

Gov't Pressed to Walk on Tightrope on Labor Issue

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The government is walking on a tightrope in its handling of unions that are expected to take up the arms to protest what they consider an "unfair share of pain" workers are forced to endure amid a nationwide business restructuring.

Following May Day clashes between pipe-wielding workers and tear-gas firing riot police, the government resorted to strong anti-violence rhetoric.

On Saturday, President Kim Dae-jung stated, "I welcome a legitimate demand by workers but will not tolerate illegal activities and attempts to intervene with management."

Labor Minister Lee Ki-ho echoed his boss' position, issuing a statement that the workers' violent demonstrations defamed the May Day spirit. The government is expected to announce a package of anti-violent unionist acts today.

The prosecutors and police also are ordered to track and arrest the leading members of the demonstrations. Believing that student activists also took part in the violent demonstrations, they are also aiming to server labor-student activist ties.

According to the law enforcement officials, about 22,000 who took part

in Friday's May Day protests break down to 14,500 from the militant Min-junochong or Korea Confederation of Trade Unions (KCTU), and about 7,000 student activists in addition to about 500 jobless. Few members of the "softer" Nochong or Korea Federation of Trade Unions (KFTU) joined in the protests.

The KCTU claimed that the May Day protests were aimed at getting the message of job insecurity across and that the government's heavy-handed approach turned the peaceful rallies into violent clashes.

Despite the government's initial strong rhetoric, the government is taking the maximum precautions in handling the union activism.

This can be read in Minister Lee's wanting against "some labor organizations" which undoubtedly points to the KCTU. This specific reference is, according to some experts, aimed at isolating the KCTU and preventing the KFTU front joining in.

The union-related troubles are the last thing the government wants since it will scare off foreign investors who are still waiting to see if Korea is fit and stable enough to invest following its financial meltdown. Time and again, the government has made clear the only way to resuscitate the country's economy is to attract foreign capital.

However, dealing with unionists is tricky. First of all, hundreds of workers are laid off from their workplaces every day with few social safety nets to fall back on.

A series of welfare benefits the government is introducing appear so far to stop short of cushioning the rising number of jobless. Some predictions have it that the jobless might swell to 3 million out of a 20 plus million workforce.

With these factors taken into consideration, the government appeared pressed for room to move around in. It can't get tough with the unionists at the risk of raising their wrath. Right now, the government is courting them to the table for negotiations on a second tripartite agreement among labor, management and the government.

It is possible that the KCTU may boycott the upcoming meeting, demanding among other things a drastic corporate reform in return for layoffs of workers.

Meanwhile, the government can't accommodate the workers' demands, ignoring calls for more flexibility in labor market, a key precondition set by foreign investors. Put in such a dilemma, the government is pressed to search for an elusive golden balance to avoid industrial dispute and bring in foreign investors.

Kang, Kim to Be Arrested This Week Over Currency Crisis

The prosecution again summoned Kang Kyong-shik, former finance and economy minister, and Kim In-ho, former chief presidential economic secretary, yesterday to continue the investigation into the causes of the foreign currency crisis.

The questioning of the pair focused on their responses at that time to the worsening financial problem. They were asked to explain why they failed to acknowledge the seriousness of the situation and why they paid no heed to warnings issued by the Bank of

Korea and other economic research institutes.

The two are suspected of being partly responsible for leading the nation into the catastrophic crisis by failing to respond effectively. The prosecution, which considers their failure to enact prompt measures to ward off the crisis as a dereliction of official duties is determined to charge them.

In the meantime, former president Kim Young-sam, in response to written questions, said "I feel strongly that the responsibility for not effectively coping

with the currency crisis should be placed on me alone."

"I regret my failure to implement effective economic policies. I should have watched the flow of economy more precisely while in office," he was quoted as saying.

The former president also deplored his failure to advance economic reforms more positively, saying that "our failure to win the understanding of people and politicians on the necessity of reform, is regrettable," according to the prosecution.

Leukemia Foils Korea-Born Cadet's Dream

By Hong Sun-hee
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A Korean-American who recovered from leukemia thanks to trans-Pacific efforts to save his life is graduating the U.S. Air Force Academy this month, but his dream to become a pilot is not likely to come true. The academy's medical committee has ruled that he is not qualified for the job.

Instead, Brian Sung-dok Bauman, 24, is leaning toward the field of medicine in deep appreciation of the compassion Koreans showed on him when death was close to him two years ago.

When the story of the Korean adoptee suffering from chronic leukemia was reported by a local television station early in 1996, the search for compatible bone marrow donors spread nationwide with over 10,000 people participating

from various walks of life and from different age groups.

A ROK Army sergeant was found to be a match and his human leukocyte antigen (HLA) was transplanted into the patient's blood later.

Bauman returned to school in Colorado Springs, Colorado, after the operation and his condition has improved enough to stop taking antibiotics.

He is graduating from the academy on May 27, two years later than his original classmates. However, he won't be commissioned to the U.S. Air Force.

Interviewed by CBS-TV recently, he said, "The academy's medical commit-

tee was against my appointment due to my clinical history. ... If I am not commissioned, I will return to my parents in Minneapolis, Minnesota to go to a medical college."

The academy's appointment committee posted him at the communications section, as the medical committee ruled that his qualifications as a future Air Force officer are in question due to his medical history.

The superintendent of the academy can commission him and disregard the ruling should the U.S. Air Force Secretary endorse him. There is no precedent for such, so he has a slim chance of being commissioned.

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Korean Air (KAL) is marketing a package program that provides everything from airline services to accommodations and transportation for foreign visitors from Southeast Asia, Europe and U.S. in order to further drum up inbound tourism amid ongoing national economic crisis.

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"This is especially good for those who prefer to explore Korea on an individual

basis rather than as part of a group of tourists who are obliged to resign their fates entirely to the will of a tour guide," a KAL spokesman said.

"The transportation portion of the package is assumed by KAL limousine bus service," he said. Package users can pick and choose among many tour programs offered by Hanjin Travel, a KAL subsidiary. They include a Seoul city tour, a visit to the Korean Folk Village and a tour of the truce village of Panmunjom, which straddles the area between the two Koreas, among others.

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