

Trenton Key Club Begins Eighth Year

"Understanding Through Involvement" is the theme of the International Key Clubs for the school year. With this in mind, Trenton High School's service organization is beginning its eighth year, planning projects to benefit the community as well as the school.

The Key Club is sponsored and guided by the Kiwanis Club of Trenton. Robert Gold, a senior, is the club's president. Mr. Thomas Humphrey is the faculty advisor.

To Collect Foods

Plans are being made to conduct a sale of light bulbs, which will be the principal fund raising event. Also in the planning stages is a project to collect canned foods from students at Trenton High School, and make up a food basket to give a needy family at Thanksgiving time.

In the past such service projects as ushering at all basketball and football games.

and ushering at the annual Sports Night competition were carried on by the Key Club members. The boys helped in reconditioning and beautifying the Mercer County Child Guidance Center.

The first meeting of the club is planned for Friday at 4 p.m. in the YMCA building. Trenton High School's club is one of 120 in the state. The members of the executive board which will plan the year's activities include Thomas Bartolomei, Nathan Linowitz, David Knott, Scott Kaplan, Robert Orlandi and Richard Slein, in addition to the president.

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Durand Leaves WTTM To Accept State Post

Tom Durand, the familiar voice of radio station WTTM for a quarter of a century, yesterday resigned to become public relations officer of the State Department of Institutions and Agencies.

The first voice ever heard on WTTM when it took to the air in 1942, Durand long has been a popular local broadcast personality. He also is a former program director for the station, filling that role until 1962.

Durand, 46, will succeed Leonard D. Dileo in the state post. Dileo recently was promoted within the department.

In addition to his disc jockey shows, Durand broadcast numerous Sports Nite events from Trenton High and was heard on election night reports and special events. His wife, Billie also has been a personality on the station at intervals.

The couple resides at 27 Elsworth Ave. here. They are the parents of daughters Suzanne, a college sophomore, and Robin, a Trenton High soph.

A 1938 Trenton High graduate, Durand served with the Army's 42nd Division in Europe for three years during World

War II and received a Bronze Star. A ruling elder of the Prospect Street Presbyterian Church, he is a member of two committees of the church's synod and recently was on a six-week assignment for the World Council of Churches to survey



TOM DURAND

broadcasting in the Near East. He is a past president of the Mercer County Heart Fund, has been an advisor to the Trenton State undergraduate radio station, belongs to the Broadcast Pioneers and has served on numerous panels.

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CAPTAINS — Named to lead their respective teams to victory in Trenton High's Sports Night action in March, 1968 are Sue Gittleman of the Black team and Valeria Singletary of the Red team. Competition begins March 11 and runs throughout the week.

Trenton Times, October 13, 1967

Sport Nite Captains Chosen

By MARY ANNA B. GAYDULA
Trenton High School

Valeria Singletary has been elected captain of the Red Team and Susan Gittleman will captain the Black Team as Trenton High School prepares for its annual Sport Nite competition.

The girls, both seniors, were selected by the junior and senior girls for the honor. These girls must be highly qualified to be captain of a team. The requirements for this position are that the girl must be a senior with an average school mark no lower than a C.

The captains have a big responsibility because they must maintain their high grades even though they are always working on the program. Most of the time these girls are out of their classes because they are practicing different numbers for the show. All their work missed each day must be made up.

Valeria and Sue are quite capable of keeping up with their work and participating in this great event. That is why they were chosen to be the captains. Being captain is not easy, but it is a great honor.

Active Gal

Valeria, captain of the Red Team, is an active girl. She is a member of the school Color Guard Squad. She is also a member of the Majorette Club. Valeria has been an officer of her homeroom class since her sophomore year, and is now vice president of the Senior class of '68."

From her sophomore year to her senior year Valeria has

done her best to do her share of work to keep Trenton High School the great school it is. She "loves Trenton High and is going to miss it terribly when she graduates."

Valeria has a wide range of interests. Sports are on the top of the list, and she enjoys all of them. Her favorites are skating and bowling. She says "skating is great exercise. It's just like having fun while you're exercising."

Usually this exercise routine is dull, but doing it this way "sparkles it up." Valeria likes to dance and is a good dancer. "Social dancing is fun," she says.

Likes To Read

Though she is always on the move, Valeria does find time to read. "Reading increases your vocabulary, while it is entertaining you." Her favorite type of reading is mysteries. "These keep a person in suspense, and in a backward way wake up your mind," she adds.

Valeria plans to go to college when she graduates, and her choice has been Douglass College. She intends to study psychology, and her future dreams are "to teach mentally retarded children." She has an interest in these children and wants to spend her life helping them, taking care of them, and teaching them. Last summer was both interesting and a lot of hard work, as she worked on a program at the State Hospital. Working with these disturbed children, she decided to make it her life career.

Talented Sue

Sue Gittleman, captain of the Black Team, is also an

interesting person. She has a wide range of activities and hobbies. Sue studies under an academic course in High School. She intends to enroll in the American University in Washington as soon as she graduates, to study criminology. She loves law and thinks a great deal about the FBI.

At Trenton High School, Sue's activities are many. She is co-editor of the school yearbook, the "Bobashela," and vice president of the Adellogos Society. She participates in the Biology Club and the Radio and Drama Club. She is the recording secretary of the Iota Phi Sorority outside of school. She is also secretary of her homeroom.

Has Doll Collection

Her hobbies include reading, swimming and collecting dolls. Sue likes to read "most anything." Reading can increase a person's knowledge tremendously, she says.

Must Suit Her

Sue has her own opinions of the modern generation. She loves clothes and has many of the new fashions. She wears what looks good on her, not because it's the style, but because she likes it. "I won't wear it just because everyone else is," she claims. She experiments with fashions as long as they suit her taste.

Sue credits her father with helping her with her campaign for captain. He had tags and posters printed for her, but Sue thought of her own slogans.

Sue says "Sport Nite is fun and I intend to have a good time, but my school work will still come first. It's worth all the work even if you lose. I won't say anything to downgrade the Red Team, but I hope to win."

Are Good Friends

Valeria and Sue are the best of friends. They don't intend to let Sport Nite come between their friendship. They are in some of the same classes and participate in school events together. They have a good understanding and intend to face Sport Nite with a "mature outlook." Valeria gave Sue a black Socittie dog, and Sue gave Valeria a Red Captain's sweat shirt.

Sport Nite is a chance for girls to compete in doing what they know best. It originated many years ago and will go on for many more years. The girls who participate are mature about the event and hard feelings are the last thing in their minds. To both teams: May the best team win!



Both sides predict victory. The captains for the Trenton High School Sports Nite events have been selected. Susan Gittleman will direct activities for the Black Team, while Valeria Singletary, whose favorite color is red will be in charge of the Red Team.

Trenton Times, November 16, 1967

Police Break Up Fight At THS

Police cars converged on Trenton High School shortly before noon today after a fight broke out in the school cafeteria.

Order was restored quickly and uniformed police withdrew from the building. A few plainclothesmen remained on the scene.

Trenton Times,
December 12, 1967

THS Students Roam Streets

Violence broke out at Trenton High School and spilled out over various parts of the city after classes were dismissed early.

At least 20 persons were reported injured.

Bands of youths roamed toward the center of the city shortly after 1 p.m., breaking windows and assaulting at least two men. More than a dozen THS students also were injured, apparently in violence at the school.

One gang surged up Perry Street toward North Broad.

Another large group of students was reported moving up South Broad Street toward State.

A third group milled around East State and Chambers Street two blocks from the high school.

A gang of youths hauled a motorist from his car at Walnut Avenue and Chambers Street and beat him severely. Windows were broken on both sides of the Trentonian building at Perry and Southard Streets.

Minutes later a group of 25 to 50 students gathered in front of Royal Shoe Store at 505 Perry Street across from the Trenton Times Newspapers building.

A man, apparently the owner of the store, was injured in the head, apparently when slugged by one or more members of the gang. The crowd of students ran off, toward the center of town.

Although for a while it was feared that a major disturbance threatened, police reported things were "under control" near the center of town by 2 p.m.

During the peak of the trouble traffic was diverted away from the school. As the students dispersed police closed parts of State Street and other thoroughfares in center city.

It was the second straight day of violence at Trenton High School. Yesterday police rushed to the school shortly after noon when a fight broke out in the cafeteria. But order was restored quickly then.

A Dozen Hurt

At least a dozen students were injured in the fighting at the school. They were being treated at St. Francis Hospital and the school nurse's office. Several non-students were hurt later.

Seventeen persons were treated at St. Francis Hospital for injuries sustained in the violence. Three others were treated at Helene Fuld Hospital.

John A. Guido, 22, of 202 Fulton Street was treated at St. Francis for cuts of the forehead and shoulder after he was pulled from his car and beaten at Chambers Street and Walnut Avenue.

A part-time employe of Delehanty's Drug Store, Guido was making a delivery to a Greenwood Avenue physician when a brick was thrown through his windshield and he was beaten by several youths.

He was held for x-rays at the hospital.

Two Treated, Released

Two high school students were also treated and released although hospital spokesmen could not explain how they received their injuries.

John Palmer, 16, of 1106 Anderson Street was treated for cuts of the ear and bruises of the forehead at St. Francis and Bruce Ewen, 17, of 888 South Broad Street was given medication for cuts over his right eye.

School officials said several fights on the school playground around noon triggered the violence.

The fights spread inside the sprawling high school and police were called at 12:45 p.m.

Dismissed At 1 P.M.

Principal William Walker began a staggered dismissal of the school's 3,300 students at 1 p.m.

The students began milling

High School May Close Rest Of Week

Classes at Trenton High may be cancelled for the rest of the week.

Mayor Carmen J. Armenti, Public Safety Director W. Laurence Bloking and School Superintendent Richard Beck were in conference at the school this afternoon discussing the possibility of closing the school Thursday and Friday.

In the meantime, Armenti called a special meeting of the Board of Education for 4 p.m., today.

Beck wants the two day cooling off period. He said it would give school officials a chance to meet with student leaders.

about the school after being dismissed and gangs of youngsters began moving toward center city, assaulting pedestrians and breaking store windows.

Police closed off Hamilton and Greenwood Avenues and Chambers Street and rerouted traffic away from the school.

No arrests were made by police at the school. None of the students were believed to have been injured seriously.

Hamilton Township police were put on standby alert.

Armenti At School

Mayor Carmen J. Armenti showed up at the high school at 1:43 p.m., a few minutes after East Ward Councilman Gerard Naples appeared at the school.

Armenti spoke with Acting Governor Sido Ridolfi by telephone from the high school to tell him of the situation.

Assemblyman S. Howard Woodson Jr. and Albert "Bo" Robinson were touring center city urging young Negroes to "cool it."

At 2:10 p.m. police formed two lines and moved through a large crowd that built up at State and Broad Streets. The crowd moved northward up Broad Street toward the Battle Monument.

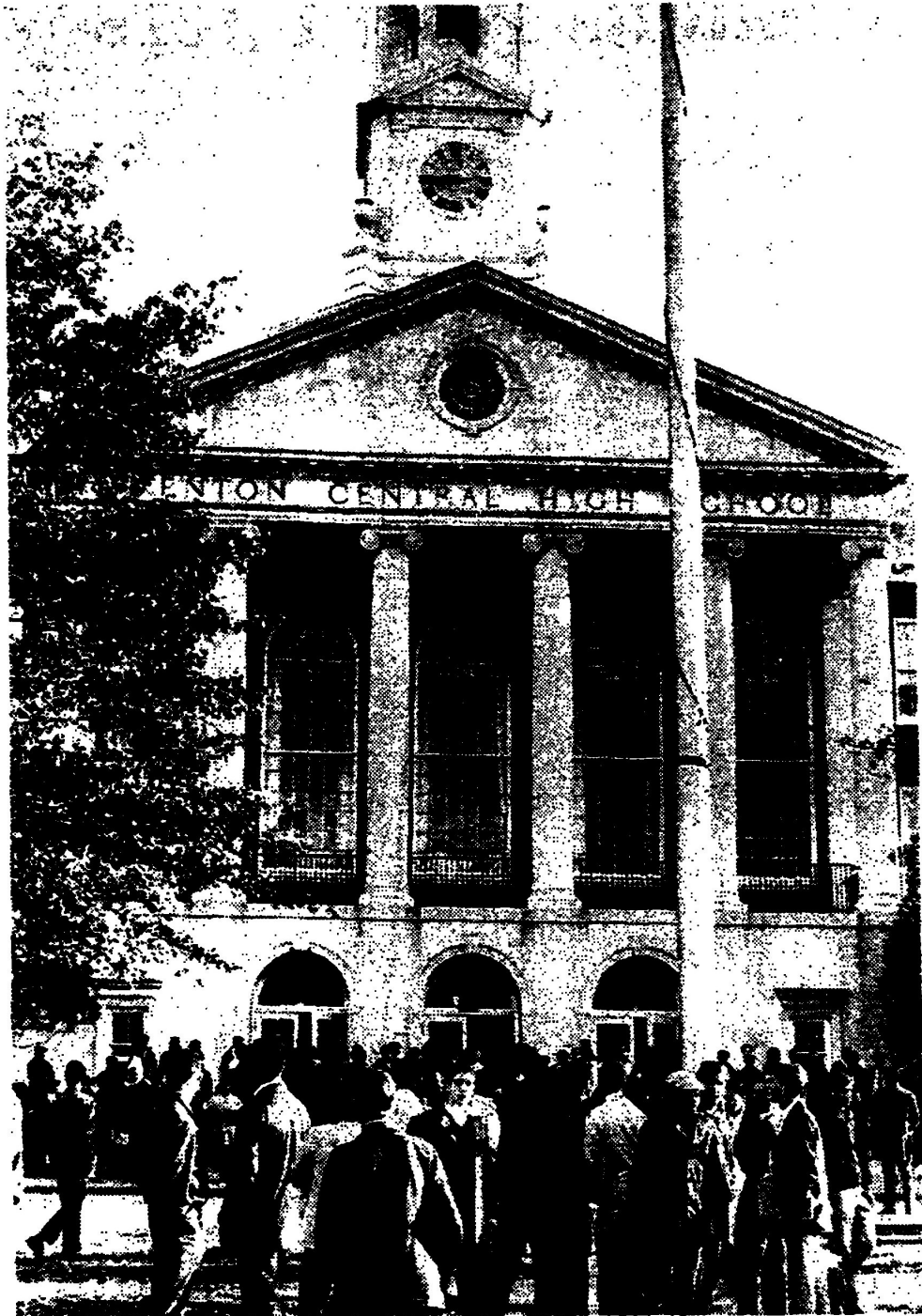
The crowd thinned out as it moved and little or no disturbance was reported as the crowd moved northward shortly before 2:30 p.m.

