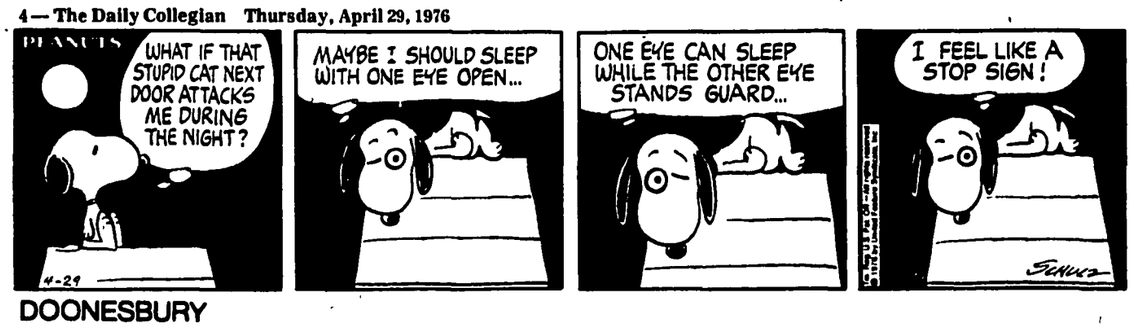

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Frisco walkout nears end

By United Press International

A San Francisco official reported yesterday an agreement has been worked out that is expected to end the 4-week-old strike of 1,700 city workers.

Quentin Kopp, president of the city Board of Supervisors, said top union officials have accepted the proposal and were recommending it to the striking municipal workers.

Kopp said Mayor George Moscone also endorsed the settlement proposal, the details of which were not revealed. He said union leaders were meeting to discuss the proposal and a reply was expected within hours.

If strikers accept the settlement proposal, he said, the walkout would end immediately and the city's cable cars, trolleys and buses would be rolling within hours.

The break came after several days of secret negotiations and after the striking workers indirectly caused a water shortage in thousands of homes, hospitals and schools. Elsewhere in the nation's labor picture:

— A court in Indiana moved to prevent violence in a nationwide strike of rubber workers.

— A financial report showed an 8-week-old Teamsters strike apparently has made deep inroads into beer sales of Anheuser-Busch Inc.

— Despite a spring rash of strikes, the Labor Department reported that strike activity during the year's first three months was lower than in any previous first quarter during the last decade.

San Francisco officials said they suspected sabotage in the rupture of a 30-inch water main in Golden Gate Park. Striking municipal workers blocked efforts to repair the main, triggering a water shortage in an area with a population of more than 70,000 persons.

Officials said somebody apparently had tampered with a pressure valve. A group of men were seen nearby shortly before the rupture occured. When workmen for a private contractor arrived to fix the break, noisy pickets showed up and the workers left.

The strikebound Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. obtained an injunction at Noblesville, Ind., against a United Rubber Workers local after picket line incidents.

The URW went on strike April 21 against all Firestone, Goodyear, Goodrich and Uniroyal plants in the United States. It has sought to make a pattern-setting settlement with Firestone but so far there has been no indication of progress in negotiations at Cleveland.

At its St. Louis headquarters, Anheuser-Busch reported a 16 per cent decrease in beer sales during the first quarter of the year. Since a nationwide strike of teamsters began March 1 against its plants, the brewery company has been producing beer on a limited scale by using supervisory and salaried employes.

Contract negotiations broke off yesterday between Anheuser-Busch, Inc., and striking Teamsters Bottlers Local 1187 over failure to agree on disciplinary action for strikers allegedly involved in violence.

The bargaining sessions had been separated from talks with Busch involving the national Teamsters Union, which has been on strike since March 1 at all nine of the company's plants across the country. About 8,000 employes, including 4,000 in St. Louis, have been idled by the strike.

Any settlement that would have been reached in the St. Louis talks would have applied only to the St. Louis local.

In other labor disputes, members of the National Association of Broadcast Employes and Technicians continued a strike against the National Broadcasting Company and 70 nurses remained away from their jobs at Windham Community Memorial Hospital in Williamantic, Conn.

Accused of aiding Hearst

Soliah may face charges

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (UPI) — Steven Soliah, acquitted of participating in a fatal Symbionese Liberation Army bank robbery, may face charges for aiding his underground lover, Patricia Hearst.

An alibi witness at Soliah's federal court trial, Emily Toback, 26, also could face a perjury charge. She testified she was in San Francisco the day of the bank robbery, but state records indicate she was visiting at Folson Prison, 90 miles from San Francisco and 10 miles from the robbery scene.

Soliah, 27, testified at his trial that he "felt close" to Hearst and aided her for more than a year while she was sought by authorities. He shared an apartment with her before her arrest.

"I lived with her, I slept with her," he said.

