Thousands of teachers striking throughout the country

By The Associated Press

Thousands of striking teachers were off the job in seven states Tuesday. In Oklahoma City, the school district refused to send negotiators back to the bargaining table, saying it might be illegal to do so.

Other strikers were reported in suburban New Orleans, where more than 2,000 teachers walked out, and in some school districts in Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Indiana.

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Oklahoma City School Superintendent Thomas Payzant refused a request by the striking American Federation of Teachers to resume talks Tuesday.

In a statement issued Monday night, Payzant cited

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language in a state law barring teacher strikes that says school boards are relieved of the duty to negotiate with teacher organizations that strike.

In Louisiana, a strike by the 1,800-member Jefferson Parish Federation of Teachers entered its third day Tuesday without a budge in financial positions by either side, a federal mediator said.

None of the parish's 85 public schools were closed. Classes were staffed by administrators, substitutes and non-striking teachers.

Less than half of the 37,500 pupils in the district showed up school Monday.

Truck ban extended

ST. LOUIS, MO. AP-A 10-day ban on 65-foot twin trailer trucks in Iowa was extended until Sept. 10 by a panel of three federal judges Monday.

Judges Donald P. Lay, J. Smith Henley and Theodore McMillian of the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals granted the stay sought by officials of the Iowa Attorney General's Office. Oral arguments on whether to extend the stay even further will be heard Sept. 10.

A federal court decision had ruled on Aug. 21 that Iowa's ban on the long trucks is unconstitutional. The state has appealed and got a temporary injunction Aug. 21 to continue the ban for 10 days to give the state time to

The request to extend the ban was filed Saturday in Rapid City, S.D.

Investment income up

LINCOLN AP - Income from both long-term and shortterm investments by the state for the fiscal year ended June 30 increased by \$9 million, state investment officer Don Mathes said Tuesday.

The Nebraska Investment Council manages short-term investments of idle state funds and long-term investments of various state-related retirement and pension plans. Mathes said income increased from \$25.8 million during the previous fiscal year to \$34.8 million in the fiscal year just ended. That increase was \$3 million more than the \$6 million increase reported on investments for last year, and was the largest jump he's seen in four years at the council, Mathes said.

Short-term interest rates increased from 7.65 percent to 9.7 percent during the period, Mathes said, adding that long-term interest rates varied from 9.17 percent to 9.85 percent during period and compared to an overall figure of 9.35 percent on June 30, 1978.

Mathes said the council was "not very active" in investments in stocks, and did not have figures for how much state money was invested in stocks. That figure will be included in the council's annual report, to be released later this year.

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