NYSTA OUTLINES MERGER PLAN
TO RIVAL NEW YORK CITY GROUP

ALLAN, NY--7 DECEMBER 1971--(NYSTA NEWS SERVICE)--
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NEW YORK STATE TEACHERS ASSN (NYSTA)
HANDED A SEVEN-POINT MERGER PROPOSAL TO A TEAM FROM NEW YORK
CITY'S UNITED TEACHERS OF NEW YORK (UTNY), IN MERGER TALKS
HERE TODAY (TUESDAY, 7 DEC 71).

THE PROPOSAL WAS MAILED YESTERDAY TO UTNY PRESIDENT ALBERT
SHANKER--WHO WAS ABSENT FROM TODAY'S MEETING--BY NYSTA PRESIDENT
THOMAS HOLART.

THE PROPOSAL CALLS FOR THE TWO RIVAL TEACHER GROUPS TO SIGN
A "NO-RAID PACT" IMMEDIATELY, AND TO ISSUE A JOINT STATEMENT NEXT
WEEK AFFIRMING THEIR INTENT TO WORK FOR TEACHER-UNITY.

WITH SHANKER ABSENT, THE UTNY REPRESENTATIVES MADE NO RESPONSE
TO THE NYSTA PROPOSAL, THOUGH THE TWO TEAMS AGREED TO MEET AGAIN AT
AN EARLY DATE.

IN ADDITION TO A NO-RAID PROVISION AND A JOINT STATEMENT, THE
NYSTA PROPOSAL URGES THAT:
# THE TWO TEAMS CONTINUE MEETING--WITH SHANKER!
# "AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE AND NECESSARY" TO RESOLVE MAJOR
ISSUES.
Horace and Shanker immediately appoint a joint committee to work out the details of an interim structure—to govern a merged organization—until the new group could develop its own constitution and by-laws.

- NYSTA and UTNY form an immediate coalition to lobby for teachers and education in the forthcoming budget session of the state legislature.
- The two organizations immediately form a joint political action arm to support and oppose candidates for public office.
- Unity join the Public Employees Unity Coalition, which now includes organizations representing about 650,000 of the state's 800,000 public employees (to date Shanker has boycotted all meetings of the Coalition).

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