Standoff in City Light Revolt

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A full-scale workers' revolt aimed at overthrowing City Light Superintendent Gordon Vickery was urged here yesterday at a 12-hour meeting of about 300 dissidents who have walked off their jobs since Tuesday.

Encouraged by the defections of about 100 more of City Light's 800 employees, the protestors met to plan a coordinated walkout on Easter weekend and another mass meeting will be held Monday morning at the Seattle Center.

At the end of the fourth day of the confrontation, none of the demands of City Light workers had been met.

And there was no indication that Vickery would be fired by Mayor Wes Uhlman, or that Vickery had any intention of quitting under fire.

Councilwoman Jeanette Williams, meanwhile, failed in her daylong attempt to arbitrate the matter between Uhlman and a seven-member committee from the loosely organized group of dissidents.

She succeeded only in extracting a letter from Uhlman which the committee did not read to its huge, waiting audience in the Center last night - indicating that it was because the letter was addressed to John Starvecich, business representative for Electrical Workers Union Local 77.

The workers are seeking a "universal" appeal to enlistees in the cause and have been rejecting all union links.

The mayor's office said the letter was addressed to the union leader because the city is legally bound to bargain with Starvecich rather than the workers-at-large.

In the letter, Uhlman had agreed to review the proposed suspension of two foremen and to review the disciplinary code - but not fire Vickery.

It was far short of continuing demands that have been made by the protesters.

A tepid atmosphere prevailed earlier in the day in the Center as the protesters reiterated the previous day's list of five demands and cheered each new announcement of further walkouts - mostly by clerical help at City Light.

A big ovation greeted the 9 a.m. news that three cashiers had walked off their jobs at the downtown City Light building.

The ill-defined goals and fluctuating demands appeared over the past four days obviously had become concentrated yesterday into a single demand for one "cure-all" solution:

The removal of Vickery from his job.

Another new proposal, which was approved by the assembly yesterday, called for the initiation of a petition drive aimed at having a three-member elected commission set policy for City Light and hire the superintendent.

A motion also was introduced that the City Council "review the political appointment" of Vickery.

Another resolution was passed to ask the City
CITY LIGHT EMPLOYEES JAMMED INTO THE SMOKEALARM ROOM AT THE SEATTLE CENTER FOR AN ALL DAY MASS MEETING TO PLAN STRATEGY

The Workers vs. Gordon Vickery

BY DON TOWKEMBURY

The light has been turned on and the workers are back in the building. The new office is warm and the air conditioning is working. The workers are back in their jobs and the company is back in business.

The workers have been working for a long time. They have been on strike for a long time. They have been fighting for their rights. They have been fighting for their lives.

The workers have been fighting for their lives. They have been fighting for their jobs. They have been fighting for their families.

The workers have been fighting for their families. They have been fighting for their children. They have been fighting for their future.

The workers have been fighting for their future. They have been fighting for their dream. They have been fighting for their freedom.

The workers have been fighting for their freedom. They have been fighting for their liberty. They have been fighting for their rights.

The workers have been fighting for their rights. They have been fighting for their尊严. They have been fighting for their humanity.

The workers have been fighting for their humanity. They have been fighting for their dignity. They have been fighting for their respect.

The workers have been fighting for their respect. They have been fighting for their recognition. They have been fighting for their honor.

The workers have been fighting for their honor. They have been fighting for their pride. They have been fighting for their identity.

The workers have been fighting for their identity. They have been fighting for their self-esteem. They have been fighting for their confidence.

The workers have been fighting for their confidence. They have been fighting for their self-confidence. They have been fighting for their self-assurance.

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