One of the stores on State Street sported a sign reading "Be Open In 10 Minutes."



Crowd of students at State and Broad was rather peaceful.

THS Calls Off Classes Until After New Year



— Staff Photo By Calvin Solliday

Students mill around high school long after classes were to start.

Trenton Times, December 20, 1967

Students' Gripe Session Was Quiet—Then Bedlam

By **HERB WOLFE**
Staff Writer

The meeting between parents, school officials and students started quietly yesterday.

Then there was bedlam.

Now there are teenagers picketing their school, more meetings and a lot of angry adults making angry accusations.

And things won't be the same at Trenton High School for a long while — if ever.

250 Students

About 250 students, four officials whose duties include discipline at Trenton High, and 16 Negro adults were on hand when the gripe session began yesterday morning in the school's community room.

Things went smoothly in the beginning.

"I didn't expect the kids to cooperate and be so courteous," says the Rev. Fred Arnold, the pastor of the Asbury Methodist Church, who conducted the meeting.

But the four school officials agreed to answer questions from the students.

"We assured them we didn't want any kangaroo court," the Rev. Mr. Arnold says.

A girl asked one of the administrators why he had suspended her from school three months ago.

That was the beginning.

Answers Booed

Each student who asked a question was applauded. Each answer from an administrator was booed.

The meeting to clear the air had gotten out of hand.

Dr. Sarah Christie, assistant superintendent of schools who was sitting in on the meeting, phoned Superintendent of Schools Richard T. Beck.

Dr. Beck ordered the meeting ended.

"He didn't say stop the meeting, but he called it a kangaroo court and his faculty was complaining," says the Rev. Mr. Arnold. "They wanted a small group of select students and no outsiders.

"I decided to dismiss them," said the clergyman.

"They don't want to listen to us," one youth shouted.

More joined in. A group of students ran from the room and through the halls.

Within an hour Trenton High School — enrollment 3,085 students — was empty.

Issues Warning

"I'm sure nothing would have happened if there hadn't been a meeting," says an angry Mayor Carmen J. Armenti.

"Dr. Beck is like the great protector of the teachers," says the Rev. Mr. Arnold.

"We are not going to allow any groups or individuals, no matter who they are, to disrupt Trenton High School," says Armenti, who added:

"Let this be a warning to those who have other thoughts."

Armenti says that city and school officials who have been meeting with Trenton High Students since last Wednesday

are aware of the problems at the school.

"Things were under control. Things were normal. Then some well-meaning but misguided adults had to rehash everything we already knew," the mayor says.

Armenti and Dr. Beck say they didn't authorize the meeting. It apparently was held with the permission of Trenton High Principal William Walker.

The school board has approved a Trenton Human Relations Council six-man committee to study problems at the high school.

Members include Assemblyman S. Howard Woodson, a minister and former city councilman; Gregory Farrell, State Department of Community Affairs; Dr. Leon Wolcott, Trenton State College; George Pellettieri Jr., attorney; John Belton of Pennington Road, and Fred Burgner, former Evening Times managing editor.

4 Administrators' Ouster Demanded

By JAMES E. GOODMAN
And THOMAS H. GREER
Staff Writers

Trenton High School called it quits today until after the Christmas-New Year holidays as rebellious students pressed demands for the dismissal or demotion of four school administrators.

School officials gave up any attempt to hold classes for the rest of the week as several hundred students stood outside the main entrance of the high school today.

About half the school's 3,300 students went to classes today. But they were dismissed quietly and asked to go outside doors to avoid the demonstrators, beginning at about 10 a.m.

The students are asking for the dismissal of David Weisberg and C. Walter Benner, vice principals, and Frank Nappi and Samuel Scrivin, attendance officers.

To Press Demands

They plan to present their demands at a Trenton Board of Education meeting tonight.

Weisberg, a veteran of 30 years at the high school, reportedly left the school yesterday in tears.

The students stepped up their attack on Weisberg yesterday when he attempted to answer complaints put to him at a meeting in the high school community room.

When teachers protested that the meeting was turning into a kangaroo court, the

meeting was terminated by school officials. This led to a walkout and early dismissal of school.

The four administrators are in charge of discipline at the high school. The students are claiming that discipline is administered unfairly.

Faculty Threat

Pressure to oust the school officials is expected to be resisted by faculty leaders at tonight's school board meeting.

"If those administrators go," one teacher said, "they're going to have to find a new faculty on January 2."

Half-day sessions had been scheduled at the high school for the rest of the week because of the crisis.

Vincent Halbert, assistant superintendent of schools, went into the auditorium today to talk to demonstrating students who filed into the school about the time classes were being dismissed.

Halbert told the students that they would be listened to. "Many of the things you are asking will be done," Halbert said. "They should have been done a long, long time ago."

The assistant superintendent said later he was talking about the general complaints the students made and not the demand to oust the four administrators.

Woodson Appeal

Halbert and Assemblyman S. Howard Woodson, the first Negro elected to the Assembly from Mercer County, appealed to the students to "make your rights known like ladies and gentlemen." Two of Woodson's children are graduates of Trenton High.

"We can't stand by and permit teachers or administrators to be tried by students of any group except the Board of Education," said Alphonse Palermo, president of the Trenton Education Association (TEA).

"Today it's Dave Weisberg," Palermo added. "Tomorrow it could be Al Palermo."

The Trenton Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, called a meeting for 12:35 p.m. today in the high school auditorium to decide what to do "in the face of the present student disorders."

This was announced on the faculty bulletin board.

400 Mill Outside

Some 400 students milled around outside the high school this morning as school reopened.

School officials said about 2,000 students were inside attending classes.

About two dozen of the students walked in picket lines. Three carried signs.

"Too late to talk — Action Now," one sign read. "We are tomorrow's men and women," another said. "We need an education."

Other students were heard commenting, "Maybe we won't have to go to school for another week."

Beck Appeals

Dr. Richard T. Beck, superintendent of schools, climbed on top of a car in front of the main entrance to the high school.

The superintendent appealed to the dissident students to select six or eight representatives to go in and talk to him.

Mrs. Avon Arnold, wife of a Negro minister, the Rev. Fred Arnold, also stood on a car

top appealing to the students to negotiate with Dr. Beck.

She described the situation as similar to a strike in which a union has a negotiating committee to talk to the company.

Meeting Last Night

Dr. Beck met last night with a group of about 50 dissident high school students at the Grant School.

It was there that the students put the firing or demotion of the administrators as their basic objective.

Dr. Beck talked to the students privately for about 20 minutes. He said later that he told the students that the school board will act on some of their complaints.

But Dr. Beck could not comment on what was said about

the demand to fire the four administrators.

The superintendent said the school board was aware of a problem between the students and the disciplinary officials for some time.

Students and school officials said last night that the problem is not a racial one, but a student problem. Most of the actively rebellious students are Negro but white students have voiced complaints, too, at school meetings.

The school officials admitted that the violence that broke out last week was racial, but said the protesting students are concerned primarily now with school problems.

The students at the Grant School meeting last night were well dressed and the meeting was conducted in an orderly manner.

Several students got up and walked out, saying, "What's the use. Nothing's going to be done."

But others in the group tried to persuade them to keep talking. "You can't just act like a bunch of hot heads," one student told one of the youths who walked out.

Mass Teacher Resignations Are Feared At Trenton High

By SANDRA CLUSTON
And JAMES E. GOODMAN
Staff Writers

The Trenton school board is threatened with the mass resignation of 200 Trenton High School teachers angered

over the board's plan to transfer four administrators.

Alphonse Palermo, president of the Trenton Education Association, said today that the teacher may resign in protest to the school board's action last night to meet the de-

mands of rebellious students.

The school board approved a compromise plan that called for the transfer of the four administrators criticized by the students in a long week of unrest at Trenton High.

Teacher representatives will

meet with the school board today and the entire high school faculty will meet, at 9 a.m. tomorrow with William Walker, high school principal.

The school board compromise was read by Dr. Richard

T. Beck, superintendent of schools, to a stunned audience at Trenton High School last night.

More than 500 persons listened. It was believed to be the first school board meeting ever held in the auditorium

and the largest crowd ever to attend a board meeting.

Dr. Beck said three administrators — Vice Principal David Weisberg and attendance officers Frank Nappi and Samuel Scrivin had voluntarily requested transfer out of the high school.

The superintendent said another administrator had agreed "verbally" to request a transfer. C. Walter Benner, vice principal, is the fourth administrator the students wanted fired.

Telephoned at home, Benner denied any such request verbally or otherwise.

"I was not asked to request a transfer," Benner said. He announced he would oppose the transfer and request a hearing.

Friends of Benner said he was under tremendous pressure to request the transfer.

Eugene Urbaniak, a school board member absent at last night's meeting, emphasized today that the three administrators being transferred have been transferred at their own request.

"There has been no final decision made on Benner," Urbaniak said. "He wants to fight it. I know Dave Weisberg wanted to transfer and I told him not to worry about it."

"On Benner we have a choice. We can transfer him and yield to the demonstrators. Or we can keep him and risk being blamed if the demonstrators tear up \$100,000 worth of school property."

Palermo charged that Dr. Beck has been in the high school many times since the unrest began early last week "but has never once sat down to talk with Benner."

Dr. Angelo Migliori, school board president, said this morning that "many mistakes have been made in the past by people in high places."

The board president said the administration will not lose control of the high school to the students. "The administration will continue to run the school through its administrator, Dr. Beck," he added.

Dr. Migliori said that "it is an accepted school board policy that any school official may be transferred within the school system at any time for the good of the school system."

"All the students want is courtesy and a voice in student government," Dr. Beck said. Benner is directly in charge of the high school student council.

Under the school board compromise, student council members will have a much more active role and will be elected on a school-wide instead of class basis.

'Solution' To THS Crisis Fails To Satisfy Anybody

By JAMES E. GOODMAN
Staff Writer

The sudden "solution" to the Trenton High School crisis didn't succeed in making anybody happy at last night's dramatic school board meeting.

Dissident students, some of their parents, students who object to the disorders, parents who just want their children to go to school and teachers were equally upset.

Most of the rebellious youths who demanded the firing of four high school administrators seemed unwilling

to believe that the Trenton Board of Education was transferring the administrators out of the high school.

Parents and Negro "leaders" were angry because they were blamed for the meeting that ended in a walkout by angry students on Tuesday.

A few students — white and Negro — charged that "you can't get an education when you turn the schools over to the students."

Parents Angry

Parents who want the school opened were angry because they felt the school

board didn't assure them things will be back to normal when school reopens on January 2.

And teachers generally refused to believe that the four administrators — two high school vice principals and two attendance officers — had voluntarily requested to be transferred from the school.

Some 500 of these unhappy people heard each other out in a sometimes bitter dialogue at the Trenton High School Auditorium last night.

The first person to speak after the school board an-

nounced its startling plan to end the crisis was Daniel Harris, a school custodian and a Negro.

"I am an employe of the board of education," Harris said. "But if we close the schools and knuckle under to the kids we are lost. The board has been lax on too many things."

