

Talks break off, coal supplies threatened

By United Press International
Negotiations to end the nationwide coal strike, now in its eighth week, broke off indefinitely Tuesday, heightening the prospect that hard-pressed eastern electric utilities might run out of supplies before the walkout ends.

A spokesman for the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service in Washington said talks between the United Mine Workers and Bituminous Coal Operators Association "blew up" about 2 a.m. Tuesday following a marathon bargaining session.

"It really doesn't matter who walked to the door first," the spokesman said. "But we do not anticipate a speedy resumption of talks."

Sources indicated union and management were close to an agreement when the talks broke down. An aide to federal mediation chief Wayne Horvitz acknowledged they had been meeting into the night as part of a "push to get a settlement."

The aide said the potential for an agreement now was "too badly damaged" to allow the two sides to come together again in the next few days.

In developments in the coalfields:
— John Guzek, president of UMW District 6 in eastern Ohio and northern West Virginia, said Tuesday he did not believe striking coal miners would return to work even if ordered to do so by the federal government. Gov. James A. Rhodes of Ohio had asked President Carter Monday for federal intervention in the strike and said it would be a "catastrophe" if electric utilities ran out of coal.

— Electric company executives from several states whose primary source of power is coal were

scheduled to meet today in Washington with representatives of the Department of Energy. Utilities in Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia warned last week they were running out of coal and might have to impose curtailments on industry and the private sector.

— A spokesman for Gov. George Wallace said Alabama state troopers would remain in the Mentone-area coalfields as long as there was a threat of violence. The troopers used tear gas Monday to disperse about 500 angry strikers.

Four million women affected

FDA warns on pill and smoking

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Food and Drug Administration Tuesday told 4 million American women who take the pill and smoke that unless they give up one or the other, they substantially increase the risk of a heart attack or stroke.

"Women who use birth control pills and who also smoke have a three times greater chance of dying from a heart attack or other circulatory disease than women who take the pill but do not smoke," FDA Commissioner Donald Kennedy told a news conference.

"And women who both smoke and use the pill are 10 times more likely to die of a heart attack or other circulatory disorder than women who neither smoke nor take the pill."

"Our best estimate is that from 30 to 40 percent of the 8 to 10 million women who take the pill also smoke. This means that

for perhaps 4 million American women the new FDA message is both loud and clear: If you take the pill, don't smoke; if you must smoke, find another method of contraception."

Kennedy said every doctor should exercise the "medical responsibility" of making an "absolute best effort to dissuade every smoker from choosing that particular method of contraception."

The agency issued an order, effective April 3, under which druggists will have to distribute to their customers a brochure and a leaflet each time a pill prescription is filled.

The brochure is an expanded version of information the FDA has required since 1970. Both the brochure and leaflet will state:

"Cigarette smoking increases the risk of serious adverse effects on the heart

and blood vessels from oral contraceptive use. This risk increases with age and with heavy smoking (15 or more cigarettes per day) and is quite marked in women over 35 years of age. Women who use oral contraceptives should not smoke."

Additional points in the new warning: — "Other forms of contraception have lesser risks or none at all. They are also less effective than oral contraceptives but, used properly, may be effective enough for many women."

— The pill combining estrogen and progesterone is about 99 percent effective while the "mini-pill," containing only progesterone, is about 97 percent effective.

— Estrogen has caused cancer in test animals but studies have not confirmed a cancer risk to pill users.

FBI files say Ray killed alone

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The FBI concluded James Earl Ray financed his escape from Memphis, Tenn., after killing Martin Luther King through a series of petty robberies and was not bankrolled by co-conspirators, FBI files disclosed Tuesday.

Internal FBI documents, amassed in the largest manhunt in history, disclosed Ray was planning a flight to South Africa or Rhodesia a few days before his arrest by Scotland Yard at London's Heathrow Airport on June 8, 1968, two months after King was gunned down on a motel balcony in Memphis.

The FBI reports — made available exclusively to UPI under the Freedom of Information Act — also showed a strong streak of racism and pro-Nazi feelings

may have led Ray to assassinate the man who most symbolized black refusal to accept anything but equal status in America.

Just a few weeks before King's murder, Ray and a companion, Charles Stein, drove from Los Angeles to New Orleans and back. In the course of that trip, Ray gave vent to his racial feelings.

"If Negroes want to be free, they should go north or west," Stein quoted Ray. "If they stay in the South, they should be willing to be slaves."

An uncle told agents Ray may have been influenced against blacks and Jews by "pro-Nazis" in a Quincy, Ill., tannery where he worked as a youth and by his Army service in Germany where, the uncle said, Ray's "attitude crystallized."

He was discharged from the Army for "ineptness and lack of adaptability."

Ray first pleaded innocent, but stunned the court when his case came to trial March 10, 1969 by changing his plea to guilty. He was sentenced to 99 years.

Upon his guilty plea, Ray told Judge W. Preston Battle he could "not accept" the statements of the prosecutor and his lawyer that he had acted alone, without aid from any co-conspirator.

Ever since, there has been speculation that Ray, a drifter who had spent most his life in jail, had been bankrolled by forces eager to silence King, who was a Nobel Peace Prize winner and a figure of worldwide respect.

Marston successor picked by judges

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Robert N. deLuca, 37, a former public defender and 8-year Justice Department employee here, was named Tuesday to temporarily succeed ousted Republican U.S. Attorney David W. Marston.

DeLuca, also a Republican, was appointed by Chief District Judge Joseph Lord III, after Lord and the district court's 16 other judges met and considered what Lord said were about five candidates.

Moments before Lord announced deLuca's appointment, a federal courthouse employee had just completed scraping Marston's name off the door of the U.S. attorney's office.

