Teacher Walkout

The Michigan Education Association's opposition to parochial is one thing, but the proposed one-day walkout of 1,500 MEA teacher members in five Upper Peninsula counties is something else.

Arnold J. Korpi of Marquette, U. P. director for the Michigan Education Association, revealed plans for the walkout "possibly" on Feb. 27 as a protest against support of the parochial provisions in Gov. William Milliken's educational reform package by Reps. Dominic Jacobetti (D-Negaunee) and John D. Payant (R-Kingsford).

Korpi said a decision on declaring the moratorium will be made at a meeting of MEA Region 17 executive committee members and delegates tomorrow night in Rapid River.

The proposed moratorium, Korpi said, is designed to focus public attention on "the legislation which is unconstitutional in violation of state-church provisions."

The walkout would close 27 school districts in Marquette County, 13 in Ontonagon County, and two in Iron County. In one district, however, the walkout will take place in cooperation with the MEA.

Business Mirror

Profits Of 559 Firms Analyzed

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NEW YORK (AP) -- Many, but by no means all, of the big business corporations appear to have respected the 1969 profits squeeze better than their smaller cousins and, in some instances, their rivals.

An analysis of 559 companies, all listed on the New York Stock Exchange, shows that profits dropped 10.89 percent from a year earlier. The 10 largest of these, however, showed decreases of only 5.36 percent.

Big variations were noted within the biggest 10. General Motors and Gulf Oil fell 14.4 and 15 percent respectively. But increases of 3.65 by American Telephone and 3.2 by Moab Oil buoyed the average.

Jurisdiction Committee Hearings

Dr. Allan Niemi, vice president at Northern Michigan University, testified at the hearing about the presence of black students in the school at NMU on Dec. 7-18, 1969. The Judiciary Committee had reason to doubt Mr. Niemi's testimony and have set the students free.

Is the Judiciary Committee questioning the integrity of Dr. Niemi? Will the inequities of youth prevail over the counseling of Dr. Niemi? Where are the names of the 96 students who apparently came forward and said we shall not be persecuted for our part in the sit-in? Has the Judiciary Committee again kneaded under the black power demands? Are the Judiciary Committee of all colleges in collusion with one another? Isn't it time that we should abolish this system of Judiciary Committees in our colleges and the curriculum of civil law community trained black students under this system? Let us go back to the old laws whereby each individual is responsible for his actions.

The decent people of all races sympathize with Dr. Niemi.