"My children went to Cathedral and now they are in public schools. I want them to get a good education or they will be lost."

"I sat back there (pointing
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DAVID C. WEISBERG
... leaving Trenton High

With THS 'Solution'

Everybody Is Unhappy

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to the back of the auditorium where the most vocal dissident student sat) in 1940. It was good enough for me then and I can't see why it's not good enough now."

Lance White, one of the dissident students, took the microphone. "If you really knew what the facts are, you would think different," White said.

Dr. Irving Robinson, whose wife, Estelle, is a former school board member, called the school board's silence "cowardly" and questioned whether the board had yielded to political pressure.

The school board members sat and took all the abuse thrown their way with the explanation that a special committee appointed by the Trenton Human Relations Council will make a full report on the issue. Mrs. Robinson is a member of the study group.

Dr. Robinson said he had a lot of respect for what the students were saying about some of their problems. But, he said the question is simply, "Is the student body going to control the school?"

Not Aimed At Teachers

Marvin Dotson, a student, declared "I have no gripes

against any teacher. The students have no gripes against the teachers. The gripes are against the administration. I want the administration out . . . tonight!"

Only one Negro student defended the administration.

"Most of the ones who are demonstrating," the sophomore girl asserted, "are the ones who are in and out of trouble all the time."

She said she opposed the transfer of the administrators. "What are you going to do if you're not satisfied with the new demonstrators?" she demanded.

Joanne Cuttre, a Douglass College freshman and recent graduate of Trenton High, said she objected to the administration transfers. She said she received an excellent education at Trenton.

Another Trenton High graduate, Paulette Williams, said, "When I went to college, I thought I had the best education available. But once I got there, I realized that my experience at Trenton High was distorted. I realized I led a much more segregated life than students in Tuscaloosa or in Maine."

Miss William is the daughter of Dr. Paul T. Williams, a member of Trenton's anti-

poverty board. Dr. Williams, was one of the "concerned parents and citizens" who were at the high school when a disturbance broke out Tuesday.

Although most of the students claimed there was nothing racial about their protests, many asserted they were discriminated against by some teachers. They also demanded courses in Negro history.

None of the students commented favorably on the school board's action during the meeting but several including Linda Brown, student council president, said later that the transfer of the four administrators should settle the crisis.

Leaders of the Trenton Education Association and Trenton Federation of Teachers were angered by the school board action.

"This is a terrible situation," one said. "I wouldn't want to be principal of this high school for anything. The teachers are very glum. I don't know what's going to happen."

The teachers had threatened a walkout if the school board gave into student demands.

"All I want to know," said a tearful Mrs. Rosanne Abrams, "is whether the school going to be open on January 2 and every day after that. I'm worried about my children's education."

Dr. Angelo Migliori, school board president, assured her school would reopen.

"With police protection," someone shouted in the audience. One of the dissident students threatened the shouter but the student was quickly led away from the area.

Mrs. Estelle Robinson, the former school board member, approached Dr. Migliori after the meeting.

"A lot of these parents came here in good faith tonight to hear what the school board had to say," Mrs. Robinson said, "and now they're going home frustrated."

"This was a time to talk to them."

Dr. Migliori complained that it was difficult for the school board members to hear what was being said during most of the meeting.

"Try sitting up here," Dr. Migliori said. "You can't hear a thing."

'Trig' Intrigues Scholarly Teenager

By DIANA PAGANO
Trenton High School

"I was shocked!"

This was Nancy Harris's reaction when she found she had been chosen as a finalist for the National Achievement Scholarship for Outstanding Negro Students. Three thousand students are chosen throughout the U. S. to compete for this scholarship and from this about one thousand are chosen. Nancy is this year's Trenton High School and area representative.

The semi-finalists for the scholarship were selected last May on the basis of academic ability and scholastic records. Three other students, all seniors, from Trenton High School were also chosen as semi-finalists. They were Charles Terry, Linda Hicks and Ralph Austin.

Trig And Roller Skates

Nancy is taking the academic course offered at Trenton High School. Her subjects include chemistry, trigonometry, Spanish II, history, English and physical education. Her favorite subject is trigonometry. Nancy has been on the Honor Roll every marking period since she was in the seventh grade.

Nancy does exceptionally well in school but has various interests. She is a

member of the French Club and the Future Teachers of America. She is also on the staff of the Trenton High School newspaper, "The Spectator." Outside of school,

Nancy belongs to the Human Relations Council of Trenton.

Roller skating and baseball appeal to Nancy. She enjoys all types of music but admits that her favorite singing

group is Smokey Robinson and the Miracles. Nancy gave her opinion on some of the current happenings such as dating and mini-skirts.

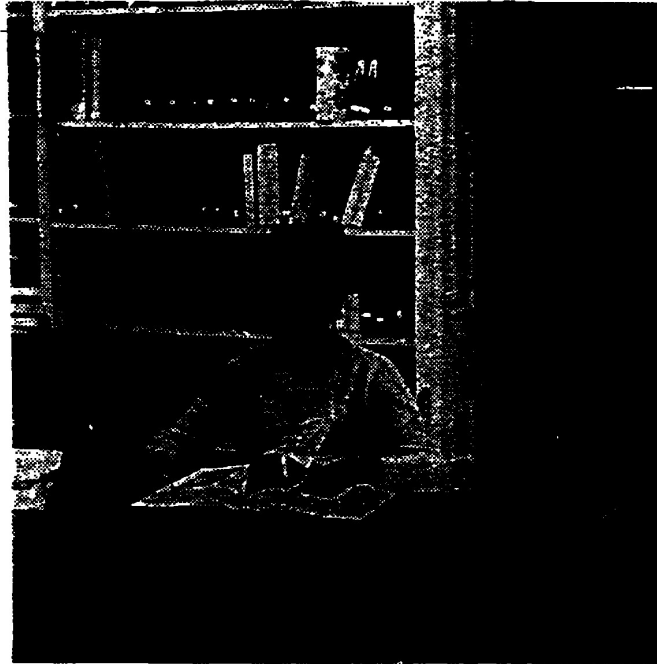
Views On Fads

She feels that dating in high school should be left up to the individual but usually there is nothing wrong with it. Going steady in high school is "like being engaged to be engaged. All styles of clothing appeal to Nancy except very exaggerated mini-skirts and the gaudy colored pants that some boys have been wearing.

This year, when the ever-popular extravaganza, Sport Nite, is being prepared by the girls of Trenton High School and, Nancy will be performing on Black Team Modern Dance. She will also aid her team by working on the costumes. Nancy feels that Sport Nite is a worthwhile endeavor because "it seems to be the only time there is any real school spirit."

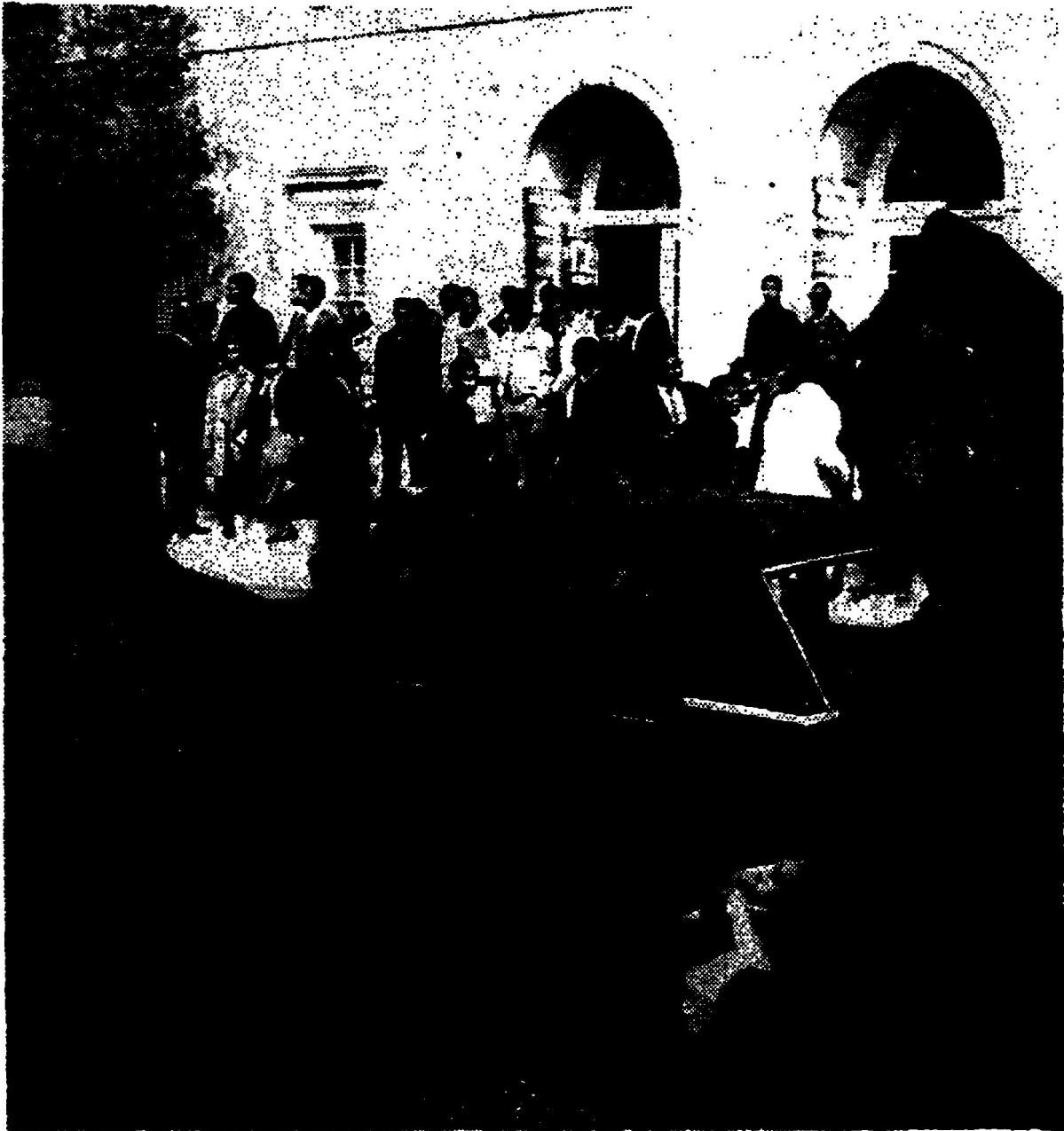
After she has graduated from High School Nancy plans to attend the University of Pennsylvania. She wants to become a math teacher in secondary schools.

When the recipients of the Scholarship for Outstanding Negro Students is chosen in February of 1968 all of Trenton High School will be rooting for Nancy Harris, an outstanding and intelligent girl.



Nancy Harris, a senior at Trenton High School has been selected as a finalist in the National Achievement Scholarship for Outstanding Negro Students. This scholar has interests which run from roller skating to trigonometry, and has aspirations of becoming a high school mathematics teacher.

THS Violence Spreads; 17 Hurt, Classes Out



Police stand guard outside THS as classes are dismissed.

Trenton Times, February 28, 1968

Crowds Hit Streets; One Shot Is Fired

Violence broke out in and around Trenton High again today. It spread to other areas early this afternoon when the 3,100 students were dismissed from classes.

A shot was fired at an East State Street bakery.

About 17 students were injured this morning in a brawl between white and Negro students at Hamilton Avenue and Anderson Street, two blocks from the school, and in fights at the school immediately afterward.

More were injured later when fighting broke out in the hallways and in the cafeteria during the noon hour. At least three students were arrested and more arrests were expected.

When school was dismissed beginning about 1 o'clock, sporadic fighting and rock throwing broke out outside the school.

A group of about 150 students moved down Chambers Street to State Street, then toward the downtown area.

It was all reminiscent of the Trenton High School violence which shook the city and forced closing of the school last December.

Windows Broken

As the students moving toward center city passed down State Street windows were broke and a sign damaged at Kohn's Bakery. Rocks were thrown and at least one shot fired at the store.

A spokesman at the bakery, at 743 East State Street, said there were two holes in the windows which looked as if they were caused by bullets. Police later recovered a slug.

Pupils heckled police from porches and climbed on at least one car. Some car radio aeriels were broken.

Mayor Carmen J. Armenti reacted by directing the school board to "take whatever steps are necessary to stop this intolerable nonsense in our city schools."

There were no serious injuries reported.

William Walker, high school principal, gave the order to gradually dismiss school shortly after 1 p.m. Up until then, school officials and police attempted to contain the problem within the school.

Couldn't Contain It

They could not.

Twice, fights broke out in the school cafeteria. The school halls were filled with milling students.

There was a lot of pushing, shoving and some punching. Some students invaded the school auditorium. One youth used kerosene to set fire to a curtain on the school stage, it was reported.

The flames burned a five-foot hole in the curtain, but someone put the fire out.

Walker, speaking on the public address system installed after the December incidents, kept urging the students to return to their classrooms and clear the halls.

