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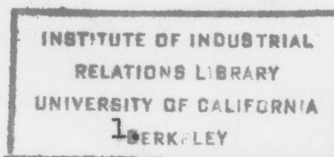
PRESS MEMORANDUM re offer made to the
striking Optical technicians, etc.

W. G. Storie, President
San Francisco Employers Council
114 Sansome Street
San Francisco, California [April? 1956]
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W. G. Storie, President, San Francisco Employers Council,
announced that the following offer had been made to Optical Technicians
and Workers Union No. 18791 on behalf of the Optical Employers Associa-
tion. //

A wage increase of \$4.00 per week, retroactive to November 1,
1955. This will establish a new rate for journeymen of \$103.20 per week.

In addition, the Employers have agreed to pay the \$36.00 that
the employees have ^{or may pay} paid into the Health and Welfare Fund during the course
of the strike. Also, the Employers have offered to waive time lost during



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the strike and to grant full vacation time this year.

It is estimated that the cost of this package based on the journeymen's rate is the equivalent of 17.3¢ per hour, \$6.92 per week, or \$29.96 per month for time worked for the remaining time of the contract, which terminates October 31, 1956.

The offer is made on the condition that the new contract with struck and non-struck independent firms will be uniform with the contract between the Union and the Optical Employers Association.

This strike is ^{now} entering the ^{11th} ~~tenth~~ week and the following firms have been picketed: Ferrari-Risi Optical Company, Franklin Optical Company, John F. Wooster Company ~~Opticians~~, Jenkel Davidson Optical Company, Drake Opticians, Pacific Optical Co., Parsons Optical Laboratories.