

Union Is Threatening To Close Jones Beach

The union that represents the 240 lifeguards at Jones Beach has threatened to "effectively close down the beach" this weekend if about 25 former guards who are 35 years old and over have not been rehired by this afternoon.

A special noon meeting in the beach's administration building has been called between representatives of Local 381 of the Building Service Employees International Union, AFL-CIO, and Sidney Shapiro, general manager of the Long Island State Park Commission. The commission hires the lifeguards.

Lawrence J. Byrne, the union's president, charged last night that the commission, which usually consults with his body on policy decisions, did not when setting the 35-year age limit. Department of Parks guards on city beaches must also be under 35.

Mr. Byrne refused to say how the beach would be "closed down."