

Coal Miners To Appeal On Pay Hike

By ROWLAND EVANS JR.
WASHINGTON (AP)—The soft coal industry today was reported to be planning an appeal to President Truman and Economic Stabilizer Roger Putnam to approve the \$1.00 daily wage hike won by John L. Lewis.
 The nation-wide soft coal strike, now in its fifth day, followed a Wage Stabilization Board ruling last Saturday that only \$1.50 of the negotiated increase could be paid on grounds that any more would "damage" the stabilization program.
 The report that an appeal is under study came from an official who has been in close touch with all phases of the case but who asked not to be identified.
 A substantial portion of the struck industry was described as just as eager as Lewis to settle on the full wage increase and get production going again. An appeal to the President and Putnam, it was felt, would at least serve to remove the deadlocked situation from dead center.

An air of uneasiness prevailed in some mine areas. Violence flared in Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia yesterday.
 At Zanesville, O., a non-union mine owner was forced from his car at gun point and slugged. His mine superintendent was fired on after he fled.
 Gunfire was exchanged between seven miners of a non-union operation at Oakwood, Va., and an unidentified group that attacked their cabin. No one was hurt. It was the second time this week that gun play occurred in the area.
 Efforts to find a way out of the wage boost dilemma also were being made by David L. Cole, new chief of the Federal mediation Service, Cole, Lewis and Harry M. Moses, president of the Bituminous Coal Operators Association, conferred privately late yesterday afternoon. Precisely what they discussed was not learned but it looked like the first attempt by a government official to find some solution to the deadlock.

Industry lawyers have spent the last few days in close scrutiny of the Defense Production Act, which contains the authority for price and wage controls. They were described as convinced that either Putnam, the overall administrator of the stabilization program, or the President could overrule the WSB. An appeal to the WSB itself would also be possible but the industry apparently saw little chance that the board would overrule its own decision.
 The industry was described as not too hopeful that an appeal would be successful. Putnam has already praised the WSB, headed by Harvard law Prof. Archibald Cox, as "very courageous" in making its cutback decision. But Truman has not said a word, either about the WSB ruling or the strike.
 The WSB has never been overruled in the past but, at the end of last summer's steel strike, the White House approved an increase in the price of steel nearly twice as high as that authorized by their Price Stabilizer Ellis Arnall.



A. A. LEONARD L. LEBOW, 20, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Olen Lebow, Burney, Calif., has been transferred from the West coast to Norman, Okla., where he is attending school studying air electronics. He graduated from Bonanza high school where the family lived for nine years before moving to Burney in 1948. He is well known in the Klamath Basin. Friends may write him at 39, Bks., 155, N.A.T.C. Norman, Okla. He enlisted in the Navy, May 22, 1952.

Drug Cost Said Cause Of High U.S. Medical Expense

By ALTON L. BLAKESLEE
CLEVELAND (AP)—Medical bills could be cut if doctors prescribed fewer trademarked or proprietary drugs, says a study reported today to the American Public Health Association.
 Cheaper, identical drugs, not trademarked, often are available, it says.
 This study of doctors' prescriptions was made by Dr. Frank F. Furstenberg, Matthew Taback, Harry Goldberg, and Dr. J. Wilfred Davis of the Baltimore city medical care program.
 The Baltimore program gives medical care to indigent persons, who are assigned to clinics for diagnosis. The clinic reports usually goes to neighborhood doctors—chosen by the patient—who direct the treatments. Prescriptions are written on a specially-designed form, honored by all local pharmacies and paid for by the care program.
 Drug prescriptions for one year in 1950-51 cost \$150,000 or 30 per cent of the entire expenses of the program.
 The study of prescriptions had saved \$9,000 in tax funds would have been saved if doctors had prescribed officially-accepted drugs which are not trademarked, but have identical properties.
 Over 55 per cent of prescriptions were for proprietary drugs, and 37 per cent were for drugs not accepted by any official medical or health agencies.
 "It is noteworthy that 24 per cent of simple aspirin compounds were written with a trademarked name or for a preparation not accepted by any official authority."
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