Marston was fired last Friday by U.S. Attorney General Griffin Bell amid a controversy in which Marston claimed

his ouster was precipitated by pressure brought from Rep. Joshua Eilberg, D-Pa.

Eilberg is under investigation by the U.S. attorney's office here in connection with a \$64 million federally assisted construction project at Hahnemann Hospital here.

DeLuca met at length with newsmen after Lord announced the appointment and wasted no time in trying to extinguish some of the fires left burning by his predecessor.

DeLuca disputed Marston's claim that replacement of the U.S. attorney now would cripple ongoing investigations.

"I have absolutely no reason to think that any case under investigation will be affected" by Marston's ouster, deLuca said. "I think the probes that were

started or are ongoing now will go on full steam."

"The whole Hahnemann Hospital matter is under investigation" in Washington and by this office. Anything that resembles foot-dragging, I'm sure will receive the toughest scrutiny," he said.

DeLuca, Marston, and three other officials from the office met in Washington last Friday with Bell, at which time Marston declined an offer by the former federal judge to remain in the job on a temporary basis.

Marston had said he could not possibly be effective as a lame duck U.S. attorney. DeLuca apparently also questioned Marston's judgement on that issue.

Kline joins crowd in governor's race

HARRISBURG (AP) — Lt. Gov. Ernest Kline, biding his time as the number two man in Gov. Shapp's administration, shoots for top billing in state government Wednesday after seven years as a supporting actor.

Kline takes the first official step toward center stage when he announces his Democratic bid for governor in three cities. But the one-time Beaver Falls radio announcer has been polishing his lines for some time.

The 48-year-old Kline, who organized a fund-raising committee last April for his gubernatorial run, has been cast as governor's material since his inauguration in 1970.

Being lieutenant governor is no automatic stepping stone to the governor's mansion. Only two lieutenants have ascended to the top

executive office in the last century. But Kline, who became Democratic floor leader in 1967 just 33 months after he became a state senator, is a darling of party leaders.

He's straightforward with an untarnished record as a legislator and he knows state government from the inside out. At one point, he seemed a shoo-in for the party's nomination.

But a strange thing happened after Shapp and Kline rolled to landslide victories in 1969 and 1973. As cabinet officials and officials ran afoul of the law, disenchantment with state government grew.

Charges of scandals and corruption and an ill-fated bid for the presidency sapped Shapp's popularity. Others seeking the governor's chair seized the opportunity to associate Kline with Shapp's problems.

Chicago to stay together despite lead Kath's death

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — A spokeswoman for shocked members of the popular jazz-rock group Chicago said Tuesday they plan to stay together despite the accidental shooting death of Terry Kath, lead guitarist and vocalist for the band.

"Everybody is really shaken," said Lisa Liberman, assistant to Jeff Wald, manager of the group. "The group is going to stick together. But right now, all the members are in shock and are not ready to make a statement."

"The death of Terry is a tremendous loss," she said.

Kath, 31, whose seven-member group recently returned from a nationwide tour, was at the home of a friend, Don Johnson, one of the group's technicians, in suburban Woodland Hills Monday, when he took out a gun he thought was

unloaded, put it to his head and pulled the trigger.

Kath was killed instantly. "For now, we're listing it as an accident," said police investigator Tim Yost.

Johnson told police that Kath first put an empty .38-caliber pistol to his head and played Russian roulette, pulling the trigger of the empty gun several times. Then he put a clip into a 9-mm automatic and put it to his head.

Johnson asked Kath to stop, and the last thing the musician said before he pulled the trigger was:

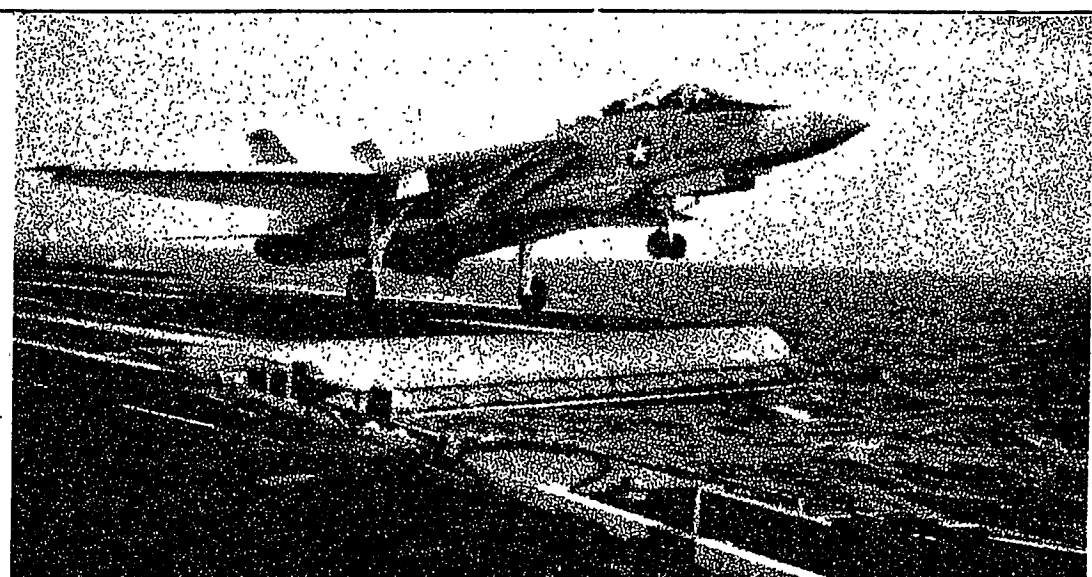
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Kath was one of the founding members of Chicago, often compared in its musical style to Blood Sweat and Tears because of its versatility in playing both rock and jazz.

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