About two dozen police officers were in the school attempting to restore order with little success.

The cafeteria incidents climaxed a morning of tension

at the school as victims of the pre-school brawl were treated at the high school infirmary and some of their alleged assailants were questioned in the high school administration office.

3 In Hospital

Three students were taken to St. Francis Hospital for treatment.

By noon police began making arrests. Three 16-year-old Negroes were taken to the county jail.

Tension reached the boiling point in the cafeteria at about 11:30 a.m.

A large group of Negro students marched around the cafeteria in circles. Some Negro students refused to permit a white student to go through the lunch line.

More than 20 white students panicked, ran out of the cafeteria and left the school.

One Negro student, identified as a ring leader in the December incidents and involved in one of the fights earlier in the school day, punched another Negro student in the cafeteria, it was reported.

Police moved in, but two adult Negro leaders got there first, quieted the troublemaker and took him out of the school and to his home.

He Came Back

Less than an hour later the troublemaker was back in the school in the midst of the milling students, it was reported.

Conditions became more chaotic as anxious parents began showing up at the school to get their children out of the building.

Many teachers were obviously furious. They complained that the same youths who caused the problems in December were causing the troubles today.

Alfonso Palermo, president of the Trenton Education Association (TEA), asserted that if the students responsible for the violence are not arrested, "There won't be a single teacher in school tomorrow."

One of the students threw a carton of milk on a police officer.

Some of the students yelled that "uniformed police had no right being in the high school."

Fight Starts II

Trouble began brewing yesterday when a fight broke about among Negro girl students.

School officials said the fight was an argument among some girls over some boys.

Early reports indicated that despite the stage curtain fire and some milk-throwing incidents, there was relatively little damage at the school.

Dr. Richard T. Beck, superintendent of Trenton schools, was at the high school conferring with Walker this morning. He declined any specific comments on the violence.

Mayor Vows Action

Mayor Carmen J. Armenti today promised that any steps necessary will be taken to restore calm to Trenton's schools.

He said students who break the law will be prosecuted, and called on parents to "discipline their children if they take part in any such disturbances."

Here is the mayor's statement:

"I have charged the board of education to take whatever steps are necessary to stop the intolerable nonsense in our city schools.

"There is no excuse for such conduct, which disrupts the learning process for the great majority of youngsters interested in receiving a quality education.

"Whatever disciplinary action must be taken to restore an atmosphere conducive to learning will be taken by the city and board of education.

"The police department will take whatever action is needed against any student or person who breaks the law or jeopardizes the safety of students, adult citizens or property.

"I make an appeal to parents to exert their parental prerogatives, to discipline their children if they take part in any such disturbances created by a few disruptive and undisciplined individuals.

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February 28, 1968

Dance Kicks Off Sports Night Fun

The Trenton High School annual Sports Night dance will be held on Friday at 8 p.m. The dance is a preview of the excitement which will be part of the Sports Night festivities later in the Spring.

Music for the affair will be supplied by the Sports Night bands. Joe Vicari will lead the Red Band, and Kenny Trainer is the Black Band leader.

The Red Band's choice selections include "Up, Up and Away!" while the Black Band will present their own arrangement of "Love Is Blue."

Joc's versatility ranges from trombone, to piano to accordion. Kenny's talents include playing the saxophone, oboe and clarinet. Both bands hope to win team support by excelling in pep music.

The dance is being sponsored by the Trenton High School band, under the direction of Mr. Charles H. Wertman. He is being assisted by Barbara Sklute and Marlene Botos, co-chairmen. Decorations are being designed by Anne Errico.

To trigger off the Sports Night competition for 1968, the first point will be awarded at the dance. This point will be for the best cover design. Designs have been submitted by girls representing both Red and Black teams.

Trenton Times,
February 29, 1968

Attendance At Tense THS Plummets As Classes Reopen

By **HERB WOLFE**
Staff Writer

Attendance was far below normal as students returned without incident to the tense atmosphere of Trenton High School today.

A school spokesman said 950 of Trenton High's 3,100 students stayed home as classes resumed for the first time since fighting between white and Negro youths closed the school last Wednesday.

The normal daily attendance at the high school is about 2,700 students.

About 700 students failed to report for the first day of classes when Trenton High reopened following fighting which closed the school two days before the Christmas recess.

Police On Hand

A force of 50 uniformed and plainclothes cops was stationed in and around the school to help prevent more of the violence which closed Trenton High twice in three months.

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Firm Policy

The system has a firm policy of not taking tuition students except in special cases, the spokesman added.

Lawrence Township Superintendent of Schools William O'Connor said four or five calls have been received from parents wanting to transfer their children from Trenton High.

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A few students approach Trenton High School under the watchful eye of police.

Taut Hours At Trenton High End Quietly; Attendance Sags

By HERB WOLFE

Staff Writer

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Sport Nite In Jeopardy

By SANDRA CLUSTON
Staff Writer

There is a strong possibility that the traditional Trenton High School Sport Nite will be cancelled for the first time in 34 years because of recent disturbances among students.

Calm prevailed again today at the school and attendance was up. A total of 584 students were absent, as compared to 950 yesterday, the first day the school opened after last Wednesday's trouble.

The high school faculty has voted to cancel the week-long Sports Nite activities, which were to be held from April 1 to 5.

The faculty's recommendation will be given to the school board, which is the final authority in deciding whether the popular event will take place.

As of this morning, the school board had still not cancelled the event, however.

Might Invite Trouble

"The teachers are quite adamant," according to Alphonse Palermo, president of the Trenton Education Association. He said the teachers feel it might be inviting trouble to have so many students together in light of the recent trouble.

In addition, Palermo notes that the Sports Nite activities traditionally have been a disruption to classes.

The organized student council is expected to come up with a recommendation tomorrow. Meanwhile, practice sessions have been cancelled for this week.

Sport Nite is the biggest event of the year for some 1,100 high school girls. For five nights they are divided into two teams to compete in various events such as glamour, minstrels and pageantry.

The city board of education faces the possibility of heightened racial tension in the community in the event it expels a large number of students involved in recent disturbances.

Although Principal William Walker claims he has made no firm decision on the recommendations he will make to the school board, he reportedly plans to suggest the expulsion of 11 of the 38 students suspended for involvement in incidents at the high school last Wednesday.

Walker is expected to recommend that letters be sent to the parents of the other 27 students stating that they will be expelled the next time they are involved in trouble.

Three of the 27 students reportedly have already returned to the high school.

One school board member claims there will be a minimum of 15 expulsions. Technically, he notes, a student can be expelled for such trivial items as failure to complete assigned work, but he expects that the board will probably be more lenient.

The member also points out that before expulsions are approved, parents are being given an opportunity to state their cases to school officials.

Robert Bingham, head of the newly formed Trenton Action Group (TAG), believes that expulsion of a substantial number of these students might increase existing racial tension.

TAG is urging the school board not to permanently expel any of the students, but

instead to allow all of them to return to the high school after a period of time.

Expulsion Demanded

High school teachers, on the other hand, are demanding the expulsion of all students who were directly involved in acts of violence at the school. In fact, the teachers believe the school would not be "safe and operable" if the students in question are allowed to return and have threatened to stay home themselves if a return is permitted.

The school board will act at its next meeting only on those expulsions recommended by Walker. The board also has the authority to continue the suspension of a student.

Approximately 29 of the 38 students suspended are Negro, according to Bingham.

He claims some of the suspended students have legitimate complaints and, in addition, that they cannot get jobs through the United Progress Inc. Youth Corp program until they have been out of school for a minimum of six months. Bingham is employed by UPI.

"Things have been happening too fast," Bingham said, referring to the arrest yesterday of three of the students involved in last week's incidents. TAG has been able to obtain a postponement of the

hearing for the three students until Monday.

Facing charges of assault and battery are Marvin Dotson, 18, of Winder Avenue and Lance White, 19, of the 100 block of Walnut Avenue. Thomas Bethca, 18, of the 100 block of South Cook Avenue was charged with malicious mischief. The three have been released on their own recognizance.

Dotson and White allegedly were prominent in both the December disturbance and the one which occurred last week. They were among a core of 12 students who promised Mayor Carmen J. Armenti there would be no trouble when they returned to school in January.

At a meeting of some 500 parents and students held after the December incidents, Dotson told the crowd, "I have no gripes against the teachers. The gripes are against the administration. I want the administration out . . . tonight!"

White said at the same meeting, "If you really knew what the facts were, you would think different."

Sport Nite May Be Sport Day--Students Only

By Pete Sherwood, Staff Writer. Sport Nite at Trenton High School may lose its "nite" but probably will not be cancelled faculty and some school officials have suggested that the audience at the annual week-long program — slated this year for April 1-5 — be restricted to THS students and the event be held during the school day. But if the program is cancelled outright the city School Board probably would have to give an additional \$7,000 subsidy to the THS extracurricular program because of the revenue which would be lost. Police reportedly stopped at least one student for questioning, but he later was allowed to return to his classes. With only 584 students absent yesterday as compared with 950 Monday, the troubled, five-building complex appeared almost "back to normal" were it not for the police guard. Meanwhile, Councilman Gerald Naples yesterday led City Council in a move to call in school and safety officials for talks next Tuesday on the crisis.

THS Sport Nite Still Up In Air

By SANDRA CLUSTON
Staff Writer

Attendance was down from yesterday at Trenton High School today and officials took a wait-and-see attitude before deciding the fate of Sport Nite.

School officials report 648 absentees today — 64 more than yesterday.

There were 950 students absent Monday when school reopened after being closed last Wednesday by an outbreak of violence.

Normally Trenton High averages about 500 absentees a day. Total enrollment is 3,100.

The student council meets today to discuss the popular program, which pits 1,100 girls on two teams in events of sports, glamor, pageantry and minstrelsy.

At the same time John Tesaro, school board president, said the board will "certainly take under advisement" the recommendation of the student council on Sport Nite, scheduled for April 1-5.

Teachers at the school have requested the program be canceled because of the recent disturbances.

In addition, the teachers say Sport Nite has always been a



RICHARD BECK

"disruptive force" and would probably be worse this year.

Dr. Richard T. Beck, school superintendent, said today the students probably would be told this week exactly what will happen, and he noted that the "climate" at the school this week will be a determining factor.

The school board is the final authority in deciding whether Sport Nite should be held.

Regarded as one of the highlights of the THS school year, Sport Nite pits two all-girl teams — the Black and the Red — against each other, with proceeds from parents and public going toward noneducational THS programs.

\$7,000 Short?

Gross receipts for the past several years averaged \$12,000, it was learned, with an average net of \$7,000. A daytime program limited to students would just meet expenses, leaving the \$7,000 to be appropriated.

Beck said he expected "some decision within the week" from the school board, which reportedly has not discussed the matter since last Wednesday's violence. It was indicated at that time that Sport Nite would be held.

"Everyone feels it would be unwise to go through with the program with a full audience," Beck continued, "unless real stability arrives at the high school."

Alphonse Palermo, president of the Trenton Education Association, said his group feels a repetition of recent student outbreaks could occur if any large group of students were placed in a Sport Nite atmosphere.

Faculty Opposed

The high school faculty voted to recommend cancellation of the entire slate of activities and is presenting its position to the school board.

Although Sport Nite practice sessions have been cancelled this week, students are hoping the event held for the past 33 years will again be staged.

No students were allowed in halls during classes for any reason Tuesday and about 50 police continued patrolling the

THS Council Votes To Hold Sport Nite

The student council at Trenton High School has voted to hold the annual Sport Nite program as planned.

The fate of the activity scheduled for April 1 to 5, remains in the hands of the board of education.

Meanwhile, school officials reported only 541 students absent today. This is 107 fewer absentees than yesterday and is 41 above the average daily absentee rate.

The council's action came at yesterday's meeting by a 10-7 vote. One member of the 19-man body was not at the session, and the president did not cast a ballot.

Teachers at the school, however, have requested the program's cancellation because of the recent disturbances.

In addition, the teachers say Sport Nite has always been a "disruptive force" and would probably be worse this year.

Late This Week

The students probably will be told exactly what will happen later this week, according to Dr. Richard T. Beck. The climate at the school will be a determining factor.

Joseph Moore, student council advisor, said the council's decision would be sent to Principal

William Walker today. Walker is expected to forward the recommendation to the board.

Walker was not available for comment on the student action.

"This is definitely not a demand on school officials," Moore emphasized. "The council is only making its recommendation as requested. And we realize the closeness of the vote."

Moore called the council session an "unusually democratic process where every member of the council voiced his opinion."

The fact that many girls have already spent between \$50 and \$100 seemed to weigh heaviest with council members who voted for the program, Moore said.

"None of the students was really opposed to Sport Nite," Moore said. "But some said it would be better not to have it."

"The others felt the benefits would outweigh the hazards," he added. "And they said this kind of program should better relationships and help heal sore spots."

