

# LONG STRIKE SEEN BY UNITED PARCEL

Company Says Union Stand  
Is Unreasonable—Head  
of Local Is Adamant

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The United Parcel Service, whose deliveries have been halted by a walkout of 3,000 workers, said last night that it expected the strike to be a long one.

A company statement said it had "made ready for a long strike unless the unions make a substantial change in what the company feels is a completely unreasonable position."

John J. Mahoney, president of Local 804, the largest of the four teamster locals on strike, said he felt that the union negotiators had been "more than reasonable and could not make any further retreat."

The teamster locals struck Saturday. They are seeking hourly increases of 55 cents over two years and other benefits in a two-year contract. The company has offered a 25-cent increase over two years in a three-year contract.

Present hourly rates for helpers and drivers are \$1.75 and \$2.20.

## Effect on Sales Mixed

All deliveries that United Parcel makes for department stores, specialty shops and other concerns in New York, Westchester, North Jersey, Long Island and parts of Connecticut have been brought to a standstill. The company delivers about 800,000 packages a week, mainly for stores.

The walkout had mixed effects yesterday on department store sales. Purchases of articles that could be carried away by hand were about normal for the day. However, sales of furniture, heavy appliances and other bulky items declined slightly.

Spokesmen for the stores said it was too early to tell how serious an effect the strike would have on their business.

The strikers are members of New York teamster Locals 804 and 138 and New Jersey Locals 177 and 478. About 2,000 of those who have walked out are members of Local 804.

Pickets were posted yesterday at thirty-two United Parcel depots in the city and a fifty-mile radius outside of it.

Although customers had been advised by the department stores that articles they had purchased before Friday night

## The Quickest Way to Get Those Bundles Home



A Macy's customer taking full advantage of a "do-it-yourself" delivery service.



Strike against the United Parcel Service forced many buyers to assume new roles.

could be picked up at the United Parcel depots, few did.

The strikers also picketed warehouses of some of the department stores as well as the stores themselves. However, the pickets were withdrawn early in the day from the stores, except for Stern Brothers. But

they continued to march in front of the warehouses.

Spokesmen for Macy's, Bloomingdale's and Abraham & Straus announced last night that they would file charges today with National Labor Relations Board accusing the unions of secondary boycotts in violation of the Taft-Hartley Act.

Hugh E. Sheridan, impartial arbitrator for the trucking industry and chairman of the citizens committee appointed by Mayor Wagner, sent telegrams to the unions and United Parcel last night informing them that the committee was ready to resume mediation whenever they desired.