

## Coal Strike Agreement Takes Cloud Out of Nation's Business Skies

Railroads Recall Furloughed Workers; Steel Firms Hope to Ban Further Lay-Offs

By Scripps-Howard Newspapers  
Business skies were the brightest in nearly two months today with coal again flowing from the ground and steel strike settlements proceeding.

Railroads, hardest hit by the 53-day coal strike, began recalling furloughed workers. And small industries generally which were running low on steel hoped now to "pull through" without further layoffs.

But in the giant auto industry, Nash and Willys-Overland went ahead with layoff plans because of the steel shortage.

Willys will stop all work at its Toledo plant at the end of this week, idling about 7000, and Nash will lay off 13,000 at its main plants at Kenosha and Milwaukee, Wis., in nine days.

**Strike Effects Vary**  
Effects of the big steel and coal strikes have varied greatly throughout the country.

The steel strike in steel-making Pueblo, Colo., for example, has dropped attendance at local high school football games from the customary 12,000 to about 6000. Retail sales are off from 40 to 60 per cent. Grocers and others extending credit report collections off sharply. And even the barbershops have few customers.

In the San Francisco Bay area community of Pittsburg where the Columbia Steel Co. has a plant, retail business is virtually at a standstill and local merchants have called a meeting to discuss credit for steelworkers. But they are optimistic that a strike settlement will be reached.

**Fl. Worth Strike Ample**

On the other hand, some cities are in such good shape as Fl. Worth and El Paso, Tex. In Fl. Worth, steel supplies on hand are estimated to be adequate to maintain full industrial activity until Jan. 1.

El Paso has had no strike unemployment, plenty of coal for the railroads and only effect of the steel strike has been to halt

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Robert M. Tirmenstein of Indianapolis has been appointed assistant to the manager of the Indiana University Memorial Union, Lyman C. Smith, manager, announced today.

Mr. Tirmenstein will be in charge of public relations at the IU Union and will arrange campus tours and other events for visitors on the campus.

**23 Displaced Persons Expected to Arrive Here**

Twenty-three persons destined for Indiana, including one en route to Indianapolis were among the 3542 displaced persons scheduled to land in New York this week.

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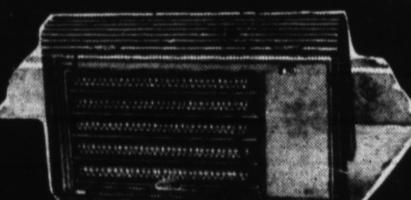


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