

STRIKE MENACES POULTRY SUPPLY

Butcher Workers Walk Out in Sympathy With Schochtim

A shortage of kosher poultry in the city threatened yesterday as a result of a sympathy strike declared by three locals affiliated with the Amalgamated Meat and Butcher Workers Union, A. F. of L. organization, in support of the strike begun last Monday against 175 kosher slaughter houses by the Schochtim Union of Greater New York.

The three locals that joined the 300 schochtim, were No. 662 of the Poultry Workers and Salesmen's Union, No. 234 of the Hebrew Butcher Workers Union and No. 167 of the Chicken Drivers and Loaders Union. Strike leaders estimated that 3,000 men struck. They declared that the sympathy walk-out will make impossible the operation of retail kosher shops, thus cutting off the flow of poultry to consumers.

According to Eli Meltzer, vice president of the Schochtim Union, the strike was called by his organization in protest against efforts by the slaughter house proprietors to abandon conditions of work agreed upon in a contract with the employers, under which the schochtim were paid by the union from funds supplied by the employers, and provision was made for the employment of a larger number of schochtim than the slaughter houses are now willing to employ.

The union demanded also an increase from one-half a cent to one cent for each pound of poultry slaughtered.

An effort to settle the strike was made yesterday by the State Mediation Board, which held a conference with representatives of the Schochtim Union and the Poultry Slaughter House Operators. The conferees met with Arthur S. Meyer, member of the board, at its offices 366 Broadway. While no satisfactory conclusion was reached, Mr. Meyer hoped that continued negotiations might bring a settlement.