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Workers picket Boeing in strike

SEATTLE—Members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers went on strike against the Boeing Co. at midnight Monday night following a deadlock in contract talks.

The walkout began as about 150 union members began picketing the Boeing facility in Wichita, Kan.

Two hours later, at 12 midnight PDT, picket lines were formed by at least 60 workers at the company's main plants in the Puget Sound area.

Boeing canceled its graveyard and swing shifts in Wichita, but a company spokesman said all operations would be maintained at all of its Seattle-area plants.

Most of the company's nearly 24,000 hourly workers, of which 19,400 work in the Puget Sound area, had voted earlier Monday to go on strike after contract negotiations broke down over pay increases.

Union coordinator Al Schultz said an early count of union membership showed 12,905 voted to strike and 1,958 were opposed.

Anita reacts to ruling on gays

"I now have greater hope that God has given America the space to repent," Anita Bryant said Monday after the Supreme Court refused to hear a Tacoma man's challenge of laws that allow homosexuals to be fired because of their sexual preference.

Her comments came after the court refused to hear the appeal of a Tacoma high school teacher who was fired after admitting he was a homosexual.

The teacher, James Gaylord, 39, said of the decision, "Needless to say, I'm disappointed. For me it is the end of the road. I'm not terribly happy about losing, but someone else will win, believe me."

Senate nears vote on gas costs

WASHINGTON—The Senate, its tumultuous filibuster on natural gas prices at an end, is nearing a vote on a compromise deregulation plan that the Carter administration is accepting reluctantly.

After weeks of firmly rejecting all pricing schemes calling for lifting federal controls, White House energy advisers say they will not oppose deregulation beginning in 1987, at least in the Senate.

A vote was possible yesterday on the newest compromise proposal, sponsored by Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.), chairman of the Senate Energy Committee. Jackson suggested a \$2.03 ceiling rising to \$3.36 by the end of 1986, with price controls lapsing on Jan. 1, 1987.

Laetrile sales possible in state

OLYMPIA—Sale of Laetrile as an over-the-counter drug will be possible in Washington state at the end of the month, and at least one drug producer says marketing will begin soon.

But it is unlikely cancer patients who want Laetrile will find a doctor to supervise the treatment.

The Legislature legalized sale of the drug this year, and the law took effect Sept. 21.

Rules to implement the law were adopted by the state Board of Pharmacy late last month. Rejecting a proposal to make Laetrile available by prescription only, the panel allowed over-the-counter sales anywhere.

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