

# Tieup Costing Port

## \$185,000 Monthly

### Agency Pleads For Solution

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The Seattle Port Commission issued a public plea yesterday for early solution to the West Coast dock strike.

The longshoremen's work stoppage is costing the Port alone \$185,000 in this first month, commissioners said, and the cost will go up to \$246,000 a month in August and future months.

This is the cost to the municipal Port organization alone. Commissioner Paul Friedlander commented yesterday:

"Lord knows what the strike is costing our city as a whole and the rest of the Puget Sound region."

Friedlander introduced a resolution at yesterday's Port Commission meeting calling for the Port to "use its good offices to implore city, county, state and federal officials to do everything in their power to settle this strike as speedily as possible."

Commission President Merle Adlum, himself a union leader, commented:

"This means we want to get them back in negotiations. We're not trying to dictate a settlement."

Union and management have met to discuss local issues, but there have been no coastwide negotiations between the International Longshoremen & Warehousemen's Union and employers' Pacific Maritime As-

### House Kills CBS Contempt Move

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — The House yesterday killed a move to cite CBS President Frank Stanton and his network for contempt of Congress for refusing to supply subpoenaed films and tapes used in making the controversial television documentary, "The Selling of the Pentagon."

The 226-181 roll call vote to refer the issue back to the House Commerce Committee was a stunning blow to its chairman, Rep. Harley O. Staggers, D-W. Va., who had staked his personal prestige on a showdown vote against the broadcast giant.

Staggers, who had accused CBS of deception and distortions through its film editing, conceded after the vote that any contempt action was dead.

But he said his committee still might draft legislation asserting a right by Congress—disputed by some of his colleagues—to exercise control over the networks as users of the public airwaves.

"I feel that this is a sad day for the American people," Staggers said. "The vote showed the awesome power of the television networks and the news media brought to bear on the House."

But Rep. Emanuel Celler, D-N.Y., countered that "the First Amendment towers over these proceedings like a colossus" and a "monument to our liberty" which should not be toppled.

Stanton issued a statement expressing pleasure over the "decisive" House vote in CBS' favor. "As responsible journalists, we shall continue to do our best to report on public events in a fair and responsible manner," he said.

House leaders had sought in vain to persuade Staggers against bringing up the contempt motion yesterday.

Actor Robert Stack filed a \$25 million damage suit against CBS over the program. Page 9

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