

Calumet Teachers End Walkout



Only 2 Remain

Calumet Township's five-member school board was reduced to only two members today after three trustees resigned in the wake of the current school teachers' strike.

Trustees who resigned are those seated, from left—Lester Howard Alvey, first vice president; Clarence J. Greenwald, president; and Arthur N. Busse, treasurer. Other board members are (standing from left) Wayne Peters, second vice-president, and Gerald Lutz, secretary. (Hammond Times Photo)

Resignation of 3 From Board Brings Back-to-Class Move

**BULLETIN**  
Calumet Township teachers who have been on strike two days will return to their classrooms Thursday.

Leland Daugherty, president of the Lake County Labor Union, said in a statement Wednesday afternoon: "Since the majority of the board members resigned, the teachers will return under the assumption that a new board will take action based upon the majority of 100."

and will rescind the objectionable policy which the board adopted March 17."

Teachers were still picketing seven Calumet Township schools today after two meetings failed to settle a policy dispute Tuesday night and three school board members announced their resignations.

Clarence J. Greenwald, Gary attorney and board president, resigned along with members Lester Howard Alvey and Arthur N. Busse after they appeared visibly disappointed that the majority of 100

parents expressed their opposition to school board policies. The board called the special meeting to explain its position in the dispute with 135 members of the school system's Teachers' Association. Almost 1,000 parents attended the meeting held in the large gymnasium of the new Calumet Junior High School.

Picketing teachers estimated less than 100 of the school system's approximately 5,000 pupils were in classes today.

Teachers walking the picket line at the Black Oak Elementary School complained that William Willis, principal had been "shuttling" children away from teachers during a recess period.

A walkout started Tuesday when union representatives failed in their efforts to meet with school board members. Meanwhile, no one seemed to know what course was available to replace the resigned school board members.

According to an Indiana statute of 1949, the county Circuit Court judge has the responsibility of filling the board vacancies.

Judge Felix J. Kaul of the Lake County Circuit Court said today that he would name successors to the resigned board members until he had the opportunity to study the law.

The teachers' local objects to many provisions in a March 17 statement of policy issued by the school board. Thomas Dalton, local 602 president, said board members refuse to recognize the union as a bargaining agent for the Calumet teachers.

To avert a strike, school board members offered to meet with the teachers on April 1. However, the teachers demand that their local officials be recognized as their representatives.

Tuesday night's meeting started quietly, but the emotional crescendo heightened steadily as the parents and interested residents spoke their opinions.

Earlier, board members had outlined their position in the dispute. Earl J. Schuur, superintendent, discussed the meeting over to the public. Atty. Harold Donnet discussed the board's legal position in resisting the recognition of teacher representatives.

Irving Peck, 4830 S. Whitcomb, was the first of a group of citizens who spoke over a floor microphone after board members turned the meeting over to the public. Each citizen was allowed two minutes to speak.

Peck termed the board's action in rescinding a previous policy agreement "deplorable" and said, "As a working man myself, I would never think such rules and regulations

6 Die as Tornadoes Rip 2 States

**BULLETIN**  
**NEW ORLEANS (UP)—**A tornado hit the town of Venice, La., today ripping roofs from houses and disrupting communications. There were no immediate reports of injuries.

**DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—**Tornadoes slashed through vast areas of Texas and Oklahoma Tuesday night and today and killed 6 persons and injured at least 59. The twisters struck at Vaughan and Byrum in north central Texas; near Gainesville in northern Texas; near Kingston, Okla., near the Texas border; and at Silver City, 30 miles west of Tulsa, Okla.

A freak tornado dipped into Marshall, far east of the main twister area, unroofed one home and then lifted. It struck houses in Henderson, but damage was extensive.

Still another twister struck Galveston Bay on the Texas coast, sinking a cabin cruiser and damaging mooring sheds.

The line of tornado weather rolled hundreds of miles into Kansas and Missouri, Kansas City underwent a hailstorm for 15 minutes but no twister struck there.

A TANKER plane from Bergstrom Air Force Base near Austin crashed after the turbulence and all four aboard died.

Jack Triplett, said he was killed at a village of 50 persons. Two died at Byrum, east of Vaughan. An automobile was tossed off the highway north of Byrum, killing Mrs. C. B. Bruner of Waynes.

The main Waco-Burnham highway the six miles to Byrum had the appearance of a battlefield where two armies had fought foot by foot.

Smashed automobiles, tractors and wagons tossed into fields and ditches were in evidence almost everywhere.

TATTERED roofs and bedclothes fluttered from trees and fences. Mailboxes hung at crazy angles. Snapped utility lines strewn the roads and fields, and many utility poles had snapped.

Jack Triplett said the tornado "hit just like lightning." It sliced away half of his 6-room stone house and demolished the barn. None of the family suffered injury.

Bill Orr, his wife and four children searched through the ruins of their home at Byrum this morning, picking up remaining valuables and the children's toys.

COOLER WEATHER

Clearing and cooler tonight, low in the mid 30s. Thursday, mostly fair and warmer, with a high in the 50s. Sunset today, 6:16 p.m. Sunrise Thursday, 6:16 a.m.

