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# No-layoff clause deadlocks postal service negotiations

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WASHINGTON — Negotiators working to avert a strike at midnight Thursday deadlocked Tuesday over a union demand that the Postal Service renege on a no-layoff clause for workers their new contract, a union source reported.  
At the moment there are no negotiations, the source told at 11:30 a.m. EDT. "Management is stonewalling. At the moment management will not discuss issues until we give in on no-layoff clause."  
The four major postal unions consider a clause forbidding reductions except through negotiations to be as important as the issue, he said.  
The unions, he said, do not intend to back down. The present contract has such a clause.  
A spokesman for federal negotiators said it is incorrect to say negotiations have been halted. Both sides are on hand, communicating through the negotiators although they are not the same table.

Postal Service and union negotiators have made steady progress in settling "less volatile" issues drafting a new work contract, but there has been no sign they are any closer together on wage offers.  
Contracts with four major postal unions expire Thursday at midnight, and union leaders have predicted there will be a nationwide mail strike if the Postal Service does not make an acceptable wage offer by that deadline.  
The negotiators were resuming their work Tuesday after holding a night session at the request of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, which entered the negotiations a week ago.  
"They continued meeting all day (Monday) and continued making progress on a number of less volatile issues," a spokesman for the service said late Monday.  
"They are meeting tonight to start tackling some major issues."  
The Public Service Research Council, a public interest group, meanwhile hoped for prompt

court action on a suit it filed Monday to block the unions from striking or using strike threats as a bargaining lever.  
The suit also requested the U.S. District Court to order the Postal Service to fire workers who walk out or stage slowdowns.  
A strike "would have a catastrophic effect upon the well-being of nearly all citizens of the United States and would be disastrous to the free flow of commerce, the operation of government and the national economy," the suit said.  
Although the law forbids a strike by federal employees it is often not enforced. One of the four unions, the American Postal Workers Union, has officially adopted a commitment to strike if there is no new contract by the deadline.  
The suit said the unions are seeking to "intimidate" the Postal Service and President Carter by making strike threats. Carter has urged them to accept a 5.5 percent wage increase.

# Psychological profiles of killers at restaurant compiled by police

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OKLAHOMA CITY — Psychological profiles of the killers of six steakhouse employees shot execution-style and left stacked in a restaurant freezer were being compiled Tuesday by police.  
Police Chief Tom Heggy said investigators had no new leads in the case, but were continuing to check all tips and information.  
"We are going to be working up a psychological profile of the killers in an attempt to give us some leads, since there might be certain personality characteristics or other emotional factors people who would do this might have that would give us something to work on," Heggy said.  
He said authorities now believe either two or four persons were involved in robbing the Siroin Stockade of \$1,200 to \$1,500 near closing time Sunday night and shooting the six employees who were cleaning up the restaurant. Officers believe either one or two persons systematically shot each victim while his accomplices held the other employees at bay inside the freezer.  
"The main question we have to answer is whether they (killers) were passing through on the interstate or were not," Heggy said.  
Oklahoma State University criminology professor Dr. Werner Gruninger said Tuesday he believed the slayings were the work of "a psychopathic killer who has a long police record." He said he thinks the killer will be apprehended soon because of past criminal activity.  
Area, federal and state law enforcement officers met in Oklahoma City Tuesday for a briefing on

progress of the investigation.  
Officers have determined a small caliber pistol was used in the slayings, but the exact caliber of the weapon has not been pinpointed.  
"We will have to do extensive ballistics tests before we can determine that," said Sgt. Tom Mundy, police information officer.  
Mundy said police planned to seal off the restaurant and the surrounding parking lot until at least Thursday.  
He said between 30 and 40 police officers were working at the scene and 25 detectives were working full time on the investigation. Mundy said other officers have been called in for extra investigative work.  
Investigators from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms also entered the case full time Tuesday, along with six deputies from the sheriff's office.  
As the investigation continued, donations and pledges poured in to

funds set up for rewards and for the families of the victims.  
The reward fund grew to \$41,550 and the family fund increased to \$8,600, according to the Oklahoma Restaurant Association, which is handling the donations.  
The reward money will be awarded to anyone providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of the assailants. The family fund will be divided among the families of the six victims.  
The victims were Louis Zacharias, 40; David Salsman, 17; Terri M. Horst, 16; Anthony Tew, 17; David Lindsey, 17, and Isaac Freeman, 56.

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# Committee votes to extend ERA ratification period

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WASHINGTON — The House Judiciary Committee has breathed life into the Equal Rights Amendment by voting to extend its ratification period — but not before a bitter fight that could just as easily have ended in failure.  
A proposal extending the current 39-month period until June 30, 1982, was approved by a 19-15 vote. Supporters called that committee's approval their toughest congressional

"Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on account of sex."  
So far, it has been approved by 35 of the required 38 states, but proponents believe they cannot win passage by the needed three more states before the current deadline.  
There is no legal or constitutional bar to the extension of the ratification period, but it has never been done before. Supporters argue the ERA involves major social change and deserves a longer debate period than has customarily been afforded to recent amendments.  
But opponents claimed the extension "smacks of expediency" and "manipulates" the process of amending the Constitution to keep ERA alive.  
Supporters had maintained for several days they had the votes to

win. The key was a compromise that would reduce the amount of extra time from seven more years to three years and three months, making the deadline June 1982.  
But they watched with shock late in the day as their fragile coalition nearly fell apart.  
At that point, Chairman Peter Rodino, D-N.J., hastily called a recess.  
After about 20 minutes of behind-the-scenes conferences, Rodino quickly called the committee back into session and brought the Edwards' amendment to a vote. Everyone was present but Rep. Jim Santini, D-Nev., an opponent of the ERA extension.  
With Santini gone, the Edwards amendment passed 17-16, and cleared the way for final approval of the extension.  
Throughout the day, several hundred ERA supporters and opponents kept a vigil in the hall outside the hearing room, waiting for Capitol police to usher them in briefly to observe the committee debate.  
After the final roll call, supporters in the audience erupted into shouts and prolonged applause when it became apparent the extension proposal had won.

# Roman testifies doctor led her 'test-tube' baby

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NEW YORK — Mrs. Doris Del testified Tuesday that her once merely active and enjoyable sex life has been seriously impaired by the destruction five years ago of her test-tube baby.  
The 34-year-old Fort Lauderdale housewife told a packed court "I could not look at my husband as a man. I thought sex had become a mockery of our relationship."  
In tears and speaking in a low, plaintive voice, she said she had suffered constant and severe pain in the lower back and pelvic areas. For about six months, she said, she had no sexual relations with her husband and later "very infrequently, once a month or once every other month."  
"I can't believe I understand what happened," Mrs. Del said. "I can't comprehend the actions that were done against me."

Mrs. Del Zio was the lead-off witness in U.S. District Court here in her \$1.5 million damage suit against Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center and Dr. Raymond Vande Wiele, its chief of obstetrics and gynecology.  
The Del Zios allege the defendants "maliciously and arbitrarily" destroyed a laboratory-fertilized embryo three days before it was to be implanted in her womb.  
Since that time, she said, she has suffered constant and severe pain in the lower back and pelvic areas. For about six months, she said, she had no sexual relations with her husband and later "very infrequently, once a month or once every other month."  
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