

Willard McKinny Issues Statement Withdrawing Reinstatement Request

Willard McKinny withdrew his request to the Klamath Union High School Board of Directors for immediate reinstatement as principal of Klamath Union High School.

The surprise action came Monday night at the regular board meeting when McKinny's attorney asked John Voth, board chairman, for time to read a prepared statement stating the reasons for the request withdrawal.

The complete text of the statement follows:

Mr. Chairman and members of the Board:

As all of you know I requested reinstatement as principal of Klamath Union High School at your meeting last Monday. My request was based on the fact that although my teaching certificate had been revoked by action of the Superintendent of Public Instruction it was reinstated upon my filing an appeal from

his decision and there was no longer any legal impediment to my continuing as principal. I feel that the board's previous action in supporting me with full knowledge of the relevant facts indicates their continuing support.

Since my request for reinstatement was made, certain events have taken place which have caused me to make this additional statement. One consideration is the fact that at the present time your board is in a period of transition with two new members taking office. I cannot help but feel that I should not require them to vote on the issue of my reinstatement unless they feel they have had an adequate opportunity to examine and become apprised of the facts that led the former members, Mrs. Sheridan and Mr. Borsting, to support me.

Secondly, and perhaps most important of all, is my deep and abiding concern for the welfare of my students at Klamath Union High School and for the orderly continuation of our education system as a whole. I do not want to place the board in the position of being unable to act in an orderly manner on the serious matters now before them and I do not want our educational system to be disrupted by the irresponsible acts of a small discordant group. I understand that

several rather radical actions have been threatened in the event I am reinstated; but I believe or at least hope such actions will not be carried out. However, I do not want my position to become the springboard from which a vocal minority can disrupt and attack our educational system.

Based on these considerations I have decided to withdraw my formal request for current reinstatement. I know that the board has elected me as principal for next year with the qualification that I have a valid certificate on file on or before July 1. As I think most of you know, I have appealed the State Superintendent's action to the State Board of Education and am confident that at this hearing the matter can be cleared up and that there will be no further question of my qualifications. I feel I could function without difficulty as principal in view of the strong support of teachers, students and responsible citizens; however if you, as a board, feel that education in our community can best be served by waiting for the decision of the State Board of Education before granting permanent reinstatement, I am willing to accept your judgment.

During the discussion of the question of my continuing as principal at Klamath Union High

School I have been greatly pleased and am deeply appreciative of the strong and continued support which I have received from members of the community, including the teachers and students at Klamath Union High School. I would like to take this opportunity to assure these supporters that I appreciate their concern, and my action tonight should in no way be construed as a withdrawal on my part. Rather it is one step toward the full reinstatement of my credentials which I firmly believe will be the result of the State Board hearing. I would like to ask the many people who have evidenced their willingness to support me to continue to cooperate with me and my counsel in the presentation of my appeal.

AEC Cancels Three Tests

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Atomic Energy Commission has cancelled three small nuclear tests planned for later this month at its Nevada testing grounds. It gave no reason for the action.

The AEC made no mention of a Radio Moscow broadcast that hinted Russia might resume testing if the United States followed through on the low-kiloton Nevada blasts.

The cancellation announcement Monday followed White House confirmation that President Kennedy had received a letter recently from Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev concerning test-ban talks in Geneva.

U.S. sources said Khrushchev's letter, which also went to British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, took the test-ban issue "neither forward nor backward."

The Soviet leader's message replied to one Kennedy and Macmillan sent last April in an effort to get the deadlocked test-ban talks moving again. They urged that discussions be intensified on the mechanics of on-site inspections, bypassing until later the dispute over the specific number of inspections each year.

State Nods On Hungary

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The State Department showed signs today of relaxing its diplomatic pressure against Hungary begun after the attempted Budapest revolution of 1956.

The department said Monday it would not oppose this year accreditation for the Hungarian delegation at the United Nations. The lack of credentials for the delegation has left the Hungarians in an uncertain state while allowing them to participate in U.N. activities.

Officials said the action would still leave the United States free to oppose Hungarian membership if there were strong congressional opposition.

State Department spokesman Joseph W. Reap said further U.S. policy changes towards the Red satellite, such as full diplomatic relations, would depend on "further developments." The present U.S. delegation to Hungary is headed by a chargé d'affaires rather than an ambassador.

Oregon Names Tree Farmer

PORTLAND (UPI) — Ray McFarland of La Grande was chosen as the top tree farmer in Oregon by the Portland Chamber of Commerce Monday.

