

Roman Catholic Students in Middle Of Dispute On Religious Holidays

Bloomfield, N.J. — Roman Catholic students in public high schools found themselves Saturday in the middle of a tense conflict between church and school authorities over religious excuses for cutting classes.

The boards of education of Glen Ridge and Bloomfield announced Friday that students cutting classes May 13 and 14 to attend religious retreats will be given "zeros" for missed school work.

Bloomfield High School Principal Dr. Harry Rice said notices would be mailed to Catholic parents of high school seniors that "any pupil absence contrary to board policy will be interpreted as an unexcused absence and the pupil will receive zero for the work missed."

Rice said that has been the school policy for any "unexcused absence" regardless of its nature. Glen Ridge School superintendent Arthur G. Martin said the same fate was in store for Glen Ridge high school seniors.

Parents attending a church-called meeting at the Sacred Heart school auditorium Thursday were given mimeographed forms to fill out as excuse slips for the children.

The church has asked that seniors be released an hour early May 13 and 14. All students are scheduled to be released May 15, Ascension Day, a statutory religious holiday for Catholic pupils.

Martin said he "didn't expect any student to leave without permission. I know we won't have anyone that will get up and walk out," he said.

Sugar Strike Still Continues

Honolulu — Hopes for settlement of the 84-day-old Hawaiian sugar strike were further dimmed Friday when the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen unions full contract negotiating committee rejected a management offer of 15 cents an hour.

Following the rejection by the committee, the ILWU decided to turn the issue over to its 13,000 striking members for a vote—with the recommendation that they too turn the offer down.

Balloting is expected to be held either Wednesday or Thursday at the territory's 26 sugar plantations.



Officers Seated In Moose Lodge

Medford Moose lodge installed new officers at a meeting Wednesday, April 23.

Taking office were E. Francis Cronin, governor; Leo Webster, past governor; Donald W. Carlson, junior governor; Richard Lugnet, prelate; John Summerfield, secretary; Jack Doyle, treasurer; Billy M. Dean, sergeant-at-arms; Charles Long, assistant sergeant-at-arms; John Keener, trustee; Dale Flowers and Robert Warren, guards.

Installation was conducted by John Summerfield, past governor and Damon Floyd, acting sergeant-at-arms.

Opinion Expected On Group Expense

The answer to whether it is legal for the county court to pay expenses of the budget committee is expected soon from Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton, District Attorney Thomas Reeder said Saturday.

He said his office has written the attorney general asking for the opinion. He also said he did not know of any taxpayer's group interested in the case, but asked for the opinion after news accounts brought it to his attention.

However, County Judge Rodney Keating said Saturday the county court wrote a memorandum to the district attorney requesting he ask for an opinion from the attorney general.

Law Provides

"The law provides that the budget committee should receive no compensation for its services," Reeder continued. "The county court has been making payments of \$10 a day to budget committee members as reimbursement for expenses. Another question is whether this money can be fund or should be a budget item. The county court has been taking it from the emergency fund," Reeder said.

"It is not compensation, it is purely expenses," County Judge Rodney Keating said Saturday.

He explained further that the board of equalization members are paid \$10 a day from which a deduction is made for industrial accident insurance since that money is considered as wages. The

Customers Against Phone Rate Boost

Salem — A petition bearing more than 1,400 names protesting proposed rate increases by West Coast Telephone company has been received by Public Utility Commissioner Howard Morgan.

Morgan said the petition requested rate reduction and improved service.

A letter with the petition was signed by Lenore W. Althaus, Troutdale, a member of the West Coast Telephone Company Rate Payers association.

The petition asked that unless existing service is improved within 30 days, the PUC "will take every step legally possible to promote the transfer of West Coast properties" to other utilities.

Public hearings will be held in La Grande, Coos Bay, Beaverton and Salem at a date to be announced later, the PUC said.

Capital Punishment Youth Congress Issue

Salem — The annual YMCA Youth legislature Saturday defeated a bill calling for a vote of the people on abolition of capital punishment in Oregon.

The bill passed the Senate but was defeated by members of the House.

The young legislators defeated the bill after tangling with the moral questions involved in capital punishment.

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Army Of Anglers Hits Detroit, Ore.

Detroit, Ore. — An army of anglers with boats, trailers, house trailers and camping equipment took over this community Saturday for the start of fishing season.

Big attraction is none-mile long Detroit reservoir, which has been named as one of the most likely waters in the state for big catches.

Early this morning traffic was jammed along the highway bordering the north rim of the lake and cars were in every forest camp wherever there was room to pull off the road.

Many business firms here stayed open all night and others reopened at 4 a.m. to serve a possible 8,000 anglers or more.

While prospects were for good catches at Detroit reservoir, elsewhere around the state streams were running high and in many cases, muddy.

Prominent Korean Killed By Gang

Philadelphia — In-Ho Oh, 26, identified as a member of a politically powerful Korean family, was beaten to death by a gang of teen-aged Negroes Friday night while walking to mail a letter.

Oh, a post-graduate student of political science at the university of Pennsylvania, was found brutally beaten about the head on the pavement near his home. Police early today rounded up six teenagers and charged three of them with homicide after questioning.

Police said neighbors reported seeing a group of young thugs running away after they investigated noise that sounded like dull "thuds." Oh apparently was struck repeatedly on the head by either a bottle or club.

Blood was spattered over a wide area. His pockets were empty and his glasses lay on the ground several feet from him. He died 10 minutes after he was taken to Presbyterian hospital.

Hearings Planned On Columbia Bills

Washington — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said Saturday the Senate Rivers and Harbors subcommittee will hold hearings May 21-23 on two Columbia river bills.

One measure would give the Bonneville Power administration a permanent organization status in the form of a Columbia river development corporation.

The other would amend the preference clause governing Bonneville power sales so as to authorize a new priority for industrial uses of power.

Braintree, England — When teachers at the Felstead High school found that pupils were smoking illegally, they decided on a sudden raid of lockers to confiscate all cigarettes. The raid Friday netted more than 300 cigarettes, some bottles of gin, brandy, whisky, vodka and beer, more than 200 rounds of .22 caliber ammunition and an air pistol.

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