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Reverend terms meeting fruitful

Jackson talks to Hormel official

AUSTIN, Minn. (AP) — The Rev. Jesse Jackson met Sunday with protesters arrested in a violent demonstration during the nearly 8-month-old strike against Hormel and said his meeting with a company official earlier in the day was fruitful.

"The issue is not about jobs, confrontation and tear gas," the civil rights leader told reporters after his jail visit with the protesters arrested Friday. "It's about getting to work."

Jackson, who had offered to mediate the contract dispute, met with Hormel Vice President Charles Nyberg earlier Sunday but said he did not get any promise for renewed ne-

gotiations with Local P-9 of the United Food and Commercial Workers union.

Nyberg had said Saturday of Jackson's visit: "His suggestions, any suggestions, would be most welcome. A pure mediation role, we don't think, would be positive."

Jackson also met with law enforcement officials and Mayor Tom Kough and planned to meet with leaders and members of Local P-9.

Seventeen demonstrators were arrested Friday during a violent protest outside Hormel's Austin plant, and authorities said 16 remained in jail Sunday.

Jackson and the jailed protesters sang "We Shall Overcome," and jailed P-9 strike strategist Ray Rogers told Jackson that "spirits are fine."

Friday's clash between police and demonstrators erupted when more than 300 demonstrators attempted to shut the plant down by blocking the entry gates and roads leading to the gates.

In addition to the 17 demonstrators arrested Friday, a warrant was issued for the arrest of P-9 President Jim Guyette on charges related to the confrontation.

Guyette argued that Friday's dem-

onstration was peaceful until it was "turned into a riot by the Hormel company in partnership with the city, county and state law enforcement officials."

On Saturday, thousands of striking meatpackers and supporters marched peacefully through the streets of this southern Minnesota town.

The international union withdrew its sanction of the strike last month. The local refused to end the strike, and a hearing has been scheduled for Monday to determine if the parent union should place P-9 in trusteeship and remove its officers.

Reagan cries foul in battle over Contra aid proposal

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan's fight to persuade Congress to send \$100 million in aid to Nicaragua's Contra rebels enters a third round this week with the White House accusing Democrats of foul play in writing the rules.

Democratic leaders who exercise majority control of the House chained the Contra aid proposal to an unrelated \$1.7 billion spending bill which administration officials say the president may veto because it is "larded up" with unneeded programs.

Reagan says that the Democrats, by tying the aid package to the spending bill, sought to defeat his plan and could endanger the lives of the rebels.

The House is scheduled to open debate on the issue Tuesday.

Tuesday is also the deadline Congress set for itself to pass a budget for the fiscal year starting Oct. 1. But that date will be missed because the spending plan is snarled in disagreement between the White House and Congress over military spending.

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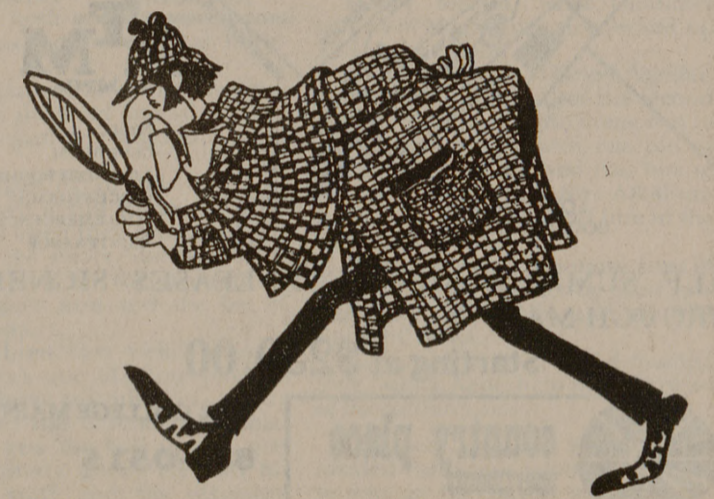
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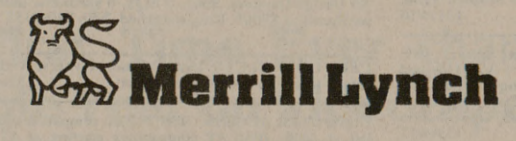
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