

Federal Mediators Prepare Paper Strike Intervention

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Federal mediators are preparing to intervene in a week-long strike that has halted distribution of this city's two major newspapers, the Inquirer and the Bulletin.

Two unions are now on strike with no settlement in sight. They are Teamsters Local 628, which distributes the papers, and the American Newspaper Guild, representing editorial and clerical workers, which struck the Inquirer early yesterday.

The Teamsters strike also includes the nearby Camden Courier-Post, the major afternoon newspaper in southern New Jersey.

Meanwhile, people turned to radio and television for the news or came to the Inquirer and Bulletin buildings, where limited editions were sold in the lobby.

Or they bought the Daily News, the city's smallest and only other paper. The Guild contract at the News, an afternoon tabloid owned by the Inquirer, also has expired. No strike has been called but negotiators so far have been unable to agree on a new contract.

Robert Donnanah, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service here, said plans were being made to meet separately and then jointly with the disputants. The joint meeting was tentatively scheduled for Wednesday.

With the Guild out, the Inquirer was unable to publish a Sunday edition, but supervisory personnel managed to put out a 12-page Monday morning paper without advertising. It sold out in the lobby. The number of copies printed was not announced.

The news departments of the Bulletin and Courier-Post are not unionized and both papers planned afternoon editions to be sold over the counter.

The Bulletin said it printed 45,000 Sunday papers. All were sold. Combined normal Sunday circulation of the Inquirer and Bulletin is 1,884,000. Daily circulation is 1,420,000. The Daily News, with no Sunday edition, has a circulation of 190,000.

The Teamsters are seeking a \$10 weekly wage increase. Pre-strike base pay was \$94.50. The newspapers have offered an \$8.50 increase.

Besides wages, a major stumbling block has been contract language concerning delivery of papers through picket lines. The union wants the right to honor what it terms "legally authorized and sanctioned" picket lines.

A joint publisher's statement said such a clause could shut down the papers "over an issue not related to the contract."

The Guild has asked a one-year contract with a hike in the top newsmen's minimum from \$137 to \$148. It also wants the work week cut from 37 1/2 to 35 hours, more pension money and a general weekly wage increase of \$4 to \$7.

The Inquirer said it offered increases ranging up to \$5 weekly, more liberal vacations, a hike in the night differential and a pension contribution in the second year which it said would more than double the present 1.9 per cent pension contribution.

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Under Control — The first McCloud ranger district fire of the season was brought under control last week. A lightning-caused blaze burned about one-twentieth of an acre of brush and timber in the Rock Creek-Clark Creek area before being extinguished by four USFS employes using a tanker truck.

Retired — Melvin (Pop) Davis, long time resident of McCloud, retired May 30 after 33 years with the McCloud River Lumber Company, where he was employed as a millwright.

Returned — Mrs. Hazel Jerden, chief observer of the Yreka GOC, returned to her home last week after attending a two-day conference of the GOC at Fresno.

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Taxation Methods, School Aid Before Iowa Balloters

DES MOINES (AP)—Tax methods and school aid were the major issues as Iowans voted in a primary election today.

Republicans and Democrats were selecting their choices to run next fall for governor, eight congressional seats and other state offices. Neither of Iowa's two Republican U. S. senators has to run for reelection this year.

Secretary of State Melvin D. Synhorst estimated a vote of 310,000 and Democratic State Chairman Jake Mory forecast heavy balloting, spurred by an unusually large state of congressional candidates.

Political observers were watching the election for an answer to this question: Can the Democrats hold their gains of 1956, when they elected an Iowa governor for the first time in 20 years and cracked the solid Republican congressional delegation?

Democratic Gov. Herschel Loveless, who has no primary opposition, has generally steered clear of the campaign controversies except to answer when Republicans hurled criticism at him.

The Republican governorship contest has produced most of the fireworks as the two candidates, Dr. William G. Murray, an Iowa State College professor, and Lt. Gov. William H. Nicholas have clashed over tax philosophy.

Murray, making his first try for public office, has proposed raising the sales tax from two to three cents and using the extra money to help pay the costs of local school districts.

Nicholas opposes any tax increases and says the Republicans can't beat Loveless in November on a three per cent sales tax program.

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