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**PILOTS FOR C.I.A.  
THREATEN STRIKE**

**Air America Fliers Press  
Demands in Far East**

BANGKOK, Thailand, Jan. 22 (UPI)—Pilots for Air America Inc., one of the American companies that contract flying services to the Central Intelligence Agency in Southeast Asia, threatened today to go on strike.

The pilots set a strike deadline of midnight tomorrow if the company did not meet their demands for a new contract.

The majority of the pilots employed by Air America are former military fliers, many of them with experience in Vietnam. Under a three-year agreement that expired Dec. 31, pilots received salaries of \$25,000 to \$50,000 a year.

Air America's response to the deadline was that any pilots who did not honor their contracts to fly would face dismissal, sources said.

The pilots, represented by the Far East Pilots Association, are seeking increased pay and improved fringe benefits, including insurance and death payments.

**Pilots Face Dismissal**

Air America says it employs more than 400 pilots in the Far East, many of whom fly in Laos, South Vietnam, Thailand and Japan.

They have suffered casualties at a higher than usual rate in the last year, with about 20 pilots and other crewmen known to have been killed in crashes and because of enemy fire.

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