

J. Howard Proudman, U.F.W. representative, had "No comment" on future steps of the union. Also, no indication was given as to what was decided at last night's meeting of a "Strike Aid Steering Committee" in Nordic Temple.

The committee was organized as result of a mass meeting of more than 200 labor officials, representing 114 union locals, Saturday in Nordic Temple.

Decisions made by union leaders Saturday included plans to increase financial contributions to striking Sterling employes and to appeal to Mayor William D. Whitehead, business agencies and area civic officials in efforts to break the existing deadlock.

Threats of a city-wide labor walkout in support of the union at the plant continue to circulate in wake of a report by Morris Pizer, UFWA International president, to Governor Rockefeller during the weekend that such action was being considered unless the governor takes action to effect a strike settlement.

A top city labor official noted yesterday that there was little chance a city-wide walkout would be considered seriously, at least until the steering committee's meeting. He emphasized that no decision on a mass walkout probably could be made until additional conferences were held with local and international labor leaders.

The strike at the Allen Street Extension plant has been marked by numerous arrests on disorderly conduct and third degree assault charges and mass sympathizer demonstrations. The outbreaks led Sheriff Charles C. McCloskey Jr. to limit number of pickets to 30—an action sharply criticized by union officials.

Elmer Widlund, Town of Ellicott police officer, reported that the union has respected the sheriff's order and the allowed number of pickets was on duty this morning at the plant. Vocal harrassing of non-union workers was only sign of discontent this morning, he said, as 11 police officers were on hand to maintain order.