No incidents were reported at the school today. It was the fourth consecutive day without incident following the school's reopening Monday.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Situation 'Magnified'

Sir: I am a senior at Trenton Central High School and I'm mighty proud to be a member of the best high school in this area; even this country maybe. For one does not lose all loyalty and love for his school just because after 2½ years of good, bad prevails for a few hours.

It really grieves me to pick up the paper and read about alleged race riots, fighting and racial tensions. For it seems a pity that is all one can read.

Not a mention is made of the other 2,000 students (or more) who continue their school lives peacefully and in harmony with all races.

And of course not one hears about the hundreds of girls (and many boys, too) who work hand in hand every day for Sports Nite. Nor about students who work on the Spectator, Bobashella, athletic teams and other activities. But most important is the other 175 days of the year when students learn side by side in classrooms together. These pupils, the vast majority of THS, are not only increasing their intelligence, but are also creating bonds of friendship which cannot be broken by prejudiced news reporting nor bizarre exaggerations of fighting.

I am not belittling the disturbances last week at THS; I am only accusing news media and other parents or adults of magnifying the situation.

There is no "underlying racial tension" existing in THS now — the only tension is that caused by both policemen and police-teachers who nervously and frantically rush students to class, holding the threat of suspension over our heads. There is such an atmosphere of fear and anxiety expressed over and over by adults, that we students are beginning to jump needlessly at our own shadows. The students are being shoved into such a rut of disgust and depression that simply pushing through the cops to enter the building is a tedious task in itself.

But the presence of policemen and teachers is not the only obstacle to alter THS's course: lavatory going and water fountain drinking have also been "suspended indefinitely except in the case of dire emergency!" Service of the guidance department was also suspended to students with no exceptions! Previously held homeroom and activity periods have been converted to longer class periods: some periods extended over one hour.

I only hope that one day this "Trenton High Prison" will soon become once again the great Trenton High School it always was and always will be.

In the meantime, we look forward to that wonderful event, Sports Nite, as proof of our ability as THS students to work together and create a fabulous product in brotherhood.

Suzanne Anderson
Trenton

Trentonian, March 7, 1968

Trentonian, March 8, 1968

THS Still Tense as Police-Guarded Week Winds Up

By Pete Sherwood
Staff Writer

Tensions at Trenton High School remain high as students today complete their fifth day of classes following reopening after last Wednesday's racial disturbances.

With close to 50 police still guarding THS and about 35 alleged troublemakers suspended pending expulsion hearings, Principal William Walker admits that "an abnormal situation" still exists at the 3,100-student, five-building complex.

Rumors of new trouble continue to circulate among students whose representatives — have voted to hold the 34th

annual Sport Nite on April 1-5 as scheduled.

The faculty and the Trenton Education Association already have said they oppose holding the five-day event because of fears of continued trouble.

"Not Normal"

"We certainly don't have a

normal situation," Walker added. "We've had strong police protection which I felt was necessary. We're not living in normal times."

He said it was impossible to judge what lies in the immediate future for THS, and declined to say how the 35 sus-

pensions have affected the school situation.

It was learned yesterday that hearings will begin on Monday for the 35 students, who may be expelled for their action in the most recent disturbance when more than 40 students were injured.

With the school board holding

its next public meeting Tuesday night, it is extremely unlikely that any action will be taken on these students, although a final decision on whether to hold Sport Nite is expected.

The board also is expected to decide upon the expulsion of two students involved in December's disturbance. One is a girl who admits she brought a gun into the school immediately after the trouble.

Trentonian, March 8, 1968

Here At Home

Classes resumed at Trenton High School Monday after a two-and-a-half-day shutdown following disorders the previous Wednesday. Nearly a third of the 3,100 students stayed home and, while attendance improved somewhat, it was below normal the rest of the week. There were 50 uniformed and plain-clothes policemen on hand to help maintain order. No incidents were reported.

The school faculty voted to cancel Sports Nite, a week-long series of activities in which teams of girl students compete. However, the newly reorganized student council voted 10-to-7 in favor of the event. Decision on the matter is up to the school board.

Representatives of the school board appeared before City Council Thursday night to appeal for restoration of part of the \$625,000 cut from the 1968-69 school budget by the Board of School Estimate and City Council. Board President John Tesauro said that \$345,000 would have to be restored if Trenton is to have "a safe, orderly, produc-

tive and progressive school system." Council is considering the request.

Trenton Times, March 10, 1968

Police Just Part Of Scenery At Trenton High

By THOMAS GREER
Staff Writer

Students will be greeted by armed, nightstick-carrying policemen at Trenton High School for the sixth consecutive day tomorrow.

But unlike the strained calm which prevailed at the school a week ago, the atmosphere is expected to be that of a near-normal school day. And the members of "Trenton's finest" will be looked upon as another fixture in the hallway.

Last Monday, students, teachers and policemen were unusually touchy.

They were returning for the first time since racial tensions had erupted and caused fist fights between Negro and white students. More than 40 students were injured, 38 were suspended, seven were arrested and the school was closed.

Monday, everybody seemed scared stiff.

Rigorous discipline, strict security and new policies are now necessary. Tomorrow, however, should not be difficult for students who have learned to accept the situation as it stands.

Hear Footsteps

"Most teachers, on the other hand, still hear footsteps," according to one teacher. "It's sad, but most are still so frightened they are talking about leaving with the last armed cop.

"At first, the biggest beef was that the school was like a prison," says the teacher.

"Security was simply too tight and this only caused tensions to become intensified."

The teacher, who requested his name not be used, says that by Wednesday the tight security was only another part of the school day to which most students were growing accustomed. But there should be some way to get around having so many uniformed police in the school, he says.

"How can we go on like this?" the teacher asks. "All we have is police protection, but nothing is being done to solve the social problems which provoked the incidents.

"Many of these problems are built into the students now," he adds, "but they'll have to be changed. We have to make these kids understand and know they are a part."

Principal William Walker's statements appear to represent the majority view of teachers who would prefer to have some 50 policemen at the school through June.

Protection Needed

"We certainly don't have a normal situation," Walker says. "We've had strong police protection which I felt was necessary. We're not living in normal times."

Walker also believes Trenton High's future is impossible to judge at this point.

Monday, a heated argument ensued between a 17-year-old Negro student and a detective when the youth came into the school some two hours late.

"What is this, some kind of a jail?" the student screamed. "I just want to go get a pass. If you don't believe me come and go with me."

Friday, the same student flashed a wide smile at the same white detective as they passed in the main hallway.

"I was kind of shook up Monday," the student says. "And the cop crossed me in the wrong way. I guess I was wrong, but I really don't think armed police are needed in the school."

Other students who expressed resentment for the police at first now speak respectfully. Some even joke with a few officers.

The police themselves are as disturbed about being at the school all day as some students and teachers are about them being there.

"My work (in a special squad) is going to pot," says one lieutenant. "It's really a shame that I have to spend so much time here when I feel I could be better serving the city's taxpayers someplace else. But I just do my job."

Three detective patrolmen voiced similar opinions. "None of these kids are dumb," one detective says. "If they wanted to start something, you can bet your bottom dollar it would not be when 10,000 cops were standing around."

What Of Sport Nite?

Peace and calm have returned, even though they are supported by blue-coated policemen. But the incidents occurred, leaving the scar which will cause the rest of the school year to suffer.

Most import is Sport Nite,

the week of competitive activities for girls, which appears dead for this year.

The Trenton Board of Education is expected to make its decision at Tuesday's meeting. The 34-year-old program was scheduled for April 1-5.

"This really hurts me," explains one 16-year-old girl. "I've been looking forward to Sport Nite all year. My parents have spent some money on me already."

But the money, time and work already spent on this year's program seems to have been in vain.

"How can anyone take the responsibility and guarantee no incidents?" the teacher asks. "I sure wouldn't want to do it."

"It would be like a big gamble with very high stakes," he says. "You would have a lot to gain if you won, but if you lost you'd lose your shirt."

Walter Krichlang, who directs Sport Nite activities, says he hopes the board of education decides not to hold the programs. "There's just too much at stake," he says. "Of course after the incidents in December, there was no trouble at the Christmas basketball tournament."

Teachers at the school have already requested the program be cancelled because of the recent disturbances.

The student council, however, voted 10-7 in favor of having the program.

The teacher says girls at the school will lose "a vital part of their educational experience" if Sport Nite is cancelled.

He says the police at the school, the teachers voting to cancel Sport Nite and a number of other things were done in "a mood of haste because of the incidents."

"When people are disturbed about such incidents, they really can't act rationally," he says.

No Concessions to Fear

Although patrolmen will still be stationed in the corridors of Trenton Central High School today to keep order in that racially tense institution, there are strong indications that a spirit of calm has returned now that several accused troublemakers have been suspended.

Of course, it may be some time before it will be practical to remove the police guard from THS, but in other respects the morale of the students and faculty can be given a tremendous lift if all other aspects of school life are resumed on

a normal basis.

And this applies, most notably, to the annual Sport Nite events. There had been rumors that the week-long competition — a high point in the school calendar — might not be staged this year, or that it might be held during the daytime instead of the evening.

Cancellation of the event would be a tragic mistake, because it would be a concession to fear and violence, and nothing could spawn new disorders at the school more readily than the outward expectation of them.

Trenton Times, March 11, 1968

Sport Nite Is Out At Trenton High

By **SANDRA CLUSTON**
And **JAMES E. GOODMAN**
Staff Writers

Sport Nite is out for the first time in 34 years at Trenton High School.

And expulsion hearings for up to 18 Trenton High students will begin "as quickly as possible."

The decision to call off the Sport Nite activities involving some 1,100 girls came at 1 a.m. today at the conclusion of a five-hour Trenton Board of Education meeting.

The board did not rule out the possibility of reinstating Sport Nite next year, however.

The 18 students were among 38 suspended after violence broke out at Trenton High on February 28. The other 20 are back in school.

John Tesauo, school board president, said today that the school board is awaiting the recommendations of William Walker, high school principal, before beginning expulsion hearings.

One Hearing Held

"There is a standing committee ready to begin expulsion hearings," Tesauo said, "and I expect it will begin

operating very shortly."

The committee has held one hearing for a student suspended after the first outbreak of violence last December. The committee recommended expulsion and the school board last night expelled the student — a 17-year-old youth charged with bringing a gun into the school.

The school board must act on the remaining 18 suspensions by its April meeting. That action could be expulsion, reinstatement or a continuance of a suspension.

The impact of cancelling Sport Nite — a hallowed traditional competition in sport, glamour, minstrel and pageantry for Trenton High girls — was immediate. It had been scheduled for April 1 to 5. The faculty had recommended against holding the event because of the danger of more disorder.

The effect of 18 possible expulsions will be more long-range.

Parents On Hand

More than 120 parents were at last night's meeting. They included representatives of various groups concerned both about the effect of the expulsions on the students and the fear that some troublemakers may get back in school.

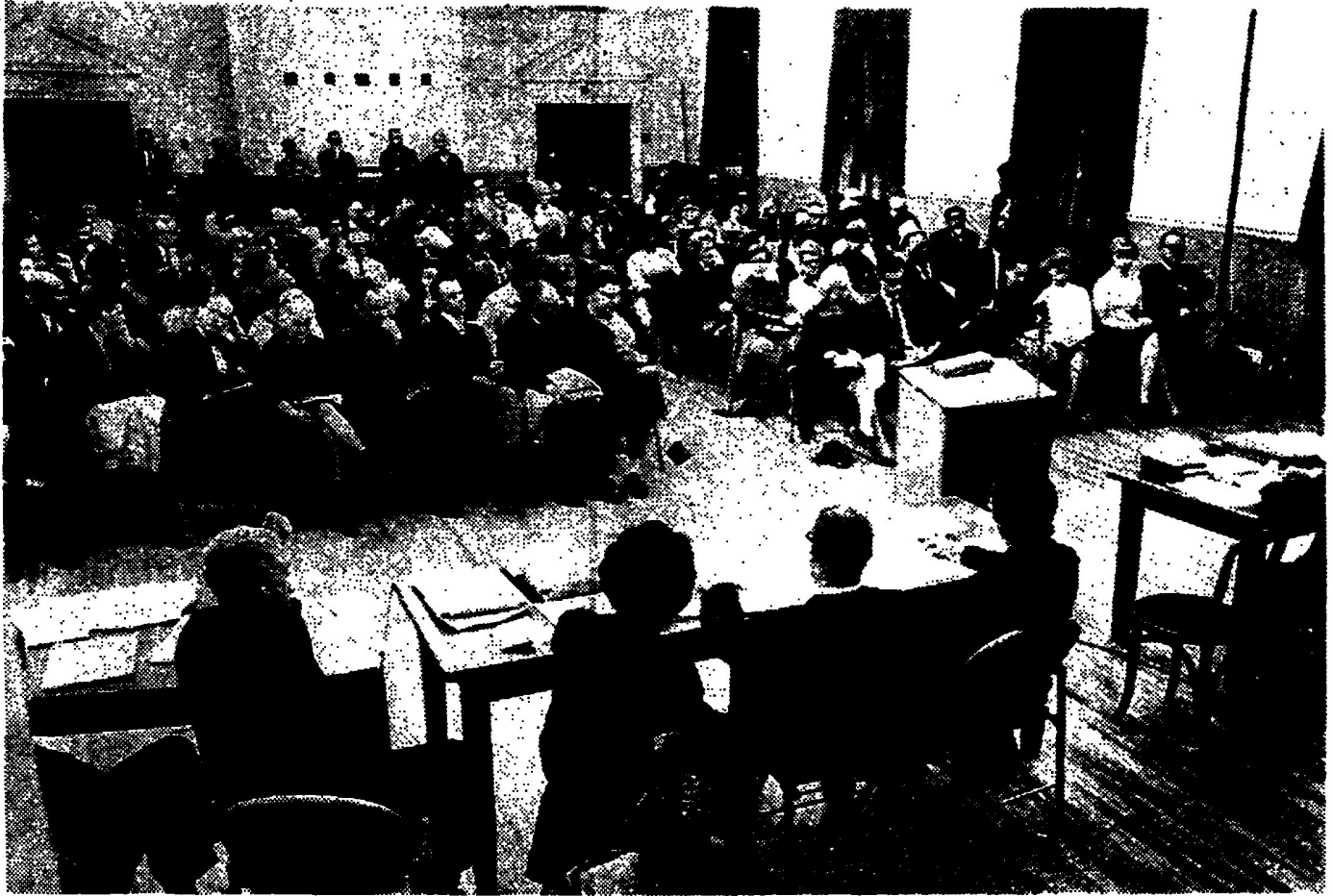
The school board is considering setting up a temporary program involving the Multi-Skill Center and the city's anti-poverty agency to enable suspended students to continue their schooling outside of the high school.

