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PHILADELPHIA GROCERY CLERKS END STRIKE

A strike of 14,000 clerks employed by the Acme, A & P and Food Fair supermarket chains has been settled in Philadelphia and the agreement ratified by the employees, it was announced today by W. J. Usery, Jr., national director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

Usery said two Federal mediators, Commissioners Charles Deussing and Robert L. Kyler, held bargaining sessions with representatives of the stores and seven locals of the Retail Clerks International Association. The sessions extended all last week with marathon meetings over the weekend before the agreement was reached early today. Membership ratification came this afternoon.

The agreement reportedly calls for wage rate increases of 16 percent the first year, 4½ percent the second year, and 6½ percent the third year, plus a living cost clause, in a three-year contract.

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