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*Press Release*

NYSTA OUTLINES MERGER PLAN  
TO RIVAL NEW YORK CITY GROUP

ALBANY, 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.

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- # HOBART 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.
- # UNTY JOIN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES UNITY COALITION, WHICH NOW INCLUDES ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING ABOUT 650,000 OF THE STATE'S 8000,000 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (TO DATE SHANKER HAS BOYCOTTED ALL MEETINGS OF THE COALITION).

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