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## 80 Hormel strikers slow traffic at Austin plant

Associated Press

AUSTIN — About 80 striking meatpackers and their supporters slowed but failed to halt traffic into Hormel's flagship plant and nearby corporate headquarters Wednesday morning, and a union spokesman said contract talks between the two sides have been postponed.

Lynn Huston, vice president of Local P-9 of the United Food and Commercial Workers, said the talks had been postponed until sometime next week, possibly Tuesday, because of "mutual scheduling problems."

Charles Nyberg, Hormel senior vice president, said: "I think we can say it's a mutual scheduling problem."

The talks would be the first since Feb. 11.

The protest Wednesday came

one day after Local P-9's parent union announced that it would hold a hearing April 7 in Bloomington to determine whether P9 should be placed in trusteeship.

The protesters crowded the roads in front of the two Hormel facilities, spat and kicked at cars carrying employees to work and slapped stickers on the cars that read: "Boycott Hormel Products."

There were no arrests, but police Chief Donald Hoffman said complaints would be filed against three demonstrators for alleged "illegal activity." He said one complaint would be filed against a man who allegedly let a pig loose from a truck entering the plant.

Allen Zack, a spokesman for the UFCW, said the trusteeship hearing is being held because the local union has refused to "comply with that parent union's direction to end ... the strike."

### P-9 families to get groceries

Striking members of Local P-9 union in Austin will receive Easter grocery bags this year from the Disciples Ministry Church Mission in Minneapolis.

The Rev. Paul Arnopoulos, pastor of the church, said 1,000 of the 5,000 bags of groceries the church will distribute will be for the strikers' families. He said about 100 union members

were on hand Wednesday to help fill the bags.

Arnopoulos said the remaining 4,000 bags would be available to the public from noon to 4 p.m. today at the church, 1000 Oliver Ave. N. He said the church makes special distributions at Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving and has a bag-a-month program for the needy.