

Critical Following
Quarrel
 RIVER — (AP) — Hospital offered little hope Friday for life of Willie Dee shot after a schoolboy quarrel Tuesday.
 The youth has been in hospital three days with a critical body wound from 22 caliber, hollow-nosed rifle bullet.
 Sheriff R. L. Gillmouthe said he was holding in custody David Minner, 13-year-old schoolmate of Curlin. Melvin Curlin, 9, brother of the wounded boy, also was held.
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Oil Companies Report Progress

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — Two oil companies Friday reported progress in negotiations to settle the California oil strike.

Shell Oil scheduled new negotiations Friday morning with the CIO oil workers union after S. Belither, executive vice-president of the company, said he was "hopeful" the strike could be ended quickly.

Standard Oil announced "considerable" progress in a negotiating session at El Segundo Thursday. Another meeting takes place Friday.

Stumbling Block
 The stumbling block was the companies' insistence they would not hire strikers who engaged in violence. The union demanded that all strikers be rehired, and said it was willing to accept the industry's offer of a 12½-cent hourly wage increase.

However, O. A. Knight, head of the oil workers' union accused the industry of union-busting.

Accusing the companies of rejecting "every one" of the union's "reasonable" settlement offers, Knight said the union would prosecute the strike as long as necessary "to convince the oil companies we are determined they cannot succeed in their program, which is nothing more or less than an all-out attempt to break our union."

Still Violent
 Sporadic violence continued. In Richmond, windows of numerous autos were broken under showers of rocks that fell around the Standard refinery. In Martinez, rock-throwing accompanied the passage of tank trucks in and out of the Shell refinery. A Southern Pacific switch engine was prevented from entering the plant after a picket, Frank Bush, 51, allowed himself to be knocked down by the locomotive and dragged under the cow-catcher. He was only slightly injured.

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