

Coal Miners Expect Approval of Wage Hike

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Most of the nation's 250,000 soft coal diggers heading the out of United Mine Workers President John L. Lewis, flopped back to work today after a week-long strike over a wage dispute with the government.

Special membership meetings were called throughout the coal fields within hours after Lewis wired local UMW officials yesterday to get their men back on the job. The almost unanimous reac-

tion of miners: "Let's go to work." A few scattered pits—in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Illinois and other top coal-producing states—managed to get production under way last night. But resumption of operations at most mines was delayed by the meetings and safety inspections.

Virtually all locals in District 4 in Western Pennsylvania, representing about 23,000 members, agreed to begin work on the morn-

ing shift.

Some of Illinois' 15,000 workers returned to the pits yesterday but one operator's spokesman said most mines will not be fully manned until today.

The nation-wide walkout began a week ago yesterday after the Wage Stabilization Board lopped 40 cents off the \$1.90 daily pay boost Lewis obtained recently in negotiations with the industry. Miners, whose expected \$18.25 basic minimum wage for a day's work was cut to \$17.85, took the stand that the government had nullified their contract.

Soon after, Lewis bitterly assailed the WSB and told his men to stick it out until they got the full \$1.90.

However, President Truman met with the UMW chief and Harry M. Moses, chief industry negotiator, at the White House over the week end and personally appealed for an end to the strike.

Lewis then fired off telegrams, telling miners they should resume production in the best interests of the public and themselves pending a final decision on their pay increase.

Both the union and the Bituminous Coal Operators' Association headed by Moses had appealed the WSB ruling. They took their case to economic Stabilizer Roger Putnam, who has the power to overrule the board.

Union officials at Washington indicated they expect a decision within a few days. Putnam, however, indicated the ruling may not come for more than a week.

In the coal fields, UMW district officials and miners appeared confident they'll get a favorable decision.

Although only a trickle of coal was produced the past week, the general public and coal-dependent industries suffered no real hardship. An estimated 80 million tons of coal, second largest supply in the nation's history, was sockpiled at the beginning of the walkout. The estimated strike loss was about 10 million tons.

Youth Killed In Mountain Fall

KELSO, Wash. (AP)—The body of a young high school student whose short cut to a mountain top cost his life was brought down the slopes of lofty Mt. St. Helens late Monday.

A mountain rescue party brought out the remains of Pat Girardot, 16, victim of the ill-fated weekend climbing expedition on the Southwest Washington peak.

The rescuers, who toiled nearly 6,000 feet up the 9,671-foot mountain to reach the body, said the youth was instantly killed when he slipped on glare ice and fell 65 feet to rocks below.

The accident occurred Sunday sometime after young Girardot

separated from two hiking companions and tried to make his way alone to the summit.

Vaj Quaidbach Jr., Longview, Wash., leader of the mountain rescue team, said it was not known whether Girardot reached the top. Tracks showed the youth, coming down the mountain, slid down a snowfield. When he struck the glare ice he lost control and was catapulted through the air to his death on the edge of a glacier crevasse.

Schoolmates David Davidson and Dick Rawnsley, both 17, gave this account of events leading up to the tragedy:

The three boys set out Sunday to climb the mountain which young Girardot had conquered once before several years ago.

Davidson and Rawnsley decided to turn back when they were about two-thirds of the way up, but Girardot wanted to go on despite the fact their shoes were slick-soled and they lacked ice axes or crampons (ice climbing equipment).

The boys quarreled and Girardot headed through a series of ice crevasses seeking a short cut to the top, while Davidson and Rawnsley started back down the slope.

Believing Girardot would change his mind, the older boys waited on the mountainside below for him to reappear. When he failed to appear after several hours, the boys went on down the mountain to Spirit Lake and reported their companion missing.

Highlights At KUHS

By HAROLD MCKAY

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This year's bonfire rally will be run a little differently. The fire will be before the Grants Pass game, but that is only a minor difference when compared to the big difference, which is the time of the rally. In the past the fire was built over a period of a week and the fire was burned at a rally held on Thursday night. This year the fire will be built in one day and the rally will be on Friday night at 6:30. The rally will be over in time for the students, and any adults that may attend the rally, to get into town to see the game. Because the fire will be on Friday night the football players will be unable to attend. As in the past the fire will be built by the members of the K club who are not out for football plus Yell King, Lyle Mills, Dick Hilton, George Vishos, and Bill Chambers. The rally will be held in the same place as last year, out on the new north entrance. Anyone having anything to burn on the fire are asked to call 2-0601 and the trash will be picked up on Friday.

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Bird Buyer Gets Fined

Niki O'Chamis, 47-year-old North Hollywood resident, will be a mite more careful next time he makes a dicker. He got stuck the last time.

He pleaded guilty Monday in Judge D. E. Van Vactor's district court to buying waterfowl by means of barter, and paid a fine of \$150. State and Federal game officers heard O'Chamis was trying to buy birds, so they contacted him in Klamath Falls. The transacted business, trading several ducks and geese for two boxes of shells.

Then the officers sprung their credentials and put O'Chamis under arrest.

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MOTHER NATURE AT WORK

CORTEZ, Colo. (AP)—A Southwestern Colorado firm, Colorado Carbonics, Inc., taps Mother Earth for what it needs to operate. The company has a 1,200-foot carbon-dioxide well, drilled in 1947, which produces seven tons of dry ice daily. This is put up in 50-pound blocks. Fuel to operate the machinery at the plant comes from a nearby natural gas well, also owned by the company.

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Taft Says McCarthy Aided In Fight On U.S. Commies

HELENA, Mont. (AP)—Sen. Robert A. Taft says that Wisconsin Republican Sen. Joseph McCarthy "did a job that had to be done" in his attacks against American Communists.

The Ohio senator told newsmen here Monday, "McCarthy has dramatized the issue, resulting in elimination of certain persons from government."

Taft, who is campaigning in Montana in behalf of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's presidential campaign, said the general, if elected, would go to Korea "to explore all possibilities for ending the conflict—not to confer with Chinese Communists."

He said Eisenhower proposed the Korean trip to "emphasize that the Korean War is No. 1 on his agenda."

Taft said it may no longer be possible for U. N. bombers to strike at Communist bases in Red China, but added, "I still favor bombing bases that are used as starting points for attacks on our

troops." He said Chinese Nationalist troops should be held ready for action anywhere in Asia, but should not be used in Korean fighting.

Earlier, in a speech at Lewistown, Mont., the senator said Democratic presidential candidate

Adlai Stevenson "has not disapproved of anything the Truman administration has done and he is sure to be bound hand and foot to the men who have been in the government and who are responsible for the present corruption."

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