The Union County man was named winner of the chamber's second annual "Trust in Trees" program in competition with farmers from six other counties. McFarland received \$250.

There were 9.7 million foreign-born residents in the U.S. at the time of the 1960 census.

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Solon Eyes Civil Rights Riders To Grain Bill

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Jacob K. Javits, R-N.Y., expected to decide whether to press civil rights amendments to a bill to reduce the feed grain surplus.

Senate Democratic leaders hope to get the bill passed by Thursday. The House has already approved it.

But Javits' suggestion Monday that liberals might try to attach a civil rights rider threatened the bill's timetable.

The feed grain bill would extend into 1965 an existing program under which farmers who

'Paddling' Bill Okayed

WASHINGTON (UPI) — To relieve a "disciplinary crisis" in Washington schools the House has passed a bill to allow judicious paddling of unruly students.

And where that remedy doesn't work, it has voted to let school authorities suspend or expel the offenders.

Both bills sailed through the House Monday and were sent to the Senate. They were recommended by the House Committee on the District of Columbia, which helps guide Congress in its role as city council for the national capital.

voluntarily restrict acreage of corn and other feed grains qualify for double benefits.

Democrats want it passed before the May 21 referendum in which wheat farmers decide whether to accept a controversial control plan for the 1964 wheat crop.

Other congressional news: Ratings: A House Commerce subcommittee called Census Bureau officials to testify at the resumption of hearings in radio and television audience ratings services.

The subcommittee wants to compare the sampling methods used by the Census Bureau with those of the rating services.

Poisons: A Senate subcommittee plans to begin hearings Thursday into the use of chemical poisons, which Rachel Carson, in her book "Silent Spring," said may pose a health hazard.

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Black Muslim Trial Hears Witness Tell Of Shooting

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—One of 14 defendants in a trial stemming from a riot in front of a Black Muslim temple a year ago testified Monday Ronald Stokes was shot to death by a policeman after shouting, "stop, stop, don't shoot anymore."

Stokes, a member of the sect, was the only man to die in the riot April 27, 1962. But 13 others, including seven policemen, were injured or wounded.

Roosevelt Walker, 28, testified that after Stokes yelled for the policeman to stop shooting the policeman "turned on him and fired."

Thirteen of the defendants are charged with felony assault. John H. Morris, head of the local temple, is charged with assault

with intent to commit murder. Walker and two other witnesses testified that Morris was not at the scene at the time of the riot. Walker said he had been shot while standing on a street corner watching the riot and some "brothers" stopped to help him back to the temple.

All three testified that Morris came from the temple to aid Walker when police emerged from a car and shot three men.

"One (officer) was shouting and had a club and started swinging it and said, 'you niggers get up against the wall,'" Walker said. "The men started to struggle with the policeman with a club. The other officer started shooting. I saw three men fall."

Walker said that it was then that Stokes shouted for the police to stop shooting and was shot.

Pleads Guilty

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho (UPI)—Charles R. Stockdale, Coeur d'Alene, pleaded guilty Monday to a charge of forging a U.S. government check for \$32.80 at Bend, Ore., May 26, 1961.

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Wah Chang Sale Talked

ALBANY, Ore. (UPI) — Wah Chang Corp. was reported today to be in advanced negotiations with two New York companies to take financial interest and participate in Wah Chang's management.

Reliable sources in New York reported that Wah Chang's negotiations are establishing "close cooperation" with W. R. Grace and Co. and Newmont Mining Corp., both of New York.

Under an agreement which has already been approved by the boards of directors of the three companies, the sources indicated, Grace and Newmont would take a financial interest in Wah Chang and participate in its management.

Steven Yih, vice president of the Wah Chang Corp., declined comment.

Paroled Lifer Captured In Blazing Gun Battle

ST. HELENS (UPI)—A man involved in a gun battle with Rainier Police Chief Don Allen Monday has been identified by Oregon State Police as a paroled lifer, former whose record includes a prison break and the wounding of a state policeman.

Gerald T. Macomber, 40, Portland, was reported in fair condition at Columbia District Hospital today after being shot twice by Allen. Macomber underwent surgery Monday night for removal of a bullet from his arm.

Gleeman Slate Vatican Show

PORTLAND (UPI)—The Pines Grove Gleemen will sing before Pope John next month.

The Oregon choral group Monday was invited to appear at Rome June 12. The invitation was sent by the Most Rev. Martin J. O'Connor, rector of the North American College at Vatican City.

The singers are scheduled to take part in Austria's Singers' festival June 6-9.

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