

A Garbage Union

- (1) Garbage workers happily went back to work on Thursday morning following the announcement of a provisional settlement in the 12-day strike which had made roads filthier and left a wretched smell on the streets.
- (2) After many complaints from citizens about the pungent aroma and increase in pests, the Mayor had no choice but to initiate a resolution.
- (3) The agreement came after an urgent all-night negotiating session between representatives for the unions and the city.
- (4) Previously, cooperative bargaining sessions between the parties had left them gridlocked over union demands for competitive pay raises, longer paid vacations, and better health insurance.
- (5) Garbage workers had been working without a contract since their previous agreement expired six months ago.
- (6) Union officials had threatened to continue this smelly strike indefinitely if no agreement had been reached.
- (7) Luckily, the city gave in and the smell of garbage is gone for the time being.

語注

union 労働組合

- (1) provisional 仮[暫定]の filthy 汚れた wretched いやな
- (2) pungent 鼻にツンとくる pest 害虫
- (3) urgent 急を要する
- (4) bargaining 交渉 gridlocked < gridlock 身動きのとれない状態 competitive 他に負けない
- (5) expire 有効期限が切れる
- (6) indefinitely 無期限[制限]に
- (7) give in 譲る for the time being 差し当たり