

Thursday, July 12, 1990

Miners denounce Communism

DONETSK, U.S.S.R. (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of coal miners laid down their drills and picks Wednesday to demand that the Communist Party get out of their lives and that the Soviet government resign.

"We should kick the party not only out of the Ukraine, but everywhere," mine construction worker Viktor Kitenko declared, speaking at a rally in Donetsk, the center of the eastern Ukraine's Don River coal basin.

Miners walked away from their jobs for 24 hours despite appeals from the Soviet government and party.

In Donetsk, a rally passed a resolution demanding that the government of Prime Minister Nikolai I. Ryzhkov resign; that party cells be removed from mines, economic enterprises, the KGB, army and police; and that party property be nationalized.

"We should kick the party not only out of the Ukraine, but everywhere."

— Viktor Kitenko, mine worker

The miners held aloft two large banners saying: "U.S.S.R. Government Resign!" and "Down with Party Committees at Businesses."

The walkout was a repetition of a long and bitter strike coal miners conducted last summer to press the government for better supplies of basic consumer goods, better pay and working conditions. The government acceded to their de-

mands, but has been unable to fulfill its promises. In the meantime, miners' demands have become increasingly political.

According to information compiled from strike leaders in Donetsk, the Kuznets Basin of western Siberia and Vorkuta in the Far North, miners at about 200 shafts were on strike throughout the country.

No figures were available on the number of miners who actually walked off their jobs. But judging from the number of mines on strike in the Donetsk region, it appeared that about 100,000 miners stayed away. Strike organizers claimed that about 300,000 miners would halt work in western Siberia alone.

Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev told the Communist Party's 28th congress in Moscow that the strike was not of a general nature.

British reporter violates code with royalty

LONDON (AP) — The code that governs British treatment of royalty is largely unwritten but always strict, and novelist A.N. Wilson has violated one of the sternest rules of all.

His sin has been to report a dinner-table chat with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

That her remarks to Wilson were fairly innocuous, and that the conversation took place nearly a decade ago, matters little. The affair has provoked some sharp language from London society.

"Scoundrel!" thundered Lord Wyatt of Weeford.

"An intolerable betrayal!" echoed Nicholas Soames, member of Parliament and scion of the Churchill family.

Wilson, 39, is a gifted novelist and acute social commentator who clearly knew he was courting trouble when he published "The Queen Mother's table-talk" in the weekly Spectator magazine two weeks ago.

"It is probably the grossest impropriety to embarrass her, or her host, by repeating our conversation," he wrote.

"I do so, however, without very much compunction, since she never gives interviews, and I can think of no better person than Queen Elizabeth with whom to start off an occasional series of conversations with men and women who have lived through most of the years of this century ... and whose memories stretch back far."

In the conversation, reproduced in dialogue form, the mother of Queen Elizabeth II and widow of King George VI was said to have revealed a fondness for detective stories, and a problem with her cash flow.

Sandinista strikers loosen hold Chamorro's government calls actions illegal

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Pro-Sandinista organizers told strikers Wednesday to ease their stranglehold on Managua but demanded that the government of President Violeta Barrios de Chamorro reopen talks within hours.

There was no specific answer from the 10-week-old government, although it did indicate a willingness to negotiate a settlement.

There were signs of continued discord, meanwhile, in the fragile and fractious 14-party coalition that brought Chamorro to power.

A few of the barricades across the city came down. The gunfire that had crackled across the capital ended in the morning, but strikers still occupied most government ministries and some state-run industries.

At least four people have been killed and 84 injured in unrest that began after tens of thousands of government workers went on strike 11 days ago. Strike leaders say

90,000 workers have walked off their jobs.

The strikers say they want an end to what they call mass firings of public employees by the Chamorro government and also seek a voice in government economic policy. They won 100 percent pay rises in a strike in May.

Chamorro's U.S.-backed government has declared the strikes illegal, saying they are inspired by political instead of economic issues. The government suspended talks over the weekend.

A statement issued by the Sandinista-run National Workers' Front, which controls most of the striking unions, urged strikers "to create conditions favoring the start of talks, allowing the circulation of people and transport in areas where the Sandinista police demand it."

It said, "In agreement with what the constitutional government expressed, we urge the start of negotia-

tions between the government and the FNT (the front) to find a solution to the demands presented by the workers."

The statement, read on pro-Sandinista Radio Ya, proposed that the negotiations begin at 3 p.m.

It did not say what strikers would do if talks are not held.

The strikers' statement followed one a day earlier from Chamorro, who said Central American presidents had asked that violence be ended "to create a climate of calm to permit a negotiated solution."

Information Secretary Danilo Lacayo said Chamorro thanked the Central American presidents who offered their support on Tuesday and told them she believes the problems should be resolved among Nicaraguans.

Guatemalan President Vinicio Cerezo, who was visiting Honduras, said he thought Chamorro could handle the situation.

Government recovers misspent funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is recovering misspent funds from the officers and directors of failed savings institutions and banks at a rate better than \$1 million a day, a top regulator said Wednesday.

L. William Seidman, chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., said his agency was investigating whether to file suit against the officers of 1,300 failed thrifts and banks and has already filed suit against officials of 500 institutions.