Vincent Halbert, assistant superintendent of schools, is temporarily assigned at Trenton High to assist Walker in handling immediate, pressing problems at the school.

Both Halbert and Tesauo insisted that Halbert's presence at Trenton High represented no erosion of Walker's authority.

"These are trying times," Tesauo said. "Mr. Halbert is an assistant superintendent and he is acting as a consultant with Mr. Walker."

Tesauo said the delay in recommendations for expulsions is a technical problem.



Staff Photo By Warren Kruse

Parents jam Trenton High School's community room for school board meeting.

Trenton Times, March 13, 1968

No Call for Expulsion of 18

Board Cancels THS Sport Nite

By Pete Sherwood
Staff Writer

Sport Nite, traditional extra-curricular highlight of the Trenton High School academic calendar, will not be held this year.

The Trenton School Board made the post-midnight decision Wednesday to cap a lengthy, well-attended session marked by

an earlier announcement that no action would be taken on the status of 18 THS students suspended following the disruption at the high school two weeks ago.

Sport Nite, the annual competition among the Blacks and Reds in girls' athletics, dance and other arts, falls victim to the racial trouble that has torn

the school. Announcing this year's cancellation, the board stated the action was taken "in order to avoid any further disruption of the educational program."

Board failure to act on possible expulsions came as a mild surprise.

The move followed an announcement by Board President

John F. Tesauro that the school board had not received the names of any students recommended for expulsions by THS Principal William Walker.

Tesauro, in referring to the 18 students still suspended, said the board can only act on the recommendation of a school
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Trentonian, March 13, 1968

Board Cancels '68 Sport Nite at THS

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principal until the second board meeting following the suspension notice.

Last night's meeting was the first regular meeting since the latest violence at the high school. Some 15 city residents—about one-third of them Negro—attended.

Robert Bingham, president of the Trenton Action Group (TAG), said he had hoped for some action on the 18 suspensions tonight "to relieve the tensions in this community." He said his group feels that "all the children, if the charges are not proven, should be returned to school" until after the expulsion decision.

"Many of the charges do not warrant the children being put out of school," Bingham continued. "We feel the principal (Walker) should have proof before ordering these suspensions."

Hits "Double Standard"

His statements were echoed by Mrs. Catherine Graham, president of the local NAACP. Saying she did not condone destruction by any youngster — black or white — she added that her group also would insist "double standards" not be applied.

Mrs. Graham called for the creation of a council of Negro and white parents to work with the THS student council "to know what is really happening in the high school."

Several in the audience suggested the establishment of the a special school to handle disruptive pupils. But Mrs. Graham suggested that suspended pupils be put in special classes, not a special school where she said further trouble might develop."

"To suspend a youngster to the street is no solution," School

Superintendent Dr. Richard Beck said, adding that the Evening School, Multi-Skill Program and United Progress Inc. all are being considered for these students.

In the cases of two students suspended for carrying weapons during the earlier December disturbances, the board acted to expel one and held over action on the second at the student's request.

With 18 students under suspension from the latest disruption, the board authorized Dr. Beck to set up special classes for them — probably at the Multi-Skill Center, permitting them to keep up with classwork pending final decision.

Hit Budget Cuts

To other remarks, Beck replied that he was "not accepting the cut City Council has made in our budget with good grace."

He said Council yesterday indicated the doors for a larger budget are not fully closed and that the school board could present additional facts on school discipline plans to get the added cash.

"We've taken strong measures to increase the safety and assure the parents of complete safety for their youngsters in the future," Beck continued.

Beck said that Vincent Halbert, who has been assigned to THS to help reorganize the discipline and attendance methods, was not being considered as a replacement for Principal Walker. Halbert was principal of the school prior to Walker, and rumors Beck said were "not well founded" had Halbert resuming the post.

Walter Singleman of the Junior Three PTA said his group is offering help to both Negro and white parents in Trenton seeking adequate law enforcement for the city's schools.

Most of the persons in last night's audience seemed to favor readmittance of the suspended students until the results of the expulsion hearings are known. One man who called for a continued hardline approach received only scattered applause.

Teacher Fears Over

Speaking for the Trenton Federation of Teachers, President Philip Urban said the majority of the high school's teachers and students were no longer afraid and urged immediate action on the Sport Nite and expulsion questions.

Alphonse Palermo of the Trenton Education Association said many steps in handling disruptive students already have been granted for the next school year, and that the programs should also reach into the city's elementary schools.

Girls React To Sport Nite Demise

'All That Work For Nothing'

By BIRGITTA NYHOLM
Staff Writer

Reactions to the cancellation of Sport Nite range from disappointment to relief among Trenton High School girls.

"After all that work we did and now it's just nothing," said Rose Leon, who was standing outside the high school in yesterday's snow after classes.

About 1,100 girls have been rehearsing for the competition since November.

"There wouldn't have been any trouble," said Iris Repollet, a junior shaking her head.

The weather fitted their mood...and that was bleak. The students, along with the hundreds of other girls involved in Sport Nite preparations, were told of the cancellation yesterday during gym classes.

The school board made the decision "to avoid any further disruption of the educational program." The 34 year-old event was scheduled for April 1 to 5.

Watched By Police

"They could at least have let us had it during the day and had it for students only," said Margareta Portuguese, another junior. "Anyone who

is happy about all this, wasn't interested in Sport Nite to begin with," she added.

The girls walked away under the watchful eye of police who have been there since violence broke out at the school on February 28.

Still, there were others who, although disappointed by the first cancellation of Sport Nite thought it was for the best.

"I'm kind of glad about it," said Clara Motyka. "There would only have been more trouble if it were held," added the sophomore.

Terry Lee, a junior, also was happy about the decision. "It wouldn't have done them

any good to just hold it in the daytime. There still would have been trouble," she said.

"There was talk that they were calling for a riot at Sport Nite this year and I'm glad it was called off," said Lois Molder, a junior.

Several students said there were fights after the event in previous years, and felt this year an incident could develop into something serious.

The students, however, have been preparing for the traditional competition for four months and most of the costumes are nearly completed, said Susan Gittleman, the Black Team captain.

Trenton Times, March 14, 1968

Sports Nite Cancellation Ill-Advised Action

This newspaper earlier this week suggested that it would be a mistake for the Board of Education to cancel the annual Sports Nite events at Trenton High School. This point of view was also expressed by the students and many of the teachers.

Nevertheless, on Tuesday the board did wipe out the annual affair "in order to avoid any further disruption of the educational program."

We fail to see the relevance of the board's position. Sports Nite has never been considered disruptive to the educational program before. It is held during the evening, and the money realized from the week-long extravaganza pays for much of the school's athletic and extra-curricular activities.

Granted, the safety and education of the students come first, but

the student's pride in his school is an important factor in securing both of these goals. Sports Nite has always been the principal avenue to such pride at THS, and with its cancellation the students now have very little else to look forward to except a continued state of anxiety.

The students are being told by their elders, in effect, that "you can't be trusted to behave yourselves at school functions." It is an old truth that one sure way to guarantee a lack of responsibility in children is to withhold it from them.

The worst part of this affair is that most of the youngsters at THS are responsible and well behaved—and they are the ones who will suffer the most.

Perhaps it is not too late for the School Board to reconsider this ill-advised action.

Trentonian, March 14, 1968

Here At Home

Twenty of the 38 Trenton High School students suspended after the disturbances there Feb. 28 were readmitted to the school Monday. Others are scheduled for readmission but, for 12, expulsion hearings are to be conducted by a committee of the board of education "as quickly as possible." John Tesauro, board president, said there are many technical problems involved in the expulsion proceedings and noted that the "board must protect the constitutional rights of each student."

At a meeting Tuesday night, the board decided to call off, for this year at least the traditional Sport Nite. This is a week-long series of competitions in sport, glamour, minstrel and pageantry for the school's 1,100 girl. The school faculty had recommended against holding the event because of the possibility of more disorder.

Earlier Tuesday, City Council accepted on first reading a school board budget that had cut \$625,000 by the Board of School Estimate and City Council. The school board had been hopeful Council would restore some of the cuts and still hopes this will be done before final adoption of the budget on March 22.

Trenton Times, March 17, 1968

American Way: Punish the Innocent

Sir: Your editorial in the Thursday edition entitled "Ill-Advised Action," referring to the Trenton School Board decision to cancel the Sport Night events, certainly indicates a lack of understanding and consideration of the problem.

Your editorial is actually ill advised and will be no help in restoring Trenton High to normal educational pursuits.

In view of activities of student groups which were activating all the agitation of the past few months, it is high time all students were told definitely that they have no voice in administrative problems. We doubt they, the students, have the knowledge or the understanding to determine administrative policy. However, I believe if they will prepare any objections or recommendations properly, consideration will be given to any rightful needs.

Certainly, violence should get them nowhere and those instigating such action should be told so and punished if necessary. It is the American way for the innocent to suffer with the guilty, but the guilty should not escape the burden of responsibility.

As far as your editorial is concerned, it seems to me, you could write something more constructive in connection with the problem in question.

RICHARD B.
STANDIFORD 2d

Trentonian, March 18, 1968

Schools Closed Here 2 Days

Mayor Carmen J. Armenti says the closing of public schools in the city today and Tuesday was done without consulting him.

"I like to see the schools in business at all times," he said, "but this was a board decision and they made it. I was not consulted."

At the same time, the mayor said he will send the Rev. David D. Mellon of the Trenton Council of Churches and his own administrative assistant, W. Oliver Leggett Jr., to Atlanta today to represent him at Dr. Martin Luther King's funeral.

All parochial and township schools were scheduling regular classes this week up to the beginning of the Easter vacation.

The public school announcement by Su-

perintendent Dr. Richard Beck means that Trenton students will have only two days of classes this week — Wednesday and Thursday—before the start of the 10-day Easter vacation.

Trenton High and the junior highs were closed early on Friday because of incidents as the impact of the assassination spread. Ironically, the annual THS Sport Nite—which had been cancelled because of February's racial outbreaks — would have been ending last Friday night.

Schools to be closed include all city public schools, the regular and vocational evening schools, and the Multi-Skills Center, where classes are being conducted for students facing expulsion from THS because of the February disturbances.

Trentonian, April 8, 1968

Mostly Sunny, Mild Today; Fair Tonight; Mostly Sunny Tomorrow.

City Wary After Night Of Terror

City-Wide Curfew Is Reimposed By Mayor

Many Areas Sealed

By HARRY R. BLAZE

Mayor Carmen Armenti reimposed a city-wide curfew today from 8 p.m. until 8 tomorrow morning for all vehicular and pedestrian traffic. It applies to "all citizens."

Although the curfew does not go into effect officially until 8 p.m., the mayor requested area residents to avoid the center city area as much as possible and asked city residents to refrain from using their cars whenever possible during the day.

The mayor said afternoon conferences with Chief of Police Louis Neese and other city officials will determine how the curfew will be enforced.

On the mayor's order, the city's 314 bars, clubs and liquor stores remained closed today.

City Schools Closed

Trenton's public and parochial schools were announced closed for the day, but public and parochial schools in Ewing, Lawrence and Hamilton Townships were open.

