

STOPPAGE IMPEDES WASHINGTON POST

But Paper Plans to Publish
a Curtailed Issue Today

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4 (UPI) — Supervisory and management personnel were assigned tasks in the printing room late today as The Washington Post prepared an abbreviated Monday morning edition.

A Post spokesman said the decision was made this afternoon by the publisher, Katharine Graham, in the face of a continuing work stoppage by union printers. The spokesman said the paper would lose about \$2-million a week if the situation continued.

Mrs. Graham today issued this statement to Post employees still on the job:

"Faced with the third day of an illegal work stoppage at The Washington Post, we are forced to make a decision to publish the paper tomorrow without the printers, who have refused to work since last Friday. If we do not do this there would be a third day with no Post. I am writing a longer letter to each of you explaining the situation in more detail."

Guild Members Working

Kenneth Johnson, assistant general manager, said that all members of the Newspaper Guild had been reporting to work throughout the work stoppage and were joined this afternoon by union engravers.

He said the Monday paper would consist of about 40 pages, adding that a normal Monday edition usually ran 75 pages.

The printers failed to show up for work today despite a directive from their union's executive committee ordering them back to their jobs. Non-news editions of the paper were distributed yesterday and today.

United States District Judge Barrington Parker issued an order yesterday instructing 12 union representatives to appear in court Tuesday to show cause why the union should not be cited for contempt for not obeying his temporary restraining order, issued Friday, ordering them back to work.

Printer Was Dismissed

The work stoppage began Friday morning after a union member, Michael Padilla, was dismissed for "neglect of duty."

The union has been negotiating for a new contract with the paper since its old agreement expired Sept. 30. The Post has charged that the printers were slowing down their work, but the union has denied any slowdown.

The last time The Post was unable to publish its daily editions was in October, 1969, when a citywide pressmen's strike prevented publication of Washington's then-existing three daily newspapers.