Approximately \$100 million was recovered last year and more than \$200 million in the first half of this year, he said.

"That is in excess of \$1 million per day in recoveries" in 1990, he said. President Bush's son, Neil, could be among the defendants in a suit. He served as a director of Silverado Banking, Savings and Loan Association, Denver, which collapsed in December 1988 at an estimated cost to taxpayers of \$1 billion.

Seidman, who appeared with administration officials before the House Judiciary subcommittee on criminal justice, declined to comment on when a decision would be made on the Silverado case. Agency officials have said they are considering a suit to recover losses from Silverado directors.

Administration officials have been increasingly hampered by Democrats to demonstrate that they are doing enough to prosecute fraud and recover S&L losses. The S&L problem is emerging as a hot issue in this year's congressional races.

In other savings and loan developments:

• Seidman and Timothy Ryan, director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, both promised to treat Neil Bush's case no differently than any other S&L case before them. In Houston, President Bush repeated his promise not to interfere with regulators and said he has had to "calm down" his other sons who want to "go to the barricades" on Neil's behalf.

• Documents released by the Office of Thrift Supervision show that regulators believed Neil Bush was "unqualified and untrained" for his position as director of Silverado. "Certainly he had no experience in managing a large corporation, especially a financial institution with almost \$2 billion in assets," the documents said.

• The Senate approved a broad crime bill that stiffens prison terms for savings and loan fraud and offers rewards to whistleblowers for turning in S&L looters.



Call Now For an Appointment!
ROUTINE CLEANING, X-RAYS and EXAM \$39.00
(Reg. \$59 less \$20 pretreatment cash discount)

CarePlus Dental Centers

Bryan
Jim Arents, DDS
Karen Arents, DDS
1103 E. Villa Maria
268-1407

College Station
Dan Lawson, DDS
1712 S. W Parkway
696-9578

LADIES AND LORDS

AT TEXAS 707

where

The Bride and her Bridesmaids receive Special Discounts

707 Texas Ave. • 764-8289
Next to the Pink Taco Cabana

\$800 \$800 \$800 \$800 \$800 \$800 \$800 \$800 \$800 \$800 \$800 \$800
ASTHMA STUDY
Individuals (12 and older) who have asthma to participate in a research study. \$800 incentive for those who enroll and complete study.

\$100 \$100 \$100 \$100 \$100 \$100 \$100 \$100 \$100 \$100 \$100 \$100
Insomnia
Individuals (21-55 years old) who occasionally have trouble sleeping due to short term stress to participate in a 1 week insomnia research study. \$100 incentive for those chosen to participate.

\$300 \$300 \$300 \$300 \$300 \$300 \$300 \$300 \$300 \$300 \$300 \$300
HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE STUDY
Individuals with high blood pressure, either on or off blood pressure medication daily to participate in a high blood pressure research study. \$300 incentive for those who enroll and complete study.

CALL PAUL RESEARCH INTERNATIONAL®
776-0400

PET PARADISE



SALT WATER

This Week's Super Specials

	Special Price	Regularly
SHARKS		
Horned Leopard	\$34.99	\$59.99
Smooth	\$34.99	\$59.99
Blue Tangs	\$9.99	\$21.99
Sebae Anenomes	\$8.99	\$19.99
Flame Scallops	\$3.99	\$7.99
Clown fish	\$2.99	\$8.99
Yellow Tangs	\$6.99	\$16.99
50-gallon Instant Oceans Salt	\$7.99	\$19.99

TROPICAL FISH

	Special Price	Regularly
Clown Loach	\$1.99	\$5.99
Glowlight Tetras	.49	\$1.19
Silver Hatchets	.69	\$1.59
Green Tiger Barbs	.99	\$2.59
Zigzag Eels	1.99	\$5.99

Ten gallon tank \$6.99
Be sure to check next week's specials!

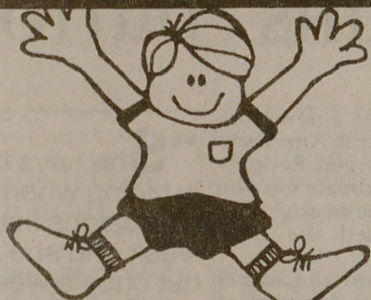
693-4575

10-7 Mon-Sat., 12-7 Sun.

in Kroger Shopping Center, College Station we accept MasterCard, Visa, American Express, Discover, Points Plus

Battalion Classified 845-0569

AEROBICS



Register NOW!
University PLUS Craft Center
Basement Of MSC

Low - Impact Aerobic Exercise

B T/Th, 6-7pm, July 12 - Aug 9

Intermediate Aerobic Exercise

D M/W, 6-7pm, July 16 - Aug 8

Beginning Aerobic Exercise

F M/W, 5-6pm, July 16 - Aug 8

J T/Th, 5-6pm, July 12 - Aug 9

\$20/Student

\$22/Nonstudent

845-1631

University PLUS

LSAT GMAT MCAT GRE

Test Your Best!
Classes Forming Now.

STANLEY H. KAPLAN
Take Kaplan Or Take Your Chances

Additional classes added to meet demand.
Call now for schedules and special discounts.

696-3196

707 Texas Ave. Suite #110-E