Union Asks Refinery Workers to Strike After Talks Break Down

The United Steelworkers Union called for its refinery workers to stage their largest walkout in more 30 years Sunday, saying its negotiations with Shell Oil Co. broke down less than two weeks after they began, the Associated Press reports.

The union asked about 3,800 workers at nine refineries mostly in Texas and California to strike shortly after their previous contract expired after midnight.

The AP reports that the call for a strike happened after United Steelworkers, or USW, rejected Shell's fourth contract offer. The union said Shell refused to provide a counter offer and that the company's representatives had left the bargaining table.

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