

# Teachers strike in 10 states, idle 350,000 pupils

**By United Press International**  
Teacher strikes kept more than 350,000 children from their books or forced them to dawdle in understaffed classrooms yesterday as the nation's school systems sputtered into gear in the new school year.

Some 19,149 teachers were on strike in 10 states. Most walkouts were in the East and Midwest. They hit, in a here-and-there pattern, in Rhode Island, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Washington.

The teacher strikes hit hardest in Pennsylvania. Nearly 175,000 pupils in the state were affected by strikes by more than 7,500 teachers in 24 districts.

The Pennsylvania total was boosted yesterday by strikes in

the Altoona, Reading, Berwick and Panther Valley school districts, in addition to the shutdown in 30 Catholic high schools in Philadelphia, Chester, Delaware, Bucks and Montgomery counties.

The Pennsylvania Education Association said teachers in two other school districts were locked out and contracts talks in 122 other districts remained unresolved.

Teacher's in Jersey City's 40 public schools went on strike on the first day of school for 38,000 children and demanded an \$800 annual raise.

The Philadelphia Roman Catholic archdiocese suspended the opening of classes, scheduled today and tomorrow, when 1,200 lay teachers rejected a proposed contract calling for at least \$2,200 in salary increases over three years.

An estimated 94 per cent of Buffalo's 3,500 public school teachers spent the scheduled first day of school picketing the city's 101 schools.

Striking teachers in Seattle picketed on the eve of the city's school opening while administrators promised to keep classrooms open for 62,000 children today.

The city of Manchester, N.H., asked the state Public Employee Reactions Board to order an immediate halt to a 2-day-old strike by 950 teachers which prevented the opening of school yesterday for 28,000 students.

School was also piled up in San Francisco. Some 190 school bus drivers, who bus about 19,000 of the Golden Gate city's 33,000 elementary school pupils for racial integration pur-

poses, went on strike, stranding the youngsters on the opening day of classes.

It was the second time in less than six months that San Francisco school children were affected by a strike. A 38-day strike last spring idled the city's buses, trolleys and cable cars, used by many children to get to school.

The 2,000-member Jersey City Education Association went on strike after lengthy contract talks recessed at 6:30 a.m. without a settlement. Talks were to resume last night. The school board said it was drawing up contingency plans and it invited children to report as usual.

In Buffalo, where teachers began their strike during an orientation day session Tuesday, the president of the Buffalo Teachers Federation was ordered to show cause why he should not be held in contempt of a court order barring a strike vote.

## Troops in Korea return to 'normal alert'

SEOUL, South Korea (UPI) — The 42,000 U.S. troops in South Korea returned to "normal alert" status yesterday but the American commander said "let this fool no one" that military vigilance will weaken along the 151-mile border.

U.S. military sources said two extra squadrons of F111 and F4 jets were still on temporary duty in South Korea. The jets were flown in during the military build-up following the ax-murder of two U.S. officers at Panmunjon last month.

South Korea's 600,000 troops reportedly were reducing their "High alert" footing to mark agreement with the Communists on new security arrangements at the truce village in the Demilitarized Zone.

Gen. Richard G. Stillwell, commander of the U.S. forces

in South Korea and the U.N. Command, praised his troops but warned them to stay watchful.

"The military situation and our operations are gradually returning to normal," Stillwell said in a statement. "But let this fool no one, for as we have seen, the usual calm within the Demilitarized Zone masks an ever-potential

arena of conflict. We must maintain our guard and our vigilance."

For the first time since the incident in Panmunjon, 30 miles north of here, South Korean soldiers were seen in the streets of Seoul in regular uniform, out of their combat garb.

The American-led UNC and North Korea successfully

negotiated to separate their armed guards along the border at the truce village to prevent further violence.

Beginning Sept. 16, guards will remain on their own side of the border which bisects Panmunjon. Since the aftermath of the Korean War in 1953, the entire 800-yard village has been open to military personnel of both sides.

From a military point of view, Stillwell said, his command's actions following the Panmunjon incident were "a complete success."

"It was also a clear signal that the United States takes its commitment to the Republic of South Korea, as well as its United Nations Command responsibilities, with the utmost seriousness."

## Panel rejects vitamin C as cold cure

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A government advisory panel of doctors and scientists yesterday rejected claims by Nobel laureate Linus Pauling that vitamin C is effective in preventing or treating common colds.

"The panel found no study which demonstrated vitamin C is unequivocally effective

for the prevention or treatment of the 'common cold,' although some data tended to favor effectiveness for treatment of cold symptoms," the panel told the Food and Drug Administration.

While the panel refused to say claims for vitamin C's effectiveness in treating or

preventing colds were "totally unfounded," it found they "are not justified" and need further study.

Consumer use of cough and cold remedies containing vitamins for the prevention of colds would be "irrational" and "illogical," since such products should be used only when symptoms of a cold are

present, the panel said.

Pauling, who won Nobel prizes in 1954 for chemistry and 1962 for peace, "argued persuasively" that scientific data favors a beneficial effect of large dosages of vitamin C in treating the common cold, the panel noted in its 1,000-page report on over-the-counter cough medicines.

## Airline subsidies slated

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The United States, saying it plans to end unfair discrimination against U.S. airlines flying abroad, issued a long-awaited new international aviation policy yesterday that opens the door to federal subsidies for them.

The policy statement, signed by President Ford and presented by Transportation Secretary William Coleman and Deputy Secretary of State Charles Robinson, replaces one issued in 1970 and comes after years of complaints by the airlines that the government was ignoring their plight abroad.

One section says there is no need for two U.S. carriers to fly the same

international route to provide adequate competition. It recognizes the competition posed by foreign carriers, which often are government subsidized.

Another part says foreign routes flown by U.S. airlines at a loss because of national interests should be subsidized by the government, rather than by passengers who fly on those airlines' other, more profitable routes.

Stressing the need to provide consumers with low cost international flights, the policy statement also said there should be more charter airlines where they can operate economically, and charter carriers should be

allowed to operate scheduled flights.

"The U.S. opposes unfair discriminatory or restrictive practices by foreign countries that limit the competition capability of U.S. flag carriers," it said.

Coleman said international aviation "has changed substantially" since 1970 and the new policy reflects "the realities of today's fuel-conscious world and the need to accommodate the differing views of other nations."

Robinson said the policy statement will guide U.S. negotiators who begin today dealing with Britain's attempt to break a 35-year-old aviation agreement.

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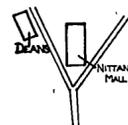
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