Trenton's public schools will remain closed tomorrow, the last day before Easter recess.

In Bucks County, area public and parochial schools remain open, except for Bristol Township and Borough, which were closed due to disturbances.

Except for buses and essential traffic, the center city area was sealed off today to allow cleaning up of debris and broken windows from last night's disturbances.

Commenting that the number of state police in the city is "down a bit," he added that there were 85 troopers in the city during the night.

Coefers With Hughes When asked if the National Guard would be called in, Armenti said that the decision on such a move would be up to the state police. He added that he has been conferring throughout the night and today with Governor Richard J. Hughes and Colonel David B. Kelly, commandant of the state police.

The mayor said a number of volunteers are cooperating with the city, going into the community, urging in an attempt to prevent a recurrence of disturbances. He credited Assemblyman S. Howard Woodson, Trenton's UPF director Donald Cogville, the state department of Community Affairs and similar agencies with organizing the volunteer "street workers."

Gasoline stations have been ordered to sell gasoline in separate containers.

Motorists Unaware

Traffic began backing up on Trenton's main thoroughfares as early as 7:30 a.m. as motorists unaware of the blockades tried to enter midtown. Areas such as Ferry Street were clogged in both directions by vehicles attempting to enter the city on Ferry Street, and others exiting the Freeway at the Perry Street interchange. Garbage trucks working their routes and some cleanup trucks also contributed to the confusion.

One motorist left Ferry Street for the Mercer County Court House and wound up in Morrisville an hour later. He couldn't get off the Freeway.

Trenton's fire department, operating under emergency procedures, called in an additional 80 men to beef up the regular 75-man shift during the night, but the extra men were released early this morning.



Flames light up the smoke over downtown Trenton during height of rioting. Photo was taken from Trenton tower roof.

Summer Came Early

Flames, Shots, Taunting Laughter

By HERB WOLFE

Staff Writer Orange flames licked at a star-filled sky. Clouds of thick smoke rolled across the city. Glass shattering mixed with wailing sirens and occasional gunfire.

Trenton was helpless as hundreds of Negro youth celebrated last night in an insane carnival of looting and destruction.

They smashed windows. They ran from stores with stolen clothing, records, liquor, food, jewelry. They watched firemen battle flames which destroyed

businesses. They taunted police, wrestled with them for possession of guns and nightsticks. And they laughed. Most of them were in their teens. Many were younger. Few were over 21.

They began pouring into the center of town at sundown. On Brunswick and Princeton Avenue, teenagers looted record and liquor stores.

Nothing could stop them. Negro adult leaders walked through the crowds, pleading with the youngsters to return home. The local leaders were joined by two unknown men who said they hurried to Trenton

from Philadelphia to help after hearing of this city's violence. All the adults were ignored. Police stood with clenched fists, frustrated, angry, restrained.

Several of them laughed later at the ineffectiveness of the aerosol spray each man carried to immobilize attackers. One patrolman told of how he sprayed himself accidentally on three occasions.

Jail Jammed Not all of the looters and vandals escaped, however, and city jail cells were jammed by midnight. Prisoners in the Mercer

County Jail were shipped to the County Workhouse to help take care of the city's overflow. Entering Trenton from Pennsylvania was difficult. Merriville police blocked the Calhoun Street and the lower free bridges.

"We don't want Trenton over here," a patrolman explained. Mayor Carmen J. Armenti issued two curfew proclamations during the night. The first at 8:30 p.m. ordered all persons under 21 off the streets. The second at 11 p.m. ordered everyone except those on official business, off the streets.

Curfews Don't Work Neither curfew worked very well as bands of youths moved swiftly from one area to another. The mayor's orders did, however, close down the city's 263 taverns, 24 package good stores and all gas stations. Many of the rioters boasted they would be back on the streets tonight.

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Youth Slain; 108 Arrested

By JAMES E. GOODMAN and Leo Pasternack Staff Writers

Trenton was in a state of emergency today, reeling from the effects of a night of terror and worrying about the threat of more to come tonight.

The orgy of destruction and looting that broke over the city about 7:30 last night continued out of control until about 1:30 this morning. A Negro college sophomore was shot to death across from City Hall early in the riot.

Of the more than 200 youths who rampaged through the downtown and Battle Monument areas last night, 108 were in the county jail today.

The financial loss is staggering. Hundreds of windows were smashed and 11 fires started. Two blazes wiped out the 85-year-old Convery Furniture Company store and warehouse near the historic Trenton Battle Monument. Damage to Convery's store was estimated at \$1.5 million.

There were no serious injuries reported other than the fatal shooting of Harlan Joseph, 19, of 49 Carroll Street. At least three policemen and a fireman were hurt and 23 people were treated at city hospitals.

The youth was fatally wounded by a police officer outside the Charn Amoson Inc. clothing and jewelry store at 802 East State Street at about 7:30 p.m. after it had been looted.

He died at Helene Fuld Hospital a half hour later, after being hit by a bullet fired by a police officer answering a call for help at the store.

Teensagers Riot The riot was carried out by Negro youths, almost all of them either teen-agers or in their early 20s. Adults looked on, but except for those who tried in vain to stop the youngsters, very few participated.

Looting was widespread, but it never took on the proportions of looting in recent riots in other cities. Charges filed against the rioters include assault, looting, drunkenness, interfering with the police, and disorderly conduct and curfew violations.

Order was restored only after a detachment of 80 state troopers rushed to aid the city's beleaguered 37-member police force.

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Staff Photo by Alma Steinhilber Under a picture of Abraham Lincoln, a worried Mayor Carmen Armenti keeps in touch with police during the long night.

23 Hurt Include 3 Cops

Three policemen and a fireman were among 23 persons treated at city hospitals for injuries suffered in the riot.

Patrolman Martin Hoffman, 37, of Brown Street, and Raymond Cybere, 26, of Chestnut Avenue, were kicked and beaten by looters at South Montgomery and East Front Street.

Both were treated and released at Helene Fuld Hospital.

Patrolman Frank Anderson, 25, was treated at Mercer Hospital as was Fireman Nicholas Plumeri, 28.

Raymond Rychie, 16, of Spring Street, was admitted to Mercer Hospital for treatment of a head injury.

Others treated at Helene Fuld Hospital included Milton McLean, 15, of Hart Avenue; Lorenzo Molder, 20, of Oxford Street; Alex George, 19, of Roberts Avenue; William Lee, 17, of Ewing Street; Franklin Riley, 20, of Cavell Street; Samuel Council, 27, of Locust Street and Clinton Hodges, 16, of Pennungton Avenue.

Treated at Mercer Hospital were Claude Teets, 26, of Balsam Road, Levittown; Schofield Patterson, 21, of Harris Avenue; Ralph Johnson, 18, of Academy Street; Mrs. Lucille Caldwell, 49, of Passaic Street; Edward Smith, 18, of Fountain Avenue; they would be back on the streets tonight.

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Two city policemen, with guns drawn, rush to the aid of Patrolman Richard Nicholson, struggling on the sidewalk of North Broad Street near Byer's Mens Shop.

Youth, 19, Who Was Killed Active In City Teen Councils

By THOMAS H. GREER

Staff Writer The youth who died in last night's rioting was a 19-year-old college student who was active in human relations and youth groups.

Harlan B. Joseph, a sophomore at Lincoln University, Oxford, Pa., was shot by a policeman outside a looted store on East State Street. He died in Helene Fuld Hospital at 7:30 p.m. of a bullet wound in the lower back.

Joseph of 49 Carroll Street was a religion major at the Pennsylvania university. He was also interested in social work.

Mrs. Barbara Weintraub, executive director of the center, said that Joseph had spoken of trying to find ways to prevent looting and violence.

Mayor Carmen J. Armenti was also upset by the fatal shooting. He said that Joseph had spoken of trying to find ways to prevent looting and violence.



HARLAN B. JOSEPH ... lies in rioting.

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City Wary After Outbreaks Of Arson, Looting

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ern loads of merchandise from Knutson's Inc. at 1147 East State Street fled when the owner's son reportedly fired several shots at 10:46 a.m. Police were dispatched to the store.

"Whitey, Get Out!" were voiced by the youths.

Some added, "The King is dead and so is non-violence."

Despite the violence, no complaints of police brutality were heard. More often, police took abuse from non-rioters who wanted the police to arrest, if not shoot, every rioter in sight.

Police Frustrated

Police obviously were frustrated by orders not to shoot unless necessary. "Don't forget to get that picture of a cop hitting a Negro person," one officer complained bitterly to a newsman.

The riot gained momentum quickly soon after 6:30 p.m. when gangs of youths began roaming the downtown area and some incidents were reported. But by 7:30, it was in full swing.

At one point, the rioters bodily advanced on Police

Headquarters on Chancery Lane to demand the release of two of their friends already in custody.

Several even invaded the headquarters itself before Public Safety Director E. Laurence Blotting and several officers chased them from the building.

The marauders literally ran the police in circles. They would start up North Warren Street, head out Princeton Avenue, rush down Montgomery Street, race along Perry Street, down Stockton Street, along East State Street, down Montgomery, over Front Street and back to North Warren and the Battle Monument park area.

Sound of Glass

All along the way, there was the sound of broken display windows to mark the movement of the vandals.

Most of the action focused on North Broad and North Warren Streets and the five-corner intersection of Battle Monument Park.

For the most part, the rioters appeared to be on a gay holiday. But the gaiety was punctuated by sudden flurries

of tension between police and rioters.

Scores of warning shots were fired and several times rioters had to grapple with the police to keep them from taking their guns away.

In another, a youth lunged at a patrolman, striking him with an iron pipe and knocking him to the ground.

Several other officers, guns drawn, rushed to the patrolman's side and arrested the youth.

On North Warren Street, a group of patrolmen armed with riot guns challenged several dozen rioters. The rioters shouted, "All right, shoot us."

The police yielded and let the rioters pass.

Woodson Tries

As the riot focused on the Battle Monument, Negro leaders, including State Assembly Minority Leader S. Howard Woodson, D-Trenton, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church and former city councilman, appealed to the youths to go home.

Woodson was answered with obscenities.

The Battle Monument area

always has been considered one of the toughest in the city but leaders such as Woodson, Mayor Arment and City Council President Peter B. Rice prided themselves on being able to cool things off through their neighborhood contacts.

They were all there last night and were helpful.

"You can't talk to them," said Albert "Bo" Robinson, a Woodson political supporter. "They're wild. They won't listen to anybody."

Detective Quintillian Smith, who once was a beat patrolman in the area, pleaded with rioters to go home. "This is Smitty," Smith said. "You know me. Please, ladies and gentlemen, go home. Do me this favor."

Burnt Into Flames

The rioters appeared to cooperate and the crowd began to disperse. Then, suddenly, Convery's furniture store on North Warren Street burst into flames.

The crowd yelled and the riot was on again. Then the crowd quieted again and stood watching as the flames vaulted

upward.

J. Ford Convery Jr., vice president and treasurer of the store, watched, too. Earlier the warehouse had been gutted by the flames. "They've destroyed everything," Convery said. "There's nothing left."

Convery said the firm plans to open a new store on Route 1 in Lawrence Township in a few months, but planned to use the downtown store as a warehouse.

"I'll never leave Trenton," he pledged. "I have too much loyalty."

As the quieted rioters tired of watching the flames, a band of about a dozen of them began heckling two city patrolmen.

Refuse To Bite

The patrolmen refused to bite. They just stood there and took the insults. Finally, something happened. There was a scuffle. Some of the youths were grappling with the police for the riot guns.

Warning shots were fired. A woman who had been a silent spectator rushed to the aid of one of the youths.

The crowd moved in. There

were more warning shots and then State Police moved into the area.

City Councilmen Martin Hillman and Radice were in a car almost in the middle of the melee. They managed to back the car away from the trouble spot.

The youths, the woman and police struggled—the woman falling hysterically onto the highway. Finally police were able to get the youths and the woman in a patrol wagon.

Curfew Announced

Shortly before 11 p.m., Mayor Arment's curfew for all unauthorized persons was announced. This time, State Police had a little more success in moving the rioters away. Several arrests were made in the process.

Deputy City Police Chief John A. Lananah took command. "Move 'em out and I mean move 'em out," Lananah ordered.

Some of the crowd was distracted by reports of new fires, the biggest being the Spruett of California, manufacturers of California redwood picnic furniture, on

Bernard Street.

The barn-like factory was destroyed by flames that also threatened the Cooley's Service Station at Bernard and Calhoun Streets.

During the six-hour riot, police answered 300 emergency calls, including 38 fire alarms—34 of them false.

Eight companies of firemen battled a fire that burned out Kromnick's Market on Perry Street between Carroll and Esing Streets.

Chief Schwab said the cause was probably arson. Extensive fire and smoke damage was reported in the store, two apartments above it and warehouse behind it. Heavy structural damage was found in the rear of the building.

