

## WPGC DJ's out on strike

Announcers for WPGC-AM-FM Morningside, Md., a leading Washington-area rocker, are on strike in a protest over automation.

Supervisory personnel are filling in for striking disk jockeys who are members of the Washington-Baltimore local of the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists. Evelyn Freyman, executive secretary of the local, claimed the station is trying to automate in a "union-busting" effort. She said WPGC wants the right to use pre-recorded tapes in the future, which would turn full-time announcers into part-time.

According to Marshall Berman of WPGC's law firm. Dow. Lohnes & Albertson, the company has promised that no members of the staff will be laid off or income reduced because of automation.

The case has been turned over to federal mediators.