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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Newspaper Guild has decided not to punish Washington Post unit members who cross picket lines during the bitter Post pressmen's strike. The Guild International Executive Board voted 9 to 6 to drop charges brought against 400 Post editorial and commercial employes who crossed picket lines in defiance of Baltimore-Washington local Guild officials. The decision was an effort to keep the Post guild members from leaving the national union. The charges could have resulted in heavy fines. "No one was happy taking this route," said Guild President Charles Perlik. "But we felt that we had to use drastic medicine in an effort to heal the wounds this strike has caused . . . and save the Post unit."

ALGIERS, Algeria (UPI) — Algerian-backed guerrillas have launched a new wave of attacks in the former Spanish Sahara, laying siege to several Mauritanian and Moroccan positions and assaulting the Moroccan-held town of Semara, according to the official Algerian news agency. The news agency said late Friday pro-independence guerrillas of the Algerian-backed Polisario Front were locked in a furious desert battle with Royal Moroccan troops around Semara, the second largest town in what is known as Western Sahara. Earlier Friday, the agency reported Polisario guerrillas crossed the Mauritanian border to capture the frontier outpost of Ain Ben Till and had assaulted eight Morrocan or Mauritanian positions within the former Spanish colony. Moroccan authorities did not confirm the Algerian news reports, datelined from inside the disputed territory.

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Gov. Hugh Carey has been indirectly rebuked by one of his own commissioners for commenting publicly on the Hudson River PCB's case now before the Department of Environmental Conservation. Commissioner Ogden Reid issued a statement Friday declaring that he, not Carey, was "responsible under the law" for deciding the PCB case and that it would be "inappropriate" to comment on the case while the hearing process is still ongoing. He did not mention Carey by name. But in two separate news interviews this week Carey indicated he thought Reid was going too fast in seeking to end the discharge of the PCB's — polychlorinated byphenyls — from General Electric Co. plants at Fort Edward and Hudson Falls.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Thwarted in its attempt to publish a report on the CIA, the House Intelligence committee turned over 2,000 copies of the document Friday to the House clerk, leaving him the decision on what to do with it. In what the White House hailed as a victory for President Ford, the full House voted 246 to 124 Thursday night to ban publication of the 338-page report until Ford had a chance to remove certain classified information that could damage U.S. intelligence activities.

DEARBORN, Mich. (UPI) — President Ford, launching his 1976 campaign travels, told midwestern Republican leaders today he would lead the party to victory by giving unemployed Americans "lasting and secure jobs — not dead-end jobs supported by the government." Ford attacked Democratic-backed public service job programs, saying they "have the ring of an instant solution." It would be "a cruel illusion," Ford said, to promise the American people "full employment overnight" in this election year. Presidential aides said Ford was not trying "to advance his own candidacy" on this trip, but political analysts agreed today's visit to Dearborn is the President's first clear-cut political appearance outside Washington in 1976.

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