hua reiterated China's long-held position

that Washington must break its diplomatic links with Nationalist Taiwan, scrap its defense treaty and withdraw its remaining troops from the island, Hsinhua reported.

China "will surely liberate Taiwan but how and when it does so is the domestic affair of China," Hua said. Radio Peking, monitored in Tokyo, said Hua also warned of the potential for war between the Soviet Union and the United States and declared, "The Soviet revisionists are bent on subjugating our country."

He urged the Chinese to embark on "a race against time" to strengthen themselves economically and militarily against possible Soviet or American aggression, the broadcast said.

Hua has pledged to transform China into a modern industrial country by the year 2000. His report spelled out details of this new national effort and he predicted industrial output would increase by 10 percent annually and agricultural production by four to five percent in each of the next eight years.

Court rules on Indian law

OLYMPIA (AP) — A high court ruling that non-Indians cannot be prosecuted for breaking Indian laws could lead to lawlessness on the nation's reservations, an Indian spokesman said Monday.

Reaction to the U.S. Supreme Court bombshell ranged from jubilation to a warning by Indian spokesman Bob Johnson that it means "If the Ku Klux Klan wanted to go onto a reservation and burn crosses, the Indians would have no power to stop

them."

Washington Attorney General Slade Gorton said the ruling will have nationwide impact. Up to 50,000 non-Indians live on reservations in Washington state and will be directly affected, he said.

The high court overturned an appeals court decision that the Suquamish Indians could arrest and try non-Indians who live on its Kitsap Peninsula reservation at Port Madison on the Kitsap Peninsula.

'Born-again' Flynt wounded

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga. (AP) — Larry Flynt, the 34-year-old head of a pornography empire who recently declared that he had found God, was shot in the stomach and critically wounded Monday outside a courthouse where he was being tried on obscenity charges.

Herald Fahringer, an attorney for the owner of Hustler magazine, said the gunman jumped into a car and sped off after the attack in this town 30 miles northeast of Atlanta.

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