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Thousands Laid Off, More Will Be Furloughed as Miners Remain Idle

PITTSBURGH, April 1.—(AP)—Steel production sagged and railroad workers were laid off by the hundreds today as coal stockpiles shrink in the 18-day-old walkout of the United Mine Workers.

The work stoppage of the 400,000 UMW members, who are seeking a pension plan within the industry, has thrown more than 31,000 other workers out of work. A survey disclosed the number would easily double in another week.

Most of the idle were railroad workers—2,000. The Chesapeake & Ohio has furloughed 13,000 alone, while the Baltimore & Ohio reported 6,000 idle. Notices that an other 3,000 will be furloughed today were posted by the P. & O. Mill Operations Co.

Steel mill operations in the Youngstown Co. region fell 100 per cent to 82 per cent. Further curtailment was expected next week.

The big southern industrial center of Birmingham, Ala., geared its steel production down to 50 per cent of normal. In all, 58 blast furnaces were banked across the nation.

Through steel firms, which so far have gambled against operation cutbacks in hope of higher prices, coal was still flowing into the Chicago area from Illinois pits manned by the 17,000 non-union Progressive mine workers.

Bygate to spread. Company spokesmen said layoffs here could be expected to 24,000 more in the Wheeling and West Virginia companies. In Virginia if coal mining doesn't resume in a week, the layoffs would then spread to 100,000 more in the Wheeling and West Virginia companies.

The Wyoming public service commission authorized three communities shut on coal to order daylight lighting systems and curtail power during certain daylight hours if necessary.

Electric Light Company officials in Pittsburgh were considering the advisability of cutting power reduction, as the fuel supply dwindled to enough for 12 days of normal operations.

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Wall Street's Strike Drama Steals Broadway Spotlight

Battle to Unionize Financial Industry Is Replete With Spectacular Feats; Economic Theme of Dispute Appeals to Both Galleries, Boxes

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Gen. Carl Spaatz Retiring From AF. Washington, April 1.—(AP)—Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, who has successfully led more troops in air battle than any other man in the world, will retire July 1 as chief of the U. S. Air Force.

State Power Need For '58 Estimated. Washington, April 1.—(AP)—By 1958 Arizona will need 400,000 kilowatts of power, the Interior Department estimates.

Arizona's Ground Water Measure Is Signed by Osborn

PHOENIX, April 1.—(AP)—Gov. Sidney P. Osborn today signed the sixth special session of the Arizona legislature, which passed a ground water control measure. The measure will help in its work to have a strong influence on the state's water supply.

Jews Attempt Again to Break Arab Blockade

British Employ Artillery To Stop Battling for Jerusalem Ghetto. JERUSALEM, April 1.—(AP)—British troops lobbed at least a dozen artillery shells into the Montefiore ghetto of Jerusalem tonight in an effort to break up a bloody battle between Arabs and Jews.

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Dewey, Stassen Bid for Vote Of MacArthur's 'Home State'

Military Genies' No Good in Cold War, New Yorker Tells Wisconsin. Milwaukee, April 1.—(AP)—Harold E. Stassen filed a bold challenge to a majority of Wisconsin's GOP presidential delegates tonight as they gathered in Milwaukee for a caucus.

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