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PICKETING

Picketing Monday was at its highest level since the strike began. Although there was no specific change in tactics, the lines were obviously more militant in attempting to keep attendance down on the first day after the spring vacation. Police were also more militant on the first day of TAA picketing in defiance of a court injunction. Police photographers were busy, several jay-walking tickets were issued, and police goon squads moved from picket line to picket line to intimidate the strikers. Despite the high level of militancy, there were no arrests reported Monday.

MORNING ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Morning attendance averaged 40% in 5 large L & S buildings:

Birge 42%

Psych 40%

Social Science 36%

Van Hise 28%

Bascom 22%

MEDIATION

The TAA bargaining team met three separate times Monday with mediator Nathan Feinsinger. Not much progress is expected in mediation efforts until the faculty takes a position on educational planning at its meeting this afternoon. A mediation session is scheduled for 9:30 this morning.

FACULTY MEETING

After nearly two hours of discussion on the TAA issue Monday afternoon, the faculty will reconvene in a committee of the whole Tuesday at 3:30 to continue debate. Monday's meeting produced nothing.

Chancellor Young began with a properly slanted history of the TAA-UW bargaining relationship. After a few questions, Chairman Phil Cohen (Chairman of the University Committee), ruling with his usual iron hand, moved the meeting into resolutions on the issue. Any resolution was to be simply a 'sense of the meeting,' not an official faculty position.

E.R. Mulvihill proposed that "it be in the interest of the university community to develop mechanisms for TA's and students to participate in a meaningful way in educational planning." The mechanisms were to be "developed by the departmental faculty in collaboration with TA's and students." The motion was amended to add that the mechanisms not infringe on faculty control of curriculum and course conduct. The amendment passed 530-256.

Before this resolution could be acted on, Prof. Donald Hay, Philosophy, made a substitute motion. The resolution, dubbed a "compromise" by its writers (a group of 30 faculty members represented by Prof. Wm. Stone, Genetics) stated that educational planning should grant the teacher (prof or TA) "freedom to teach as well as he can in the way he best can," and "the greatest possible latitude for each teacher within the boundaries of course content and objectives." In specifying the goals and programs within each department, "the opinions of teaching assistants and students should be given effective weight."

In addition, the procedures for implementing these policies are to be arrived at "by agreement among faculty members and teaching assistants in each department, meeting at reasonable times and conferring in good faith," language Stone considered a "euphemism" for collective bargaining.

Chances of passage of this resolution remain slim, however. Stone stated that he had gathered 75 signatures on the resolution.

Due to scheduling problems of the Union Theater the meeting was adjourned at 6:45.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Unless otherwise announced, there will be a general membership meeting Wednesday evening. Exact time and place will be arranged.

INJUNCTION

No attempts were made Monday to serve any papers on any striking TA's. William Wilker, assistant attorney general, hinted that a number of people will be served today (Tuesday).

KLEENE GIVES GO AHEAD FOR HIRING SCABS

Steven Kleene, Dean of L & S, authorized department chairmen to hire temporary instructors in courses where they are needed.

TAA ON TV

The TAA received equal time on WHA-TV Monday evening to answer Chancellor Young's performance three weeks ago. Bob Muehlenkamp, Jim Marketti, Jean Turner, Charlie Anderson, Mike Levin, and Prof. William Stone conducted a panel discussion covering the major issues in the TAA-UW dispute.

TAA RELIEF CENTER

The TAA Relief Center is now operating in the TAA News Service office in the University YMCA. Surplus commodities from the county welfare stock are available. Only a dozen applicants appeared Monday afternoon.

Each person eligible is entitled to 16 lbs. of food, including butter, cheese, peanut butter, flour, canned meat, canned peaches, egg mix, powdered milk, instant mashed potatoes and much more. Helen Burrell of the Relief Center urges every TA who might be eligible to call the center, 256-8814, for information.

Efforts are also being made to arrange for welfare payments for striking TA's. The Center is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.