

Strike at Continental fails to get attendants' support

HOUSTON (AP) — A union that laims to represent 6,800 Continen-al Airlines flight attendants called a laims to represent 6,800 Continental Airlines flight attendants called a strike Monday against the sister carrier of strikebound Eastern Airlines, but the action drew few attendants to picket lines and had no apparent

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effect on operations. A Continental spokesman said the carrier had plenty of reserve flight attendants ready to replace any striking workers, but indications Monday were that few would be needed.

As of midday Monday, only 35 attendants were participating in the walkout and would be "permanently replaced," said Lewis Jordan, exec-utive vice president and chief operating officer of the airline. No flights had been cancelled due to labor roblems, he said.

"It seems to be an illogical time for a strike," Jordan said. "We are paying our flight attendants at comparable industry rates. We just gave them nore money. We just gave them bet-

ter working conditions." Carla Winkler, president of the striking Union of Flight Attendants, on Monday described the January wage increase as "moderate, but insisted Continental attendants still were making considerably less than their peers at other major airlines and were demanding measures to ncrease job security.

She said she had no figures available on the number of attendants honoring the strike, but that she exe total to the surprise action spread. "I'm sure there may be cancellations and there may be delays," Winkler said. "If we shut down lights that will be to our advantage to resolve this ... but I doubt we'll be shutting down the airline."

tendants are proud of their service and will continue to support the company's goal of providing for the customer," Continental said of the strike, which began at 9 a.m. Mon-day. "The union will not be successful in its attempts to disrupt the pub-

lic's travel plans. Some striking attendants said it publicity move.

"We don't want to hurt the airline or the traveling public," Pat Pat-nesky, who has worked nearly 18 years as a Continental attendant,

"Our main purpose for being here is to focus some attention on Continental Airlines and the way its employees are being treated.

Airline officials said only about 5 percent of Continental's attendants, which they numbered at 6,500, are members of the union, and while Winkler discounted the percentage as too low, she declined to provide a number

Although the timing of the strike was not the primary goal of the ac-tion to disrupt operations, but that the walkout was designed more as a teastern Airlines, attendants said, the action was not directly linked to problems at the sister carrier

> Both Eastern and Continental are owned by Houston-based Texas Air

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Proposed amendment specifies victims' rights

AUSTIN (AP) — A proposed state constitutional amendment guaranteeing crime victims certain rights would give them "the respect and consideration they deserve," a victims' advocate told lawmakers Monday

"In this day and age of increasing and random violence, we've got to move beyond mere symbolism," said

fender is already out on bail, symbolism is a cruel slap in the face," Seymour said

Rep. Dan Morales, a San Antonio Democrat who heads the committee, referred the proposed constitutional amendment to a subcommittee.

The proposed amendment, which would require voter approval if passed by the Legislature, states that

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tor for the National Victim Center in Fort Worth.

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Seymour told the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee the law contains a disclaimer "which notes imprisonment and release of the acset up picket lines at the carrier's that if any of these crucial rights cused. aren't observed, the victim has no recourse

"When a rape victim is still sitting in a cold hospital corridor waiting hubs had fewer pickets, including for her exam and the alleged of-

a crime victim has the right to: be treated with fairness and respect; protection; notification of court proceedings; be present at public court proceedings; confer with the prosecution; restitution; and information about the conviction, sentence.

The National Victim Center and other such advocacy groups want the proposed constitutional amendment to be submitted to voters this November, according to a release.

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