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That's a seven two-foot-high, flowers-entwined oriental wig atop the head of movie star Elizabeth Taylor. It was created by Alexandre of Paris for her role in the movie Goforth, being filmed at Porto Conte, Sardinia. She stars with her husband Richard Burton.—(AP)

To Cancel F-111 Plane Order

LONDON (UPI) — The British Labor government is under mounting pressure to cancel the $525 million order for American F111 swing-wing fighter-bombers, informed sources said today.

Critics of the British government are advising the government to use reported shortcomings and teething troubles of the plane as an excuse for backing out of the deal.

The opposition to the British commitment comes from Harold Wilson's own left wing, but also from some of its rank and file as well as from some Conservative and Liberal quarters.

But the latest argument against the controversial plane is that with Britain's declared policy to withdraw from military commitments east of Suez, there is no longer any need for the F111.

Britain ordered 50 of the F111s, for $525 million. The plane was in effect originally intended for Britain's defense requirements in the early 1970s, especially in the Far East.

Since then, the Labor government, in an about-turn, renounced its earlier plans to maintain a military posture in the Far East — East of Suez. The government did so chiefly because of financial considerations, and in the light of the end of the threatening confrontation with Indonesia over the safety of Malaysia.

Critics of the government's financial and defense policies have since been urging it to back out of the American planes deal.

This clamor has been revived, coinciding with discussions currently in the United States by British Aviation Minister John Stonehouse with American officials and makers of the F111.

Stonehouse has denied suggestions that his current trip to the United States was to discuss cancellation of the British order.

Before his departure to the United States last week, he indicated that the order might be canceled if the plane did not come up to expectations. But he added he had no reason to believe that the plane would not meet the requirements of the Royal Air Force.

British critics have been listing a series of alleged shortcomings of the plane and have urged the government to disclose what standards, which are being kept secret, it has set for the F111.

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Report of Pay Offer Stirs Ford Talks

DETROIT (UPI) — United Auto Workers and company negotiators busted behind a barrier of secrecy today and there were unconfirmed reports that Ford Motor Co. was preparing a new contract offer in hopes of ending the 37-day-old auto strike.

Ford reinstalled electronic equipment used for taping public statements by union and company officials in the press room near the negotiating suite, heightening prospects that a public statement was imminent.

Officials of the company and union have stuck to a joint news blackout since Tuesday night, traditionally a sign they were moving toward settlement.

But one union source cautioned against interpreting the extended blackout as a sign that agreement was near. "We've been re-evaluating the positions the same as we have been doing all along," the source said.

Ford declined comment on reports it was readying a new offer. The UAW has demanded a three-year contract providing record gains for its 662,000 "Big Three" members including wage increases and a switch from hourly wages to guaranteed annual salaries.

Ford's only previous public offer, made before the strike closed the firm's 93 factories at midnight Sept. 6, was far short of union demands and the UAW rejected it.

The union sent 103 Ford workers back to their jobs today at factories in Sandusky, Ohio, and Rawsonville, Mich., to produce parts needed by American Motors Corp.

A Ford plant at Ypsilanti, Mich., was scheduled to resume limited production for the same purpose Monday and the union said a total of 873 men would work 9 to 13 days in the three plants producing the AMC parts.

The strike has idled Ford's 160,000 UAW members. General Motors Corp. and Chrysler Corp. have continued production.

Retirement Will Have to Wait

WASHINGTON (AP) — Anyone planning a retirement dinner for Vice Adm. Hyman G. Rickover will have to wait another two years.

The outspoken, often controversial Rickover, credited with fathering the nuclear submarine, accepted yesterday a fourth two-year extension of service with both the Navy and the Atomic Energy Commission. He was scheduled to retire next Jan. 1.

The admiral, 67, serves both as director of the AEC's Naval Reactors Division and as deputy commander for nuclear propulsion of the Navy's Ships Systems Command.

Rickover originally was slated for retirement in 1962. But strong congressional pressure resulted in his promotion to vice admiral and a two-year duty extension.

Hot's the Word For Tomorrow

It's going to be hot again tomorrow, after a brief cooling down into the 70s today, the weatherman says, and summer will probably prolong its return engagement in the Bay Area through the weekend.

Yesterday's temperatures soared into the 80s because there was no sea breeze. Oakland, with a high of 81 degrees, was only slightly cooler than the usual "hot spots" at Red Bluff and Sacramento, which registered 85 and 84 respectively.

Most of the Contra Costa and Southern Alameda County communities were even hotter than the valleys — Pittsburg and Danville reaching 88, Livermore and Concord 87 and Stockton 86 degrees. Richmond had an 82-degree high temperature, Fremont 80, Walnut Creek 85, Martinez and Orinda 84.

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