The owner, Harry Kromnick of 48 Sanhican Drive estimated the damage at \$15,000.

Crowds of area residents were helping themselves to non-burned merchandise today.

Like Viet Cong

Sometimes the riot took on the mood of a Viet Cong attack.

Several firemen were stoned but they experienced little interference at the major fires. Capt. Harry Clouson of Ladder Company 3, suffered a minor injury in a fall from a ladder.

Many Accidents

There were numerous accidents during the night, some of them caused by rioters throwing rocks, some by drivers panicking when some-

thing happened near them.

The owner of a grocery store at Perry and Montgomery Street was at work when rioters smashed his windows and began looting the store.

He ran out of the store, jumped into his car and tried to drive the car over the curb into the store. But the car was unable to clear an entrance step. The rioters fled.

Except for the occasional flare up of hate, the mood of most rioters was relaxed. One of them, caught looting Mannie's Market on Perry Street, sat calmly in a patrol wagon with an officer outside the car.

"Can I smoke a cigarette?" he asked.

"Yes," answered the cop.

Looter Lags Up

The looter casually lit up his smoke.

One youth, watching the fire at Convery's, approached at a moment when he was not doing something in that paper? You tell them that there's going to be a lot more burning until the black man gets what he wants."

Last night's riot evidently has been building up among the youths for several days. The incidents were reported in East Trenton Monday night and city officials feared trouble would break out there rather than downtown.

Several merchants received threatening calls yesterday afternoon.

Police also believe the outbreak grew from the series of disturbances which have closed Trenton High School three times since last December.

Burlington Has Minor Troubles

BURLINGTON—A band of youths tossed bottles and stones on East Federal Street and one man was shot.

But this Burlington County municipality did not suffer a serious outbreak of violence last night.

The band of youths, according to Police Chief Raymond Butterfield, broke up into smaller groups, drifted onto several other streets and then broke up. There were no arrests.

The shooting victim was Joseph Knight, 26, of East Street. He was admitted to Burlington County Hospital and is listed in fair condition today.

According to Butterfield, Knight was shot in the back and left arm at the intersection of St. Mary's and Gifford streets with a .32-caliber revolver. Arrested as a suspect was Robert Green, 19, of Jones Avenue.

County Prosecutor Martin J. Queenan said the shooting apparently followed two arguments between the two men over a girl friend.

N.Y. House Okays Slum Cleanup

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—The Assembly did an about-face Tuesday night and gave final legislative approval to Gov. Rockefeller's \$6-billion slum-cleanup plan—a program it had rejected only a few hours earlier.

After a lengthy recess during which Republican Assembly leaders appealed for support from GOP members who had opposed the plan initially, the key bill was passed by a clear margin.

After disposing of the main bill-to create a special agency to carry out bulk projects in the slum areas—the Assembly proceeded through approval of companion measures in the program.

The Assembly arranged to send the bills embodying the governor's plan as soon as they were passed.

Warden Michael Bajek said the jail can still handle additional prisoners—"It's double up in all the cells"—but it's getting tight.

"We didn't have enough dishes to go around and had to feed them in shifts," Bajek said. "I don't know what we'd do if we get any more."

One man arrested for possession of stolen property near the burned out Convery furniture store at 312 North Broad Street told police he didn't know "how that desk got next to my auto."

Others claimed they were simply trying to get home when arrested by police.

Two young boys said they were just walking along when they picked up a pair of trousers they found in the street.

Officers guarding the front entrance of the South Broad Street court house arrested one man who walked by carrying a long bladed fishing knife.

Sneaker, packing a .38 caliber police special under his coat, and Sheriff Joseph Holland, carrying a helmet, were on duty at the court house from shortly after 8 p.m. until around 4 a.m.

Holland, as he passed out shotguns, noted that it was the first time he had been called on to "break them out" since he became sheriff in 1960.

Holland had 29 men on duty at the court house and County Prosecutor Vincent Panaro called out his entire detective staff.

Confusion marked the scene when state and city police and prosecutor's men moved in to docket, fingerprint and photograph more than 100 prisoners in a steady stream.

His work with young children was during his employment with the Mercer Street Friends Center.

Mrs. Weintraub said Joseph "spoke strongly on what he could do to implement Martin Luther King's ideologies."

"He was to attend a meeting tonight of the mayor's committee. We were talking of things that would be constructive and would lead to preventing looting and violence. We spent considerable time talking about how this could be interpreted to the youth of Trenton."

"He was a credit to the high school, as chairman of the human relations council. He had also founded Kappa Alpha Tau, the youth group at the Friends Center and had been employed part time and as summer help for three years."

Shop Toys Apart

Joseph's almost lifeless body was removed from the sidewalk along Stockton Street several doors from the corner store which was torn apart by the looters.

"If nothing to hide, why was he fleeing the police?" one patrolman asked. "He really should not have been in the area considering the state of the city at that time."

At least six Negro youths

were involved in the window breaking and looting of the Charm-Arson, police said. The incident occurred shortly before 7:30 almost under the watchful eye of Trenton's City Hall office window across State Street.

All windows in the shop were smashed and jewelry, clothing and display mannequins were pulled from the store.

Castiello, one of many policemen answering calls throughout the city, was first to arrive at the scene.

Warning Shots

Detective Captain Leon B. Foley said officers fired two warning shots and ordered the fleeing youths to halt. He leveled his third shot in hopes of stopping one of the looters, Foley said.

Castiello had not released his German Shepherd dog from the rear of his cruiser.

Foley pointed out that Castiello's dog only reported verbal and in haste because of the conditions throughout the city. A detailed report will be made later.

Sergeant Leon Smith and Detective Herbert FitzGerald are investigating the incident. Joseph, still a teenager himself, led the youngsters at the center in Bible school five times a week last summer. He also instructed arts and crafts and physical recreation classes at the Friends Center.

Joseph told The Evening Times, in a feature story last August, he enjoyed working for the Friends Center.

"It has helped me broaden my ideas about life," he said, adding he had decided to return to the faith.

Williams Urges Nationwide Health Surveys

WASHINGTON — Sen. Harrison A. Williams (D-N.J.) has called for nationwide large-scale health surveys on a regular systematic basis.

In an address prepared for delivery before the Chicago Heart Association yesterday, Williams urged a "preventive" approach to disease rather than dependence upon a miracle cure.

"We are doing too little, too late, to head off disease before it begins," said the New Jersey senator. "We are guilty of drifting into a comfortable reliance on the modern medical miracle."

Williams said that he had introduced legislation to establish regional health screening centers throughout the country. He urged government, industry and the medical profession to concentrate their efforts upon preventive medicine and on acquiring the resources necessary to make it work.

Former county prosecutor Mario H. Volpe has been appointed toastmaster of the 22nd anniversary dinner of Boy's Town of Italy, Inc. The dinner will be held on Sunday at Cedar Gardens Restaurant.

Policemen have to step over empty merchandise cartons as they converge on Sam's Haberdashery at 349 North Warren Street, looted by vandals.



Staff Photo by Warren Krue

Devastating fire at Convery furniture store lighted riot scene, but only a shell was visible by dawn's early light.

Arrested Rioters Overflow Mercer Jail

Regular Inmates Transferred To Workhouse

By HARTMUR SMITH
Staff Writer

"There's more artillery around here than I saw during my first night in combat."

That was the remark of a veteran Mercer County jail guard during the height of the riot as armed state troopers, city police and sheriff's men poured into the jail along with a steady stream of arrested rioters.

The lawmen had to "check" their weapons on entering the confines of the jail and the warden's office bristled with 12 gauge shotguns, assorted pistols, nightsticks and Mace dispensers.

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Not Concerned

As smoke drifted into the jail from the fires around the city, the officers commented about the "total disregard" shown by many of those arrested.

"They're not the least bit concerned. One guard remarked, 'They're treating it as the biggest joke that ever happened.'"

Many of the arrested rioters were laughing and joking as they crowded through the double door entrance to the jail.

At 9 p.m., before the first rioters arrived at the jail, 29 inmates were loaded into a small converted school bus and two vans and transferred to the Mercer County Workhouse under heavy guard.

Helmeted sheriff's officers carrying riot guns patrolled Copper Street as the handcuffed inmates—including Raymond A. Girardi, who is currently standing trial on kidnapping and rape charges—were led out of the jail.

As the convoy was preparing to leave, it was discovered that the rear doors on the workhouse was worked like normal car doors and could be unlocked from inside.

The button releases on the doors were pulled off their

Assemblyman S. Howard Woodson pleads with members of a crowd in the Battle Monument area to clear the streets during peak of last night's trouble.

Police officers are seen in the foreground, some wearing helmets and carrying riot gear. They are standing in front of a large, multi-story building that appears to be a warehouse or store. The building has several windows, some of which are dark, suggesting they might be boarded up or broken. The scene is somewhat chaotic, with people and debris visible in the background. The lighting is somewhat dim, suggesting it might be late in the evening or early in the morning.

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Security Tightened

10 More Guards Hired For Schools

Ten more security guards will be hired for assignment to Trenton's junior high schools.

This was authorized last night by the city school board. The state reimburses the city for 75 percent of the cost.

There have been incidents of unrest at the junior high schools during recent months.

A move to tighten security at troubled Trenton High School was made when the board approved issuing identification cards for all high school students, staff and board members in an attempt to keep outsiders from the building.

Request Granted

In addition, the board agreed to State Education Commissioner Dr. Carl L. Marburger's suggestion to send several of his staff members into the high school to study the situation there.

The board accepted the resignation of Bernard Siegel as day supervisor at the Skills Center effective April 1. He is accepting an assignment with the Hunterdon County Schools as a vocational director.

Joseph English was appointed to fill Siegel's position on a temporary basis.

The retirement of Mrs. F. Myrtle Goetz as principal of the Stokas School also was accepted.

Fred Price was assigned to the discipline office at the high school at the rate of \$8 per hour. He will be joining Lloyd Williams, Robert Callahan and Mrs. Thelma Riley.

The board also approved the new position of job developer for the Trenton High School to make more jobs available to students on a part-time basis and after graduation.

The position will pay \$9,000 plus \$500 for workshops and travel. The entire cost will be underwritten by the state, except for one month's salary since the person will have to work 11 months.

The board agreed to pay \$5,500 to the high school activity fund in lieu of sports night receipts and to pay out \$1,118 for direct expenses — including students' costs for uniforms — incurred for sports night preparation.

Bessie Hill, a former Trenton guidance counselor, was named consultant at the high school three days a week at a salary of \$75 per day. She will act as liaison with the community, will help develop a strong student council and will help train the cafeteria staff to maintain better control, according to Assistant Superintendent Vincent Halbert.

School Board Puts Off \$ Cut Appeal

By Pete Sherwood
Staff Writer

Pressure by four members of the Trenton School Board to appeal a \$25,000 cut in the 1968-69 school budget was believed the cause of last night's postponement of the appeal decision until Monday.

The decision was expected from the board last night after City Council indicated earlier in the day it would restore \$80,000 to the \$13 million budget.

Following a 90-minute closed session to decide whether to appeal the cut to the state board of Education, Board President John F. Tesauro said action would be deferred until a special Monday conference session because some members wanted more information on where cuts would be made.

Need Another Vote

However, it was learned that four of the nine board members had favored the appeal and hoped the delay would win the extra vote needed. Formal announcement of the board's decision could come as late as May 14.

Both Trenton Education Association and Trenton Federation of Teachers officials last night reiterated their pleas for an appeal similar to the successful one filed last year. TEA President Alphonse Palermo said his group "will go to court and tie up the budget legally if it affects our memorandum of understanding."

Palermo said a strike might be used "as a last resort" if changes are made in the memorandum arrived at with the school board.

Expulsion Rules

Tesauro, in referring to expulsion hearings for 12 students which begin today, said teachers will be required to appear when they have filed charges and may be subject to cross examination by the students' attorneys.

Palermo later in the meeting said the transfer of William Walker as principal of Trenton High was causing great concern among teachers. Tesauro has said there will be no further

statement on the Walker transfer.

ID Cards Ok'd

Identification cards were approved for Trenton High students, staff members and administrators to keep out "undesirables" and avoid future racial disruptions.

In other attempts to cool tensions, the board will furnish additional information to the City Human Relations Council to aid in its report on the THS disturbances.

Board President John F. Tesauro, referring to an earlier statement predicting a "cool summer," said last night his theory has "been somewhat

kicked to the other side of the table."

In other business, the school board:

— Awarded bids for two above-ground swimming pools for the city to Nichols Pools Inc. of Bristol for \$8,950.

— Approved \$5,500 for the Trenton High activity fund "in lieu of Sport Nite receipts" and offered \$1,118 for expenses incurred before the annual event was cancelled.

— Voted to allow Leon Levy to continue teacher salary negotiations for the 1968-69 school year.

— Accepted the retirement of F. Myrtle Goetz after 39 years'

service, as principal of Stokes school.

— Announced that 83 students were suspended from all city schools during March.