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FORECAST: Mostly cloudy, continued cool tonight. Tomorrow partly cloudy, little change in temperature.

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## U. S. Ends Cuts On Use of Coal By Railroads

### Miners Lagging In Returning to Pits

The government today removed all restrictions on coal-burning railroad operations as the nation's coal pits slowly reopened.

Cancelled, effective at 3 p.m. Indianapolis time, were a recent order which cut coal-burning operations 25 per cent and another order which would have imposed another 25 per cent reduction Thursday.

The action was taken jointly by the Office of Defense Transportation and the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Settlement of the United Mine Workers pension demands sent about a quarter of the nation's 400,000 soft coal miners back to the pits today.

However, thousands of miners were reported preparing to "sit it out" pending tomorrow's Federal Court hearing on contempt of court charges against UMW President John L. Lewis for delay in calling off the 29-day strike.

A survey of the soft coal fields showed:

**PENNSYLVANIA**—In the western fields only 9000 of 56,000 workers returned. Most "captive" pits of the steel companies remained closed. Production was estimated at 15 per cent. In central Pennsylvania 9300 of 37,000 miners returned. Sympathy strikes which killed 35,000 anthracite workers were ending.

**OHIO**—Only 1300 of the state's 15,000 miners went to work. Several local unions met today and decided to stay out until after Lewis' contempt hearing.

**ILLINOIS**—About 21,000 of the 24,000 UMW members back at work.

**INDIANA**—It was estimated that 4500 miners were working, including open pit strip miners. Most of the 8500 deep pit workers failed to report.

"Pre-arranged meetings" of union shaft miners were blamed for the failure of workers to report to their jobs.

John Bram, president of a United Mine Workers local at Terre Haute, said that the miners employed in seven shaft mines in the area had planned to hold meetings when the nation-wide soft coal strike ended to decide whether they wanted to return to their jobs.

Meetings were scheduled for today by all union locals in UMW District 11, Mr. Bram said.

**KENTUCKY**—Surveys disclosed 21,500 of the 54,000 Kentucky miners returning. Some absenteeism was blamed on storms which flooded mines and disrupted power and communication lines.

**ALABAMA**—Production was estimated at 50 per cent. However, several important captive mines failed to reopen.

**TENNESSEE**—Lee C. Gunter, president of the Southern Appalachian Coal Operators Association, said he expected all mines to be open by tomorrow. The first of the state's 8000 miners already were entering the pits.

**VIRGINIA**—The Virginia Coal Operators Association predicted most mines would reopen sometime today. William Minton, president of UMW District 28, called for all miners to return "immediately."

**WEST VIRGINIA**—Best estimates were that between 60,000 and 70,000 of the state's 113,000 miners had returned. Many mines were closed by flooding as the result of heavy storms.

**UTAH**—None of the state's 4000 miners reported for work. A UMW spokesman said meetings would be held today to "get membership endorsement of a plan to remain out until after the results of the Lewis trial are known."

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**Pensions Bargain Factor, NLRB Rules**

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**Candidate, Family Injured in Auto Crash**

**SOUTH BEND**, Apr. 13 (UPI)—Granville Leeke, 39, vice presidential candidate of the Greenback Party, and his wife and her mother, were treated in a South Bend hospital yesterday for injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

Police said the car driven by Leeke collided with one operated by Paul Arnold, 24, Buchanan, Mich. Their injuries were not serious.

## Manual: Tradition Mighty, Morale Low



**OUTLOOK**—Manual students themselves note the dirt on the windows with anonymous sarcasm, "Erected 1801—Washed 1803" is engraved in the dust of this window near the shop rooms. Other window messages read: "Please wash me" and "When?"

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