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South Korean strikers vandalize shipyard area, hit tourist hotel

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — About 13,000 striking workers occupied the nation's largest shipyard Thursday, and some torched cars, destroyed office equipment and attacked a tourist hotel.

Hundreds of other strikes continued around the country after one striking shipyard worker became the second fatality in two months of labor turmoil.

Striking taxi drivers who reached a pay raise agreement in Seoul returned to work late Thursday, but a strike leader was reported in serious condition after setting himself on fire in a dispute with management.

President Chun Doo-hwan said he was confident the country could overcome the labor unrest, which he called "a one-time fever for a leap forward." Prime Minister Kim Chung-ryul talked with top law en-

forcement officials, but no drastic government action appeared imminent.

The strikes began in early July after Chun bowed to weeks of violent protests and agreed to democratic reforms, including greater labor freedom. Under past authoritarian governments, wages were strictly controlled and labor activity was virtually outlawed.

Official figures by the Labor Ministry showed strikes were under way Thursday at 797 worksites, 65 percent of them identified as bus and taxi companies. New protests erupted at 112 workplaces but disputes ended at 56 companies on Thursday, the ministry said.

About 13,000 workers at Hyundai Heavy Industries Co. occupied the shipyard in the southern city of Ulsan after an overnight vigil at a

nearby stadium to press their demands for pay raises and other benefits.

Strikers destroyed windows, typewriters, photo copy machines and other furniture in the shipyard's main office. They set two cars and a bus on fire and blocked a six-lane highway outside.

"Raise our pay!" the workers chanted.

All but 200 left the shipyard by nightfall and no injuries or arrests were reported, officials said.

About 500 workers attacked the Diamond Hotel, a tourist hotel right across the street from the shipyard's main gate, but were repelled by tear gas-firing riot police.

All Korean and foreign guests staying at the 290-room hotel were asked to leave for security reasons. Hundreds of senior Hyundai office

workers and their families were evacuated from company apartments for fear of attack.

One striker, Chae Tae-chang, 45, was killed and four others were injured Wednesday night when they were run over by a truck near the public sports stadium in Ulsan. Police arrested the driver and said there was evidence he had been drinking.

The first fatality of the strikes came on Aug. 22, when shipyard worker Lee Suk-kyu was killed in a clash between strikers and police.

A special unit of 40 police detectives was dispatched from Seoul Thursday to hunt for workers who set fire to seven cars and a garage inside Ulsan city hall Wednesday. Fifteen cars and hundreds of windows also were destroyed.

U.S. delays deadline set for cease-fire

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration today delayed a deadline for Iran to agree to a cease-fire in the Persian Gulf war and gave its support to a peace mission to Tehran by U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

The administration had given Iran until Friday to obey the cease-fire ordered by the U.N. Security Council on July 20. But Charles E. Redman, the State Department spokesman, said drafting of sanctions against Iran by the council would be delayed until after Perez de Cuellar visits Tehran next Thursday.

However, the U.S. official said, "We believe the time for stalling has come to an end. There is a need for a definitive response."

On Tuesday, Phyllis Oakley, a department spokesman, said drafting of a resolution to apply sanctions against Iran — which probably would entail an arms embargo — should begin next week unless Tehran agreed by Friday to stop fighting and to negotiate with Iraq.

The two countries have been at war in the Persian Gulf area for seven years. Iraq agreed to the cease-fire, but Iran has not given a concrete reply. In the meantime, Iraq has resumed its attacks on ships carrying Iranian oil exports in the Gulf.

Redman said the Perez de Cuellar visit had the approval of the five permanent members of the council — the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, France and China. He said they had reached agreement on conditions for the peace mission after three days of informal discussions in New York.

Pilot hangs on to open door until co-pilot can land plane

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — A pilot who hung on to the rear stairs of a small plane after a door opened in flight says he was "thrilled to see the sunrise" after landing safely, but declined to say any more Thursday about the freakish accident.

"There was no mechanical fault with the door," and the plane was returned to service, Steven Mason, sales manager of Eastern Express, told a news conference Thursday. He said the company was investigating the possibility that it had not been properly closed.

Henry Dempsey, 46, of Cape Elizabeth, the pilot who lay on the stairway door, suffered only scratches on his hand in the bizarre accident, after which his hands had to be "pried off" the plane's stair railings.

Dempsey declined all interviews but said through the company he was "thrilled to see the sunrise" and was still stunned by the "harrowing experience."

Dempsey was piloting a 15-seat Beechcraft 99 turboprop, with no passengers aboard, from Lewiston, Maine, to Boston early Wednesday evening when he heard a rattle in

the back of the plane. The twin-engine commuter plane was being flown to Boston to be used for a flight from there, Mason said.

As he walked back to check on the noise, the aircraft hit some turbulence and he leaned against the stairway door. The door, which is hinged at the bottom, fell open and Dempsey was partially sucked out of the plane. He grabbed the railings and lay upside down on the stairs as the plane traveled at 190 mph at 4,000 feet.

"He was partly in the aircraft and partly out," Mason said.

The co-pilot, Paul Boucher of Lynn, Mass., spotted the "door ajar" indicator light on and "assumed the worst," Mason said.

"He did not know what the situation was other than the captain did not return and the door was ajar," he said.

Mason said Boucher believed Dempsey had fallen completely out of the aircraft into the Atlantic and frantically radioed for Portland International Jetport control tower for help. He then changed course, fly-

ing to the jetport, which was about 10 minutes away.

Coast Guard Duty Officer William Falk in South Portland said he received a telephone call from the jetport control tower requesting the aid of a helicopter.

"A man called, and said a pilot has been sucked out of a cockpit through an open door and fell into the sea," he said.

As the plane landed, Dempsey's face was about 12 inches above the runway. His hands were clenched so tightly to the outside of the aircraft he had to be "pried off," Mason said.

Bob Devlin, director of the Medcu rescue unit, which was called to the airport said Dempsey was "pretty shook up, which is quite understandable."

Boucher did not realize Dempsey was hanging on until the plane was on the ground, Mason said.

The plane was flown back to the company's headquarters in Bangor, "where it underwent a thorough examination and inspection," Mason said. "No mechanical fault was found" and it was returned to service.

Fires continue blazing across six states

(AP) — Scorching temperatures and steady winds fanned a plague of fire across parts of six Western states Thursday, consuming hundreds of thousands of acres of brush and timber and threatening California's towering sequoias.

Jack Wilson, director of the Boise Intergovernmental Fire Control Center, called the situation "extremely critical, primarily in California and southwest Oregon."

"In the national park situation, we're very fearful that they might get into the giant sequoias, which are an irreplaceable resource," he said.

The fires were started by thousands of lightning strikes spawned by late-summer thunderstorms.

LaVon Perez of the U.S. Forest Service in California said, "It continues to be a critical situation. The forecasters say we're not going to get as many lightning strikes today — but they said that yesterday, too, and we had more than 1,400 additional strikes."

An estimated 8,000 persons were evacuated from nearly a dozen rural communities in California.

Dale Doerman of the California Department of Forestry said, "It's rather frightening because a U-2 overflight showed hot fires throughout the area. If winds come up this afternoon as predicted, it could be real bad."

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