**INDIANA-ILLINOIS SHOWERS** ending tonight with a low in the 30s. Thursday, fair and warmer, high around 60.

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Visits Son

Mrs. Helen Lynch of Whiting and Hugh Kessler, American Consul in Havana, have coffee after visiting Mrs. Lynch's son, Alan Robert Nye, in Cuba's La Cabaña prison. Nye has been held without charge three months in connection with an alleged plot to kill Fidel Castro. (AP Wirephoto)

PLANS TO SEE CASTRO

Shocked by the physical condition of her son, Alan Robert Nye, after visiting him in a Cuban fortress prison, Mrs. Helen Lynch of 1819 La Porte Ave., Whiting, vowed today to remain in Cuba until she secures his freedom.

She plans an appeal directly to Prime Minister Fidel Castro, the man who Cuban officials contend Nye plotted to slay while the Batista government.

The 31-year-old former Whiting high swimmer and ex-Navy diver has been in custody since last Dec. 26. No formal charges against him have ever been released by Cuban officials.

Mrs. Lynch visited Nye behind the thick walls of the La Cabaña Fortress in Havana late Tuesday.

"He looked very tired and sick. He has lost a considerable amount of weight from the 185 pounds he carried when I last saw him shortly before last Christmas," she said of her six foot six blond son.

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Sullivan was to confer with Nye later. He has talked with the prisoner on two other trips to Havana.

"I assured Alan he would be released soon and he agreed with me," Mrs. Lynch said. "He has been in prison walls visit with her son. But he has been thinking all the time of having arrived on his own. Things are so monotonous for him. He assured me personally, as he had done previously by letter, that he has never made any sort of confession."

CUBAN police officials announced several weeks ago they had a tape recording of a confession by Nye which he later vigorously denied making, in a conference with newsmen.

Mrs. Lynch reiterated a previous statement challenging the time spent in various Cuban police versions on the Nye case. Police accused Nye of having arrived on his own last Nov. 12. "He could not have been in Cuba at that time," she said. "He was in Whiting up to Dec. 26 when he was seized just a short time before Christmas," she said.

Mrs. Lynch expressed determination to see Castro personally in view of the fact he has not replied to a letter from her asking him to intervene in the case of her son.

"I am confident that we will see me and I am confident that Alan will be released," the Indiana mother told newspapermen in Havana.

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S'eastern Favored in Times Poll

While the Indiana Highway Commission was rejecting a plan for routing a north-south grade separation highway through Hammond via Southeastern avenue voters in The Hammond Times' poll preferred the route by a overwhelming majority.

The vote in favor of Southeastern was nearly two to one over the combined votes received for the three plans offered by the state.

There were 2,328 votes for placing the highway along Southeastern, Sohl and Baltimore avenues, compared with 1,405 votes for all three state's routes, which would all use Columbia avenue.

HERE is the tally for each of the four routes:

1. Columbia and Howard avenues with a Calumet avenue connection to the Tri-State highway. (The state's original proposal)—133.

2. Columbia and Howard avenues with a Calumet avenue connection to the Tri-State highway. (The state's second proposal)—384.

3. Widening of Columbia avenue to permit two-way traffic and a new bridge over the Tri-State highway. (The state's third proposal)—945.

4. Southeastern, Sohl and Baltimore avenues, connecting with the Tri-State at Indiana avenue. (The route proposed by Hammond's city administration)—2,258.

There were 2,793 votes cast in the poll which ran five days and was open to anyone.

INTEREST in the poll and the proposed highway was so great that several groups urged members to vote.

Hammond Parent-Teacher Assn. urged members to vote, regardless of how they voted, according to Mrs. Ralph Pinkerton, PTA Council president. At least one church advanced the Southeastern plan, said a spokesman for the congregation.

Mayor Edward C. Dowling, who advanced the Southeastern plan, said no special effort was made to get city employees to ballot. The city, he said, did not want to be seen as having a vested interest in the out-of-city vote.

The out-of-city vote was surprisingly light in view of the heavy Dowling and his associates are from surrounding communities.

Out-of-city vote for the state's third proposal was 192, and for the Southeastern plan, 187. Both figures are in the total vote for both routes.

Analysis of the out-of-city vote of the state's third proposal indicates belief that the Columbia avenue route would be more direct than Southeastern for the Hammond project.

The administration's estimate of the Southeastern route, made by City Engineer A. G. Giannini using the formula used by the state for its route, was \$11,940,000. Giannini said that only 60 homes and 29 other buildings would be taken for right-of-way.

Although Peters did not detail how the state arrived at a higher cost figure, it is believed due to construction of more elaborate interchange and overpasses of Columbia avenue at Indiana and Highland streets.

THE city would have crossed these intersections at ground level, and would not have put in a grade.

'Too Costly,' Peters Tells Hammond

Monday Is Deadline For Acceptance Of Columbia Route

The Indiana Highway Commission today turned down Southeastern avenue as a route for a north-south grade separation highway through Hammond.

The route, proposed by Mayor Edward C. Dowling, was described as "neither feasible nor practical" and would prove too costly to build to meet the number of homes affected by the state and the Federal Bureau of Public Roads.

The commission gave the city until Monday to decide if it wants to accept the three plans proposed by the state.

Mayor Dowling withheld comment on the rejection and said he might announce his decision Thursday. He said he would have to give the matter serious thought and get together with his committee because he definitely need help on our rail-traffic problem.

He made several other observations that indicated he might be preparing to modify his opposition to the state's plan for the highway.

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Wleklinski Trial Set For April 23

Foreign ministers of Western nations reported near agreement on a proposal concerning the trial of a Communist Party official.

Foreign Minister of the United Kingdom, Harold Wilson, said in a statement that the trial of a Communist Party official would be held in London.

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