

## Coal talks resuming but a strike is still looming

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The United Mine Workers and the bituminous coal industry resumed contract negotiations for the first time in two weeks yesterday, but they were left with little hope of averting a nationwide walkout Dec. 6.

The new talks broke a stalemate that began Oct. 25 when the two sides failed to agree on an agenda. Only five meetings were held previously. Union President Arnold Miller and Joseph Brennan, who heads the Bituminous Coal Operators Association, both indicated they now are prepared to meet regularly until the Dec. 6 strike deadline.

They met throughout the day Tuesday and then announced plans to meet again today.

"The posturing has got to be over," an industry official remarked.

Miller grimly told reporters a strike could be averted "if we start negotiating — which we haven't done." Said

Brennan: "You're always optimistic or you wouldn't be in this game."

Union, industry and government officials nonetheless acknowledged privately there is not enough time remaining before the deadline for the two sides to agree on a new contract. Asked about strike prospects, Miller said: "If they want one, they'll get one."

Although a nationwide union strike would not immediately create any severe coal shortages, it would bankrupt the miners' health and pension funds.

Contract extensions are unknown in the coal industry. Thus a strike probably cannot be avoided unless agreement is reached by Nov. 26, allowing 10 days for rank-and-file ratification prior to Dec. 6.

Talks broke down two weeks ago when the employers balked at a union attempt to limit their discussion to health and pension funds. The funds were depleted by lost revenue during a recent rash of wildcat strikes.

## Embassy staff struck by strange affliction

MOSCOW (AP) — Medical tests show that one of every 29 adults at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow suffers from a mysterious blood condition resulting in abnormally high levels of white blood cells, embassy sources said yesterday.

Washington has accused Soviet authorities of bombarding the embassy with microwave radiation, but embassy officials have said the radiation has nothing to do with the blood counts. Some scientists dispute

this and say such radiation could affect blood cells.

Moscow has denied beaming radiation at the embassy, contending the microwaves are part of the normal background radiation found in any major city. Common uses of microwave beams are radar and the transmission of television and long-distance telephone calls.

The 233 adults given medical tests represent virtually all embassy staff members and their spouses.

Comparative figures for the

frequency of the same high levels of white cells in the United States do not exist, but the sources said there was no question that an abnormality has been found in Moscow.

The cause of the blood condition remains unknown, the sources said, despite a stepped-up program of special tests and detailed analysis of the health histories of Moscow embassy personnel and their families.

Reasons for the Soviet microwave bombardment of the embassy have remained unclear since the beams

were first detected at least as far back as 1962. U.S. officials have said privately they believe the microwaves are intended to foil American electronic intelligence-gathering operations at the embassy.

The State Department claims that no outward disease symptoms have been brought on by the high white cell levels, and that a variety of environmental factors, including viruses and intestinal parasites, might be behind the situation.

## Proposal made to extend ERA deadline 7 years

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Instead of extending the deadline for ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment, Congress should "take a fresh new start" with a new amendment that would be more popular, former Solicitor General Erwin Griswold said yesterday.

But Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a Columbia University law professor, countered that if Congress redrafted ERA it might just as well also "send the due process, equal protection and freedom of speech clauses back to the drawing boards."

William and Mary College law

professor William Van Alstyne said Congress could extend the ratification deadline beyond March 22, 1979, but only for three years and only by a two-thirds vote of each house.

The three testified before the House civil and constitutional rights sub-

committee on a proposed joint resolution to extend the original seven-year ERA deadline another seven years in order to get 38 states to ratify it.

Currently, 35 state legislatures have passed it, although three have rescinded their approval.

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 Association for Women Students meeting, 7 p.m., Room 323 HUB.  
 Chess Club meeting, 7 p.m., HUB game room.  
 Traffic Appeals Court meeting, 7 p.m., Room 317 HUB.  
 Accounting Club meeting, Lewis Gilberg will speak on stocks, 7:30 p.m., Room 121 Sparks.  
 Commonsplace Theatre, All the King's Men, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., Room 112 Kern.  
 Landscape Architecture Student Society, 7:30 p.m., Room 321 Sackett.  
 Penn State Sports Car Club meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 260 Willard.  
 P.S.O.C., Cross Country Skiing, 7:30 p.m., Room 214 Boucke.  
 Artists Series, American Film Theatre, David Storey, In Celebration, 8 p.m., Eisenhower Auditorium.  
 PSORML meeting, 8 p.m., Room 209 Willard.  
 SMS meeting, 8 p.m., Room 318 HUB.  
 Artists Series, Edward Tarr, trumpet, and George Kent, organ, 8:30 p.m., Music Bldg. recital hall.  
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