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# Miners continue violence

#### **United Press International**

LONDON - Coal miners on strike for 20 weeks clashed Tuesday with police for a second consecutive overturning police cars and blocking roadways and morning rush hour traffic.

At least three people were injured, one of them seriously.

Police arrested at least 56 strikers in violent incidents around the coun-try, bringing to 4,702 the number of miners detained in the walkout.

In the morning rush hour, angry miners parked about 100 cars on the Humber bridge in northeast En-gland, blocking the main roadway to the port of Hull for three hours and causing a major traffic jam.

Police said the miners overturned two patrol cars before the miners

were dispersed. In northwest England, six people were arrested in clashes at a Lancashire coal mine.

Further south, five women and 21 miners were arrested in Wales when about 500 picketers, including 200 women, tried to stop a convoy of 130 trucks carrying iron ore to a steel plant.

Police reported three people were injured, one seriously, when 600 strikers tried to stop workers entering the Bilston Glen mine near Edin-

burgh, in the second day of clashes outside Scotland's biggest mine. On Monday, 600 stone-throwing miners charged police lines and mine buildings at Bilston Glen in the worst outbrook of violance back.

worst outbreak of violence lately. The strikers walked out March 12 to protest the National Coal Boards plan to close 20 mines and cut 20,000 jobs in an effort to streamline the industry.

The surge of mass picketing and violence in the coalfields coincided with a renewed campaign by employers to get miners back to work.

The National Coal Board placed full-page advertisements in several newspapers criticizing mine union leaders for refusing to make any concessions to end the bitter dispute, which has shut three-quarters of Britain's 175 coal mines.

Negotiations between the union and the coal board broke down last week, when union leader Arthur Scargill again made it clear he would never back down on the key issue of closing uneconomic pits.

## French leader says 'modernize'

front seat?"

**United Press International** 

day said a tough anti-crime cam-paign, including the public execu-

tions of some convicted offenders, has reduced Peking's overall crime rate by 51 percent so far this year.

started last August. Foreign diplo-mats and analysts in. Peking esti-

mated that more than 5,000 people

may have been executed during the

first seven months of the crackdown.

not disclosed the number of execu-

Although Chinese officials have

The anti-crime campaign was

PEKING - Chinese police Tues-

#### **United Press International**

PARIS - France's new Socialist prime minister Tuesday told parliament the country must either "modernize or decline," drawing jeers from the rightist opposition and scowls from the Communist Party. Prime Minister Laurent Fabius urged the lawmakers of all political parties to rally behind the Socialist

government's plan to restructure industry "It is

A number of lawmakers made speeches after Fabius' comments,

and a vote of confidence from the parliament was to follow. The com-munists said they would abstain from the vote. The outcome of the vote was a

foregone conclusion, since even without the support of the Commu-nist Party the Socialists hold a commanding majority with 269 rep-

ntatives in the 491-member

The 45-minute speech drew jeers

who withdrew from the government

istrative" formalities at the prison.

35,000 criminal offenders.

by parliament to mark the 40th anni-

versary of communist rule in Poland, and authorities said it would cover 652 political prisoners and

The first 82 prisoners — includ-ing 10 political offenders — were freed Monday, the day the amnesty

went into effect. The government

has promised to release the rest

Police maintained tight security around the Rakowiecka jail Tues-day, keeping reporters away from the gates. Legal sources said Po-

land's chief prosecutor gave orders

that prominent Solidarity activists

should be driven from the prison in

The amnesty was passed Saturday

last week over Socialist economic named him prime minister a week policy.

The communists object to the & cialist industry modernization pla because it will eliminate 200,000 job in state-owned industries at a time when unemployment is already above 9.5 percent.

There have been four round

executions that I know of so far

year. This is the fourth group of people," the diplomat said. "Al-gether this year, about 150 peop have been executed that we know

Many of the executions — usuals a single bullet in the back of the heat

Human rights organizations,

were carried out in public.

cluding Amnesty International, ha

asked China to halt the executions.

this month

Mitterrand's government wants phase out inefficient 19th-centur industries and establish moder high-technology enterprises to it France out of its doldrums.

