

Money becomes secondary issue in baseball negotiations

New York (AP)—The American and National Leagues were reported at odds over the length of the baseball season Tuesday after striking players set their pension money differences with club owners but rejected an offer that would have paid them for make-up games rather than doubleheaders. The Associated Press learned that National League owners favored playing a full 162-game schedule while the American

League wanted to pick up the schedule whenever the strike is settled and not make up any games. The latest dispute apparently was the reason Commissioner Bowie Kuhn has called a joint meeting of both leagues in Chicago on Thursday.

The new hassle arose after each side spent Tuesday rejecting proposals by the other, even though they agreed on pension finances. John Gaherin, negotiator for the owners, said agreement was reached on allocating \$500,000 a year from the pension plan's huge surplus for retirement benefits in addition to the owner's original offer of \$490,000 for health care. Thus, the money issue became moot after that compromise, which saw the owners go up from \$400,000 to \$500,000 and the players come down from \$600,000. The players had been seeking a 17 per cent increase in retire-

ment benefits, which would have come to more than \$900,000. The owners currently contribute \$5.4 million annually to the pension plan.

Gaherin said the players turned down an offer to pay them if a game lost to the strike were made up on an open date or as part of a split admission doubleheader, but not if it were made part of a twin bill.

The players' rejection came as the owners turned down two

more proposals by the players but went into still further conferences to consider a slight modification of the second proposal.

The owners first turned down the players' \$600,000 proposal and next an offer to play "into September" while negotiations on salary for make-up games continued. The roadblock on the latter issue was the proviso that the matter go to arbitration if not settled by September.

"Any time we're faced with arbitration it influences our decision," Gaherin said.

The players then modified their second plan and offered to give the owners full power to reschedule lost games any way they wanted, "insane as it may be," according to Marvin Miller, executive director of the Major League Baseball Players Association.

Miller said the offer to play into September was made because

"We're hopeful there'll be more logic and less emotion by then and tempers might be cooled."

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