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EMPHIS - Mayor Wyeth Chandler, trying to the city from the grips of a walkout by police and n, proposed a strike settlement Tuesday that nately might let taxpayers approve or reject the ers' wage demands

handler presented to the City Council a plan calfor the strikers to return to work immediately. ides would then present their "best offer" to a ral mediator, who would choose between the two

fthe mediator chose the city plan, no further ac-would be necessary. But if the union plan was seted, a city-wide referendum would be held in nber on increasing the local sales tax to fund the in pay package. I the sales tax increase is rejected, the city plan

d remain in effect. The council did not immediately vote on the pro-

but council member Ed McBrayer said most members he had talked with "thought it was

nion officials were reported in a meeting and d not be reached immediately for comment on ler's proposal.

fighters and police earlier Tuesday picketed ation outlets and other locations to push their ands for higher wages. The picket lines were withdrawn, but many of the garbage collectors fused to make their rounds.

snarl in garbage pickups would further com-an already tense situation in Memphis, which ned with thousands of visitors who are marking first anniversary Wednesday of singer Elvis Pre-

eanwhile, Mayor Chandler issued an ultimatum iremen, who walked out in sympathy with strik-

and Marijuana limited side effects

ing police officers, either return to work Tuesday or resign by 3 p.m. today.

The mayor also sought contempt citations in Chancery Court to enforce separate injunctions ordering the 1,100 police and 1,140 firemen back to work, and said he would ask the City Council to withdraw recognition of the two unions.

Meanwhile, Tommy Powell, president of the 60,000-member Memphis AFL-CIO Labor Council, said the council may call a city-wide general strike if the City Council withdraws recognition of either the police or fire union

With the exception of continued arrests of strikers, primarily for violating the dusk-to-dawn curfew im-posed by Mayor Chandler, Memphis was ghostly quiet. Most streets were eerily deserted during the 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew hours.

The city's latest labor strife cast a pall over events commemorating the first anniversary of Elvis Pres-ley's death, and businesses relying heavily on nighttime trade were feeling the effects of the curfew.

Tourists and local residents watched somberly as guardsmen, some in armored personnel carriers armed with .50 caliber machine guns guarded police headquarters, precinct stations and firehalls and provided escorts for non-striking firemen answering

This was to have been a boom week for Memphis, with up to 100,000 free-spending Presley fans paying tribute to their idol, who died of a heart attack at his beloved Graceland Mansion here one year ago Wednesday at the age of 42.

But bars, restaurants, cab companies and other businesses reported sharp losses because of the night-time curfew.



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s of his treatment, died Tuest the age of 26. n Pierson helped persuade Legislature this year to pass at was believed to be the nation's

aw permitting the medical use tors created by the law unanimously approved Pierson's participation in the program last month, but Pierson spokeswoman at Veterans Hosh where Pierson was admitted and days ago, said he died at 7:50 said at the time there was a need for

further action. ierson, a graduate business stumarijuana is widely available nt at the University of New throughout America for use as a in daimed smoking marijuana ed the side effects of

otherapy for lung cancer. Although he was able to obtain njuana illegally, Pierson lobbied the Legislature for a bill to allow

certain medical patients to receive the drug legally. "For me, yes, it would have been easier (to keep getting it illegally), he said. "But for a 60-year-old Because of his efforts, the Legislature approved a marijuana research

cancer patient, no." He also said he had become wary program to "further experimenta-tion and research and, at the same time, provide relief for the pain and time, provide relief for the pain and suppliers. suffering of cancer and glaucoma pa-

'When you deal with them, you deal with a criminal element," he said. "They carry guns, and when you deal with them, it gets kind of shaky at times.

legal supplies of marijuana, so he

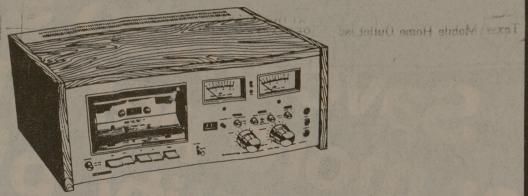
ply could smoke marijuana illegally. as they can.

id at the time there was a need for orther action. "It (the fight) won't be over until arijuana is widely available Pierson also did not put much faith in federal approval of his par-ticipation in the program, which was required before he could obtain the

drug by those who need it," he had said. "Then it will be over." He was asked why he spent so much effort lobbying when he sim-

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