

Unions Wage Own Brand of Terrorism

TERRORISM is a worldwide hazard which psychologists and criminologists say may continue to get worse.

Israel is in the news because of retaliatory strikes for Palestinian terrorist attacks. Elsewhere, kidnapping for profit or politics occurs frequently.

South Moluccans, who emigrated to Holland to escape the new Indonesian regime, periodically capture hostages to force the Dutch to be more friendly to them.

We have terrorism in the United States, too, ranging from street gangs who mug and rob elderly citizens to strange but dangerous characters who kidnap planeloads of travelers.

Americans are appalled by these acts of terror, but we accept as a way of life another form of terrorism that is legal, occurs frequently and which often endangers our peace and security.

Strikes are a form of terrorism, because those participating often deprive or threaten to deprive citi-

zens of their rights by withholding jobs, protection and other necessities.

Items the public needs and wants are held for ransom in the form of higher pay, less work, other benefits or political power.

For more than three months, the United Mine Workers Union denied a vital fuel to citizens and factories until it got its way.

A segment of farmers is threatening to withhold food production unless they are guaranteed full parity prices.

Firemen and police have struck in a number of places, exposing the public to danger until their demands were met.

Supporters of the faltering Equal Rights Amendment are promoting a boycott against states which have not ratified their extremist proposals, including Oklahoma.

Because millions of union members demand the right to strike and because labor bosses contribute to campaign funds, laws have been en-

acted giving unions advantages over other citizens.

Labor wants more. Pending in Congress is legislation that would speed up unionization. One "reform" would allow union organizers equal time to address workers attending non-union meetings called by management.

We may expect more strikes this year. Almost 500,000 railroad employees have been working without a contract since December. Union contracts covering 600,000 postal workers expire in July. West Coast maritime workers also will negotiate.

The outlook is even darker. Unionists are trying to sign up some 14 million governmental employees for the stated purpose of being able to shut down government to get their way.

Such an act would be contrary to the will of the majority and probably unconstitutional, but it is a threat of terrorism that is real while strikers can hold the public for ransom.