

# Labor

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Labor strife continued to build in Seattle and the nation yesterday with only a glimmer of hope in the bleak picture.

As United Transportation Union pickets went up at the Union Pacific yards here yesterday, Meatcutters Local 81 announced that a strike against King County retailers "appears inevitable" next week.

The lone bright spot was the announcement that contractors in King and Snohomish counties will end their five-week lockout of building and construction work Monday.

In other labor developments:

- The Seattle, Northwest and Tacoma chapters of Associated General Contractors reached tentative agreement on a contract with the Teamsters Union.

- The Southern Railroad as well as Union Pacific was struck by the UTU in dispute over wages and work rules.

- Striking telephone workers said they would conduct a busy weekend of negotiations.

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## 'Time For Dock Talks'

Two mayors moaned the blues yesterday about the effect of the West Coast dock strike on their local economies, then urged union and management to begin negotiations.

Seattle Mayor Wes Uhlman and Anchorage Mayor George Sullivan were criticized because management and representatives of the Longshoremen's Union have not met in negotiations since the longshore strike began July 1.

Mayor Sullivan said:

"They are not going to solve it if they don't sit down and talk."

Mayor Uhlman added:

"It is time the two parties met face to face."

Uhlman said that if the strike continues for two more weeks it will cost Seattle 10,000 jobs and about \$22 million in lost revenue.

Mayor Sullivan said the strike has severely halted Anchorage's annual building construction season.

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