NAMED MEDIATORS IN DRESS WALKOUT

Mayor Returns—Choice of Ex-Senator and Arbiter of Industry Hailed

EARLY PEACE FORESEEN

First Meeting With Union and Companies' Leaders Scheduled for Today

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Mayoral Weiner named former Senator Herbert H. Lehman and Harry Uviller yesterday to mediate the four-day-old strike of 135,000 dressmakers in New York and six nearby states.

His action was taken a few minutes after he cut short a brief vacation in the Bahamas and flew home. It is surpised and heartened both sides that they promptly gave him assurances that the walkout would be over by Monday or Tuesday.

"The Mayor's action has given us new hope for a speedy settlement," said David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. His views were endorsed by Louis Rubin, chief negotiator for management.

Favorite of Union

Mr. Lehman is a particular favorite of the garment union. The L. L. G. W. U. supported the ex-Senator and Arbiter for public office. And he has been close to the industry as a mediator, fast-finder and arbitrator in disputes going back to 1924.

Mr. Uviller is impartial chairman of the dress industry—a post he has held since 1926 and that he has accepted at the State Mediation Board.

The two mediators will hold their first meeting with union and company representatives at 2:30 o'clock at the Park Clarador Hotel. Necessary, there will be sessions tomorrow and every day until final agreement is reached.

Informal Talks Continue

Last night Mr. Dubinsky and a small group of employer representatives continued informal discussions at an undesignated place. Similar talks have been held since Thursday, and yesterday Mr. Dubinsky reported that, as a result, progress had been made.

"But not enough," he added.

Yesterday's developments all took place at City Hall. The Mayor landed at New York International Airport, Idlewild, Queens, at 2:20 P.M. after a flight from West Palm Beach, Fla. He was met by Labor Committeemen in the Union. They reported to the Mayor on developments since his last conference with the sides.

Mr. Wagner then left for City Hall—with a brief stopover at Gracie Mansion—to meet with the disputants who had been summoned to be there at 4 P.M. He met with both sides for about an hour and then conferred for a few minutes more with smaller committees representing the union and management. Finally, he called in reporters and announced the appointment of Mr. Lehman and Mr. Uviller.

"Not enough," he said, "have assured me that they will do everything possible to settle this strike and that I could look forward with optimism to a settlement by Monday or Tuesday."

Mr. Dubinsky, standing behind the Mayor, moved in to qualify the statement to some extent. He said "every attempt" would be made to find a peace formula by Monday or Tuesday. Once again, Mr. Rubin echoed the labor leader's statement.

"When the Mayor suggested the two names, the union and representatives of each and every dress association expressed the opinion that it was an excellent idea because of the background of the two men."

Mr. Wagner will leave New York at noon today to attend the Mayor's conference with the corres-

spondents' show in Albany to-night. He will return early tomorrow, his absence to be vital. Felix will serve as his contact with the negotiators.

Some surprise was expressed that the Mayor had invited Mr. Uviller rather than his own Commissioner of Labor to work with Mr. Lehman. However, it was emphasized that Mr. Uviller was acting as a private citizen and not as chairman of the State Mediation Board.

Mr. Dubinsky stressed that the Mayor had suggested the two men on his own.

Strike Began Wednesday

The first reported day of stoppage in the dress industry since the hectic organizing drive of 1933—began Wednesday at 10 A.M. It has still included general suppliers, em-

ployers and threatened five male employees. Charles Louis, owner of the establishment, managed to call the police despite the ripping and smashing of the nonunion shop. Arriving, the police found five of the men still on hand but took no ac-

tion when Mr. Louis declined to sign a complaint. He said he would file a damage suit in court.

Mr. Uviller named the invaders and trampled dress goods out of the area, picking up marchers as a result of the strike might be raising. On the first day of the walkout 200 persons lost jobs in occupations that depend in large measure on the industry. They included general suppliers, em-

dowry workers, and makers of buttons, belts, zippers and other sewing supplies.

On the second day 350 more workers were laid off. They were drawn from the same groups and included for the first time shoulder pad work-

ers. Before the strike began, the state agency said, 18,500 of the 75,000 normally employed in New York's dress factories were unemployed.