

Doctors Attempt To Save Life Of Farm Polio Victim

Chicago — (U.P.) — Doctors fought Saturday to save the life of one of eight farm brothers and sisters who were afflicted with polio.

The boy, 15-year-old Edward Walsh of Durand, Ill., has been in a coma since Wednesday. His left lung collapsed Friday and his skin has turned a strange greenish color.

Grave Condition
Doctors at the University of Illinois Research and Educational Hospital said he was in grave condition.

Edward and seven of his brothers and sisters became polio victims within a week last September. Five of the Walsh children recovered, but Edward and his 17-year-old brother, David, had been afflicted with the serious bulbar type of polio.

The brothers were brought here recently from a Rockford, Ill., hospital and David's condition has been favorable. However, doctors expressed grave fears for his brother.

No Reason for Color
The physicians had not yet definitely established the reason for Edward's greenish-colored skin. But they believed it was caused by the slow movement of blood through his wasted body.

Edward's lack of strength to keep his lungs filled with air, even with the aid of an iron lung, was also blamed for his collapsed lung. A hospital spokesman said the collapse was not "unusual" in such cases. But it made the boy's condition "more serious," he said.

Electrical Union Rejects Proposal By Westinghouse

Washington — (U.P.) — The CIO Electrical Workers union last night rejected as "autocratic" the proposal by Westinghouse Electric Corp. that Westinghouse workers take a vote on whether they want to end their 12-week-old strike.

IUE President James B. Carey urged instead that the dispute be turned over to an impartial fact-finding board, as recommended by Director Joseph J. Finnegan of the Federal Mediation Service.

In a letter to Finnegan, Carey said that Westinghouse's proposal of a vote by the striking workers is a "totalitarian" and "un-American way" of trying to settle the prolonged, bitter dispute.

Would Vote
The workers, he said, would be called upon to vote whether to accept the company's offer or continue the strike, and not upon the issues which caused the strike.

"If the employees reject the offer, as we know they would and as they have done time and time again in their meetings," Carey said, "we will be back where we started."

"This is the heads-we-win, tails-you-lose technique. It is the totalitarian way. It is the Westinghouse way. It is the un-American way."

Westinghouse Vice President Robert D. Blasler proposed the secret ballot Friday as an alternate to Finnegan's suggestion that a fact-finding board be created to look into the dispute and make recommendations as a basis for further negotiations. Blasler said the issues in the dispute were not "proper subjects" for the fact-finding procedure.

The strike affects some 30 Westinghouse plants across the nation.

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