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elaborate programs to train du placed workers in regions affected

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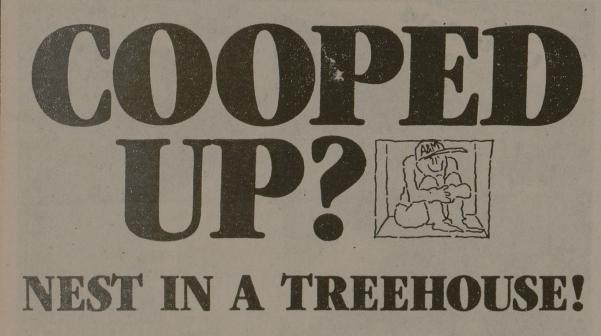
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battle against unemployment must be waged on the basis of a modern economy," Fabius said in his first from rightist opposition lawmakers and scowls from the Communists, speech to the National Assembly since President Francois Mitterrand

### General amnesty granted

**Poland releases prisoner** 

within a month.

Parliament.

#### **United Press International**

WARSAW, Poland - Polish authorities Tuesday said a senior Solidarity leader released from prison to visit his sick mother would be allowed to remain free under a general amnesty granted to mark the 40th anniversary of communist rule.

Andrzej Gwiazda, one of seven Solidarity leaders jailed by the Polish government since martial law was imposed in December 1981, was released Saturday from a Warsaw jail but had been ordered to return to jail Tuesday.

An official said authorities had decided Gwiazda, who was in Gdansk to visit his ailing mother, was covered by the amnesty and would only have to complete a "few admin-

## **Bank: don't speed devaluation**

#### **United Press International**

MEXICO CITY — Mexico's central bank director said that suggestions to speed up the peso devaluation would severely harm struggling companies just when the nation is slowly recovering from the economic crisis.

Each day the government devalues the peso by 13 Mexican cents against the U.S. dollar. Since the policy began in September, 1983, the peso has slipped in value from 150 pesos to the dollar to 188.75 to \$1 Tuesday.

Miguel Mancera, head of the Banco de Mexico, said Monday that accelerating the devaluation would raise costs for "the most depressed industries," causing their sales to drop and leading to problems for the rest of the economy.

"Certainly, it would not be wise to them much cheaper than Mexica cause such large economic damage just to give a transitory advantage to exporting," Mancera told bankers and finance officials at a meeting on the banking system.

Economists say that Mexico's currency was overvalued for many years, which led many industries to depend on then relatively low-cost imports for machinery, spare parts and raw materials.

But the overvaluation also helped spark a flight of capital out of the country, because people were con-vinced the peso's strength against the dollar would not hold up. Mexi-cans also took advantage of the favorable exchange rate to purchase hundreds of millions of dollars of products in the United States, either terms that private banks exper-U.S. made or imported, founding \_ enced in 1981.

police cars when they were released

to avoid embarrassing publicity. Solidarity founder Lech Wales and six other union spokesmen, cluding underground leader Zb niew Bujak, issued a statement we coming the amnesty but demanding the restoration of full civil rights.

"We express our gratitude to a those at home and abroad who gas their support," the statement said. But, it continued, "Restoration

social accords, the principle of union pluralism and civil rights are indipensible conditions for leading on country out of its economic and po litical crisis.

"Only then will a guarantee have been given that the amnesty is not? short-lived episode.'

products.

Capital flight became so serious that in late 1982 government leaders said the country had almost no for eign currency.

Former President Jose Lopez Por tillo accused bankers of investing the United States and other foreig countries, and on Sept. 1, 1982, expropriated all the country's pri vate banks.

Central bank reserves hit \$6.9 billion on Friday, a record for recent times, bank director Mancerasaid. Manuel Sanchez Lugo, the pres

dent of the Mexican Banking Asso ciation, said bank deposits had in creased and by the end of the year could reach the same level in real