

# Newspaper Strike

As of April 4 the Times News strike is in it's 31st day. Recent negotiations give tentative signs of ending the strike by the Erie Newspaper Guild.

The Guild first started the strike on March 6, with the Stereotypers Union joining the Guild on March 13. Three more unions printers, pressmen, and mailers all refuse to cross the picket lines.

Management personnel and some union people who did decide to work allow the Times to put out a limited newspaper of approximately 30,000 daily copies (90,000 is near normal) and nearly 65,000 Sunday copies, as against 90,000 normal. No home deliveries are being made in the county, and the papers are sold mostly by machines and newsstands.

Basic goals sought for in union settlement are a thirty dollar raise (over two years), hospitalization benefits and improved pension programs. One other factor involved in settlement is the fact that the Times is erecting a brand new building at Twelfth & Sassafras to Twelfth & Myrtle. Within the walls of this new building will be more mechanization, and therefore some employees are looking for job security clauses or provisions in their contracts.

A possible break is in sight as the Times offered the Printers Union a \$13 raise per year for 3 years which will presumably be

accepted. This same will in probability be offered to the Guild. However due to inflationary trends, the Guild dislikes signing for more than two years at a time but even with \$13 a year for only two years this would be \$4.00 short of the requested \$30.00.

## POPULATION EXPLOSION (Pittsburgh)

A population explosion occurred recently among the sea horses at the Aqua Zoo in Highland Park.

A male sea horse—as happens only among sea horses—gave birth to several hundred progeny, also as happens only among sea horses. Baby sea horses about an inch long are now floating in an isolation tank heated to 68 degrees, eating newly hatched brine shrimp (which are crustaceans like lobsters) and hoping they live to become adult sea horses.

Female sea horses transfer fertilized eggs to be incubated in the abdominal pouch of the male. After a gestation period of about 25 days, the male experiences labor pains and releases his offspring.

It would, of course, be fascinating to talk to a hippocampus hudsonias, the ichthyological name of the species. Women of the world who often have complained that men don't know suffering because they have not experienced labour pains would more than meet their match in the sea horse.

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