

National

AIR TRAFFIC controllers illegally walked off their jobs Monday as contract negotiations between their union and the government broke down. It was the first nationwide strike by federal workers in history. Supervisors, nonunion controllers, nonstriking union members and military controllers moved in to fill the vacancies. Nevertheless it wasn't long before airlines said they were suffering severe financial losses. The strike began sending financial shock waves throughout other industries, as well, notably hotels, restaurants and air carriers.

An angry President Reagan ordered the strikers back to work within 48 hours, and a federal judge ordered the union to pay a \$100,000 an hour penalty (\$2.4 million daily) to the airlines while the strike continued.

When the deadline passed, PATCO president Robert Poli said that fewer than 3 percent of the striking controllers had gone back to work. The government started sending dismissal notices to 12,000 strikers and shifted its emphasis to training new recruits and "rebuilding the system" with a virtually entire new staff.

A **CONFESSION** by an accused spy was reported in military court papers by the Air Force. It said that



AP photo

Tom Panka, a member of the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization, talks to striking PATCO members from his car as he returns to work at the Chicago Air Route Center in Aurora, Ill., Thursday. Panka, who had joined fellow PATCO members in their strike, would not give his reasons for returning to work.

2d Lieut. Christopher M. Cooke, who has been charged with making unauthorized contacts with the Soviet Embassy, had acknowledged that for about a year he had been "photocopying, copying and giving

to the Soviets secret and top secret information" about strategic nuclear arms deployment.

THE HOUSE sent President Reagan the three-year slash in personal income taxes he contends will launch an economic boom without inflation.

DEFENSE PLANNERS forged a record five-year budget program totaling more than \$1.6 trillion for fiscal year 1983 through 1987, Pentagon sources said. The new outline represents an increase of about \$200 billion over the Reagan administration's first five-year defense program, outlined to Congress last March, in a push to "rearm America."

SECRETARY OF EDUCATION Terrel Bell recommended that President Reagan abolish the Department of Education and turn over its functions to a new federal foundation of less than Cabinet rank. Such a transformation would be in line with the president's campaign promise to dismantle the department created by Jimmy Carter and diminish the federal role in education.

Foreign

EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT Anwar Sadat urged President Reagan to drop the longstanding United States refusal to deal with the Palestine Liberation Organization to help achieve peace in the Middle East. Reagan assured Sadat that the U.S. would take an active role in diplomacy but didn't agree to any specific approach.

TALKS BETWEEN the Polish government and the Solidarity union over Poland's worsening political situation ended early Friday on an inconclusive note. The atmosphere for the discussions was strained by a three-day demonstration in the center of Warsaw by a convoy of trucks and buses. Nearly a million unionists paralyzed Poland's industrial heartland Friday with another strike which the government called "suicidal." Protests capped a two-week period of hunger marches, strikes.

FRENCH CITIZENS living in Iran were told by their government that they should leave Iran. Tehran had ordered the French ambassador to depart as demonstrations continued at the French Embassy to protest

Paris' granting of political asylum to Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, former Iranian president. But when French nationals tried to leave Iran, they were detained. In France, French President Francois Mitterand set up a "crisis watch."

POPE JOHN PAUL II underwent surgery in Rome to restore the normal functioning of his intestine. His doctors said the operation "succeeded perfectly."

THE BRITISH government rejected a new effort by Irish nationalist inmates to resolve the hunger strike which has claimed eight lives at the Maze prison. The 420 Irish republican inmates at the prison had issued a statement which raised hopes for ending the fast.

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THE FIRST OPEN HOUSE at Brucemore since the National Trust for Historic Preservation took over the estate July 1, attracted more than 3,000 persons. Rob Mawson, acting director of the mansion, said 2,700 adults paid \$1 each to tour the mansion last Sunday, and he estimated that 600 children, who paid no admission, accompanied their parents.

ORAL HISTORY is being recorded by members of Channel One, a community-based youth program designed to involve young people in community service projects.

LISBON COUNCIL members voted Tuesday night to drop a 10-block paving project and to forego any discussion of paving the rest of this year. The paving program was vigorously opposed by Lisbon property owners, who objected to high assessments, some in the range of \$5,000 to \$8,000. An earlier, 40-block program was canceled for similar reasons.

MARION POLICE Officer Jim

Weitenhagen was fired from the force Wednesday, purportedly for his failure to cooperate in an internal investigation concerning the recent Fair-on-the-Square. Capt. Joe Neuhaus, acting police chief, fired Weitenhagen, who is vice president of the Marion policeman's protective association. Weitenhagen can appeal the firing to the city manager and mayor.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR and 11 members of a 12-member board of directors of Brucemore Inc., were named Thursday night. Peggy Whitworth, 2402 D Ave. NE, will assume the duties of the executive director. She formerly served as director of the Cedar Rapids-Marion Fine Arts Council.

THE TEXAS GROUP interested in buying Banks of Iowa includes oil millionaire Clint Murchison, The Gazette reported Thursday. A price in the neighborhood of \$56 per share is being considered, according to an Eastern Iowa source close to Banks of Iowa. The Murchison family controls among other things the Dallas Cowboys professional football team.

Iowa

HEAVY RAINS might have discouraged Iowans who wanted to work or play outside last week, but experts said the above-average rainfall was good news for farmers.

Corn responds well to moisture, and there was plenty of it last week; over 3 inches fell in Cedar Rapids, and other parts of the state got much more.

NO ARRESTS were made last week in the wake of the slaying of a 75-year-old Blairstown man, and officials were giving out few details of the crime.

Amos Wesley Jellison was found bludgeoned to death inside his mobile home early Monday morning by his nephew, Daryl Jellison, and Wilbur Hartz, mayor and part-time town marshal.

Hartz said Daryl Jellison told him an anonymous caller had telephoned and said his uncle had been injured and needed help.

SOCIAL SERVICES Commis-

sioner Michael Reagen last week unveiled a plan through which he will close the Mitchellville Training School by next April, two months ahead of the deadline set by the Legislature.

Reagen said delinquent juvenile girls from the facility will be housed at the juvenile home in Toledo, and boys will be sent to the Eldora Training School.

The decision to close Mitchellville was made by legislators in an attempt to streamline the state's corrections system.

THE FATE of the third reapportionment plan submitted to the Iowa Legislature this year will be decided in a special session that starts Wednesday, but several things hap-

pened last week to indicate the plan may be approved.

One of those things was a general air of acceptance among Republican leaders, whose party controls both houses of the Legislature. The other was the 9-3 favorable vote of the Senate State Government Committee that sent the measure to the upper chamber, which killed the first two plans, for debate.

STATE PATROLMEN won at least a partial victory in their battle against new physical testing rules last week when a Polk County District Judge issued a temporary injunction.

The injunction prevents state officials from instituting a distance running test that was to be required.

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