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Talks Slated on Contract Enforce ment—Return by, Wednesday Predicted

SEVERANCE PAY IS WON

Money Package Reported at Nearly 13%—Increase in Garment Prices Seen

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Full agreement was reached last night on all wage issues in the dress strike. The accord brought official predictions that ticklish problem of contract enforcement would be resolved today, clearing the way for a return to work Wednesday.

The walkout of 105,000 members of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union in New York and six near-by states began last Wednesday. It was the first shutdown in twenty-five years in the billion-dollar-a-year industry.

The wage agreement came after forty-eight hours of intensive mediation by two peace makers appointed by Mayor Wagner—former Senator Herbert H. Lehman and Harry Ulller, impartial chairman of the dress industry. They joined with David Dubinsky, president of the union, and employer leaders in expressing confidence that work would be resumed Wednesday.

The Dubinsky union won the first victory in this field two years ago when it negotiated a pact providing such protection for 7,500 New York workers who produce infants' coats, snow suits, ski suits and sports-wear. Now the pattern is expected to spread to all the union's 175,000 members.

A PLEASED MEDIATOR:
Former Senator Herbert H. Lehman after talks on the dress strike yesterday.

The accord also provided for a severance pay fund to protect workers whose employers go out of business. The union had asked for a 2 per cent premium pay levy to guarantee a week of separation pay for every year of service to displaced workers.

It was understood that the tentative settlement called for a stepping-up of employer contributions over a three-year period. Employers would give one-half paid holidays already enjoyed by week workers. The union originally had asked for a package rise of 22 per cent.

The employers contend that slack business prevented them from offering more than 5 per cent.

Manufacturers Coalition

In the face of increasing unemployment and the union's failure to demand uniform conditions throughout the seven-state area have forced manufacturers to cut corners as a means of staying in business.

After the economic accord had been reached at 6:30 P.M., the negotiations remained in session at the Park Sheraton Hotel until midnight. They adjourned and said that a meeting was set for 2:30 P.M., today, Mr. Dubinsky said that a progress report on the negotiations would be given to the general strike committee later today.

Julius Hochman, manager of the union's Dress Joint Board, announced that ratification meetings of the union's local executive boards and shop committees would be held the day after a final settlement. The 2,286 members of the employer associations would have to meet before a back-to-work signal was given.

This necessity for approval on both sides ruled out any re-negotiation of production before Wednesday.

Pre-strike wages in New York averaged $2.10 an hour, but pay rates were 30 to 35 cents lower in the other states of the seven-state area.