Arrested by FBI agents Sept. 18, less than an hour after Hearst was taken into custody, he was charged with harboring a fugitive. That charge was dropped when he was indicted in Sacramento for allegedly participating in the Carmichael, Calif. bank hold-up.

An eight-woman, four-man jury Tuesday acquitted Soliah of the April 21, 1975 holdup of a Crocker National Bank branch during which a woman customer was killed.

Assistant U.S. Attorney David Bancroft said in San Francisco he is investigating the possibility of reinstating the harboring charge against Soliah.

Toback, a San Francisco masseuse, testified that she spent the night before the bank robbery with Soliah at her San Francisco house but had "no specific recollection" of seeing him the next morning when she left for a university physics class at 11.

Soliah said he was in San Francisco at the time of the robbery.

It was discolosed Tuesday, however, that a woman identifying herself as Toback was at Folsom Prison visiting a prisoner named Alfred Ingram at 9 a.m. the day of the robbery.

Toback declined to comment on the disclosure until she consulted an attorney.

Phil Guthrie, a spokesman for the state Department of Corrections said: "From our records it seems clear she was at the prison that day."

Federal prosecutors in Sacramento would not comment on whether they would seek a perjury indictment against Toback.

Other potential state charges against Soliah include the use of false identification. Soliah admitted at his trial that he used a drivers license in the name of Victor Silva — a deceased baby, and that he purchased a car for Hearst and fugitives William and Emily Harris under the name John Matthews.

Senate rocks tax shelter reform

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate Finance Committee voted yesterday to weaken significantly the House-passed curbs on tax shelters in the farming and real estate industries.

The committee actions on shelters — one of the major methods used by the wealthy to delay or reduce taxes — were the first in what is expected to be a step-by-step dismantling of the massive tax reform bill passed late last year by the House.

A majority of committee members, led by chairman Russell Long, D-La., had expressed dissatisfaction with the House bill, saying it would create unemployment and harm investment.

Most liberal members, possibly already assuming they will have to stage their reform battles on the Senate floor, were absent from the two days of committee drafting sessions.

By several lopsided votes, the committee voted yesterday to substitute its own weaker provisions for the House method of curbing tax shelters in real estate and farming. While the committee would cut back on the use of tax shelters, it would not do so to the extent of the House bill.

Tax shelters generally are investments made by wealthy persons which produce big tax deductions in one year, while the investment does not produce taxable income until the next year.

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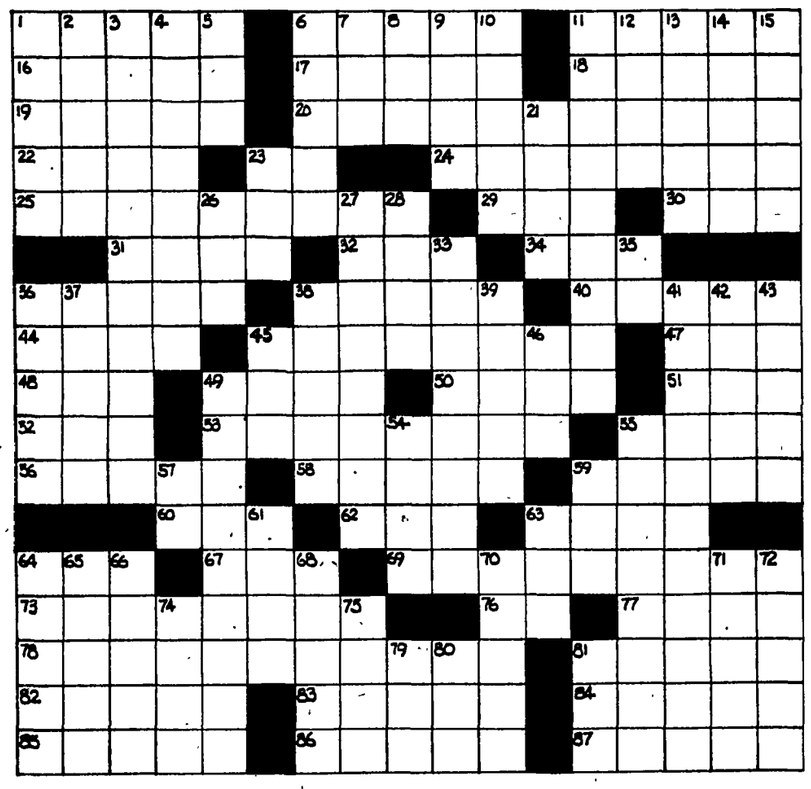

