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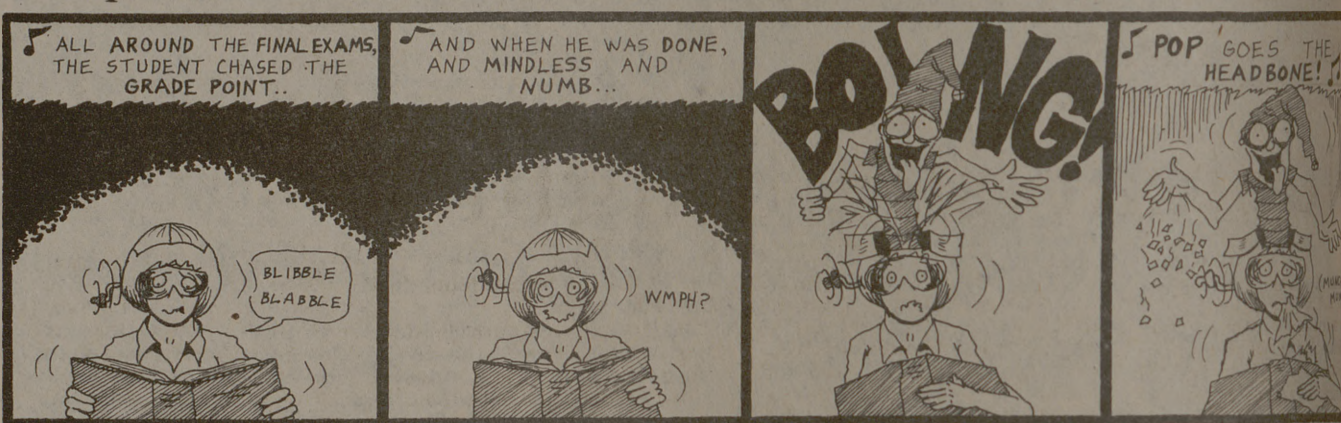
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### Decision to be appealed

## PATCO striker convicted

**United Press International**  
**HOUSTON** — The sixth air traffic controller fired in connection with the nationwide August 1981 walkout has been convicted of illegally striking against the government, and his lawyer said he will appeal on the basis of selective prosecution.

A federal court jury took 45 minutes deliberation Wednesday to find Richard Hoover, 50, former president of the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization's Houston Local 422, guilty of the federal misdemeanor charge.

U.S. District Judge George

Cire scheduled sentencing for June 20. Hoover, who claimed he technically was not on strike and never led anybody else to strike, could receive up to a year and a day in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Currently unemployed and living in Magnolia, Hoover was one of three Houston controllers arrested Aug. 6, 1981. Charges against the other two were dismissed, but Hoover's case was pressed.

In final arguments to the jury, Assistant U.S. Attorney Mike Brown urged the panel to reject Hoover's claim of innocence on

grounds it was not a strike but a "job action" based on working conditions.

"Hoover doesn't have the courage or the fortitude to admit he was out on strike," Brown said.

Defense lawyer Mike Brady said he will ask Cire for a new trial and if that motion is denied will appeal to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans on several grounds.

"They will include the issue of unconstitutional selective prosecution," Brady said.

Brady said Hoover was the sixth air controller convicted for

strike action. Hoover — he did not intend to return he left his job — questioned whether his staying away because of poor conditions be called a strike. He explained his position after the verdict.

"I did not deny my participation in the action that Hoover told reporters.

"However, what we are asking the court to determine is the legal definition of a strike that job action and subsequent events fit the definition of a strike. It's my contention that it doesn't."

## Girl's champion cattle destroyed

**United Press International**  
**HOUSTON** — Winnie Necker says unidentified motorcyclists broke through a pasture fence and chased her daughter's prize-winning cattle, which left the field and were struck by a pickup truck.

Necker had to shoot the yearling bull and a prize-winning heifer after the incident Sunday. 14-year-old Elizabeth Necker held tightly to the heifer before the two animals were shot to put them out of their misery.

"I told Elizabeth, 'She's hurt, honey. We have to do it.' She cried and said, 'OK, mama.' It was just like shooting one of my kids when I killed those calves," said Necker.

The heifer, named Ashacres Sleeping Stylish, won third place out of 45 entries in the yearling heifer competition at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo this year.

Elizabeth, who her mother said is slightly mentally retarded, used \$400 in winnings in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo calf scramble last year to buy the heifer. She was the first girl to grab a calf in the 1982 scramble.

The heifer was bred April and was expected to have her first calf next year, Necker said.

The Brahma bull was taken to Elizabeth by Sterling Necker Home last June and she named it Sterling's Undertaker. She raised him on a bottle and raised with him in preparation for the 1984 livestock show. Elizabeth's mother said.

"That was Elizabeth's first experience with a bull," Necker said.

Necker and her family adopted Elizabeth and two mentally retarded children 10 years ago. Necker described Elizabeth as a "slow learner" and "seriously retarded."

"She accepts it. She's not ashamed of it. It's not her fault. It's not her fault," Necker said.

Elizabeth said that she gets over the loss of the animals she will get some calves and start over again. She is a little bitter right now but she is not bitter. She is a little bitter right now but she is not bitter. She is a little bitter right now but she is not bitter.

"Everything was peaceful until the motorcycle men showed up," Necker said.

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