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Teachers on strike to protest pay cause closing of schools

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Thousands of teachers went on strike Monday to back demands for higher pay and an end to corruption in their union, defying a government appeal to stay on the job and paralyzing up to half of Mexico's public schools.

The strike was called by the National Education Workers' Coordinate, a dissident group within the National Education Workers Union. The dissidents claim to have the support of about half the union's 1 million members.

At a plenary meeting of delegates late Sunday, the coordinate rejected a government offer to increase pay by 10 percent and fringe benefits by 18 percent, insisting on the 100 percent raise they have been pressing for since early December.

Coordinate leaders are also demanding the "democratization" of the union, headed by Carlos Jongitud Barrios, a senator from the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, as well as the removal of other government-backed union leaders they claim are corrupt.

The union, largest in Mexico and one of the biggest in Latin America, for decades has been considered a sinecure to reward loyal party officials like Jongitud.

Education Secretary Manuel Bartlett Diaz called the strike "unjustified" in a nationwide television appearance late Sunday and urged teachers to stay on the job.

"It is unjust and not right that school work be affected when channels are still open for seeking a solution to the conflict," Bartlett said.

Negotiations between the coordinate, union leaders and the government broke down last week. The coordinate, headed by junior high school teacher Teodoro Palomino, issued a statement accusing the government of "lacking seriousness."

"The strike will last indefinitely, until we obtain a positive response to our demands," Palomino told reporters Monday. He said a total of 8,000 grammar and high schools in Mexico City and in 18 of Mexico's 31 states — half the national total — sus-

pending classes because of the strike.

According to government figures, there are 1,100,000 teachers and 25,444,000 students in the nation's federal public school system.

Ten schools visited by journalists in the Mexico City area on Monday were closed by the strike. However, teachers at a school in suburban Atizapan said they would stay out only one day, and others said they would reconsider after three days because teachers can be fired after four days' absence.

Education Department spokesman Gerardo Campos said the department had no accurate information on how many schools were out Monday afternoon. "We are checking," he said.

Dissident teachers accuse Jongitud and other union leaders of rigging union elections and taking bonuses and other government perks while Mexico's 7-year-old economic crisis has crippled the living standards of the rank and file.

Teachers receive \$150 a month, with take-home pay at about \$142.50 after taxes. A recent study by the liberal magazine Proceso said 80 percent of Mexico City's 100,000 grammar school teachers could not afford homes or cars. Nearly all had to moonlight, and many drove taxis, to make ends meet, the study said.

"They've turned us into peddlers," said Juan Buendia, a teacher at Jose Clemente Orozco primary school in Atizapan. "Some of us sell things on the street to buy chalk and erasers for the students."

In 1980 teachers made eight times the federal minimum wage; they now receive 29 percent more. The government boosted salaries by an average 20 percent last year, when inflation ran at 51.9 percent.

Noe Garcia, a coordinate spokesman in Mexico City, said the pay hike offered by the government amounts to little more than 80 U.S. cents a day.

"We do it for love, because if we did it for the money we'd die of hunger," said Oralia Cinta Valdez, another teacher in Atizapan.

World Briefs

Investigator killed by explosion of bomb

WIESBADEN, West Germany (AP) — A bomb similar to the one that destroyed Pan Am Flight 103 exploded while being examined Monday, killing an investigator in a case involving Palestinians suspected of terrorism.

The federal prosecutor's office reported evidence contradicting U.S. media reports that a Lebanese-American passenger inadvertently carried the bomb onto the jet that exploded over Scot-

land on Dec. 21. All 259 people on the plane and 11 on the ground were killed.

Another officer was critically wounded in the explosion Monday at federal police headquarters, said spokesman Arno Falk of Bundeskriminalamt, the police bureau.

It was not clear whether the bomb was seized in connection with the Pan Am investigation, but the manner in which it was disguised was said to be similar.

Two sailors missing after cargo ship sinks

BOSTON (AP) — Two sailors were missing Monday evening after a 652-foot freighter en route from Greece apparently sank in rough seas 400 miles southeast of Cape Cod. Twenty-three crew members were rescued.

The 23 sailors from the Star of Alexandria were found on a lifeboat and picked up by the merchant ship Ravenscraig. Coast Guard Petty Officer Randy Midgett said in New York.

"They're all in good shape, some minor cuts and scrapes," Midgett said.

Stadium deaths may lead to section ban

SHEFFIELD, England (AP) — Criticism increased Monday into the police handling of the soccer stadium disaster that killed 94 fans, and the government launched its own inquiry and said it may ban standing-room-only sections.

Officials and fans accused the South Yorkshire police of letting thousands of late arrivals into Hillsborough stadium — and then responding too slowly when the surging crowd was crushed against a steel anti-riot fence in one of the standing-room-only

terraces. Home Secretary Douglas Hurd, speaking to a hushed House of Commons, said the inquiry headed by Lord Justice Taylor would begin work Tuesday and "make recommendations about the needs of crowd control and safety at sports grounds."

Hurd told the Commons the decision of a senior police officer to open the gate because he "considered that there was a possible danger to the lives of the spectators at the front" would be a central question for investigators.

Group wants to leave nostalgia in past

CHICAGO (AP) — Does "The Big Chill" leave you cold? Tired of hearing "oldies" older than you on TV commercials? Three exasperated young upstarts say, "Right on!"

The reminder that the calendar says 1989 comes from the National Association for the Advancement of Time — three guys in their 20s who say "We want to end the '60s in your lifetime."

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All residents occupying apartment (or unit) number _____ in _____ Apartments or the residential unit located at (address) _____, hereby give notice of intent to vacate the unit in agreement with the lease contract on or before the _____ day of _____, 19____. This written notice to vacate is delivered to owner's representative at the place where rent is paid the _____ day of _____, 19____.

All residents acknowledge their security deposit refund shall be governed by the terms and conditions of their lease contract.

Signature of Resident of Residents _____

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GET INVOLVED!

-S.H.A.R.E. Students Helping Aggie Residents Everywhere) is currently receiving applications for new members. Applications are available at the Off Campus Center, Puryear Hall, 845-1741

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW 1989-1990 OFFICERS!

-S.O.T.A. (Students Over Traditional Age) new officers are:
Frank Platt, President
Rick Francen, Vice-President
Doug Wehmeyer, Secretary

-O.C.A. (Off Campus Aggies) new officers are:
Curtis Rick, President
Keith Powell, Vice-President
Millicent Thompson, Secretary
Loray McKay, Treasurer

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Owner's representative agrees that the resident's/residents' security deposit refund shall be governed by the terms and conditions of their lease contract. If resident fails to furnish forwarding address in writing, then all security deposit refunds, notices and/or itemizations will be mailed to resident at the apartment which resident is vacating for the U.S. Postal Service to forward it to resident. **This receipt should be retained by resident as verification that written move-out notice was given.**

Owner's Representative or Manager: _____


Signature _____

Do You Want Your Security Deposit Back?

Please follow these steps:

1. Write a letter of intent of vacancy at least 30 days prior to the end of the lease. A sample letter is published to the left of the art work.
2. Give the letter to your manager and keep a copy signed by the manager. If you send the letter by mail, use certified mail with return receipt requested.
3. Pay all rent owed until the end of the lease.
4. Give your forwarding address in writing to your manager.
5. Vacate the apartment according to your lease agreement.
6. Clean the apartment thoroughly.
7. Inspect the apartment with your manager.
8. Wait 30 days to receive your security deposit back.
9. If you fail to receive your security deposit back, stop by the Off Campus Center, at Puryear Hall (across from YMCA building) or call for an appointment 845-1741.

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