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1 Rehabilitation, for short
2 Scent
3 Two-outs-in-one cases
4 Two antique autos
5 "Oh, say, can you ——"
6 Oarsman
7 I: German
8 Ear: prefix
9 Indian buzzard
10 Pebble
11 Second baseman, for one
12 Surprise attack
13 Defensive misplay in baseball
14 Homes for birds
15 Model rocket company
21 Weight minus deductions: abbr
23 Baseball need
26 Golfer's goal
27 Ringing for the dead
28 Egyptian queen of gods
33 Great stone, as in "2001"
35 Copper, in chemistry
36 One who puts up with
37 Houston baseball player
38 Aspersions
39 Type of book
41 Words often with "You're out!"
42 Yours: archaic
43 Not intoxicated
45 Open wide word
46 Man's name
49 Miss thrice, in baseball
54 Viet Nam's neighbor
55 Unchanging
57 Scrooge, for short
59 Alternative to the pendulum
61 Gas used in lights
63 Not an amateur
64 Bath garments
65 Excite
66 Buffalo
68 Collegian cartoonist and others
70 Beginning
71 One who paddles
72 Reporters and others
74 Vein: Latin
75 Frolic
79 52, to Caesar
80 Conducter: abbr
81 Volumes: abbr

(answers to puzzle on page 11)

1 Scottish words for "afraid"
6 Disturbance
11 Dunne, for one
16 Wear away
17 Group of eight
18 Loki's son and others
19 Abode
20 Abbot and Costello routine
22 Lottery numbers: German
23 "—— my Valentine"
24 Poison remedy
25 Places for games
29 Ram's dam
30 Abbreviations for "right side"
31 He was: Latin
32 Viet ——
34 Abbreviation similar to SWAK
36 Writer Ernest Thompson
40 Cleans of powdered dirt
44 Norwegian capital
45 Complete in itself: hyphenated
47 Tonkin native
48 School organization: abbr
49 King of Israel
50 Above
51 Adam's or spare
52 State of: suffix
53 Elated
55 Movie, in Madrid
56 Certain botanist
58 Slow creature
59 Card game
60 Storage chest
62 Obtained
63 Evergreen
64 Confederate, for short
67 Beer container
69 Honus Wagner, for one
73 Oil used in cooking and salads
76 Negative
77 "There's gold in them —— hills!"
78 Walk, in baseball
81 Wilkes-——
82 English university: abbr
83 Groom's spouse
84 Leg joints
85 Senate: German
86 Mini, midi, or maxi
87 Noun endings

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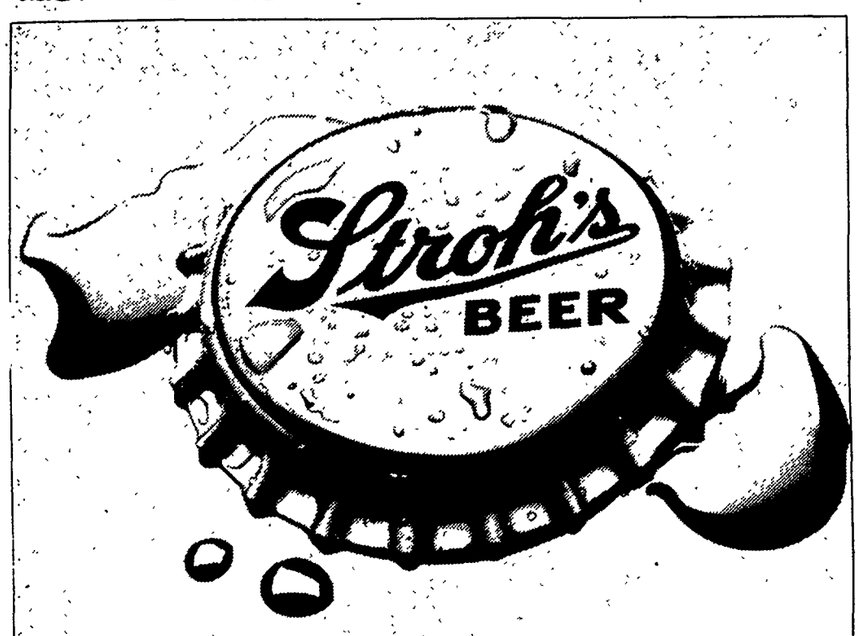

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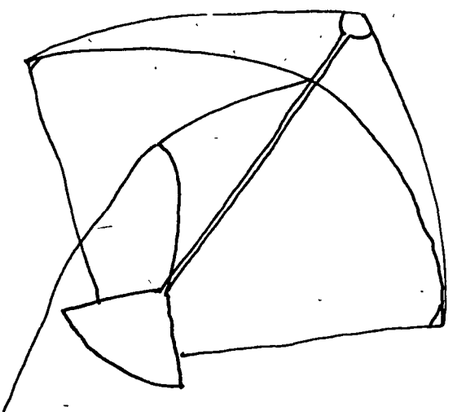
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