

Patrolmen On Strike Here; Call In 'Sick'

Patrolmen and corporals in the Marquette Police Department went "on strike" late Wednesday, and their spokesmen say they won't return to their jobs until the pay raise issue is settled in their favor.

What began late Wednesday as a "blue flu" situation (those scheduled to go to work calling in sick) developed this morning into a de facto walkout.

The issue involved is the three-member arbitration panel's decision (by a split vote) to order the city to grant a 20 per cent wage increase, effective June 1, for members of the Marquette Police Local, Michigan Council 55, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO.

There are 22 members in the union from the city police department. Of these,

19 reportedly are associated with the strike, with the dog warden and the two meter maids continuing on the job as usual.

Chief of Police George G. Johnson said supervisory personnel are handling all the normal duties of the department.

This includes 13 officers (captains, sergeants, detectives, etc.) and the three who returned to work, making a total of 16 on the job.

11 Call In Sick

Seven officers called in sick from the afternoon shift, city officials said, and five more on the night shift. Two more reported in sick this morning.

The others reportedly involved were not scheduled for work today.

No statement was available from city officials this morning, inasmuch as City Manager Thomas R. McNabb was in Ann

Arbor, participating on a panel for a labor relations meeting, and Mayor Lloyd H. Price declined comment until McNabb returns Friday.

Union Statement

Patrolman Fred Bratmil, who said he was the spokesman for the officers in the union, issued this statement this morning:

"We know the city has the legal right to contest this arbitration decision, but we have not had a pay raise since 1968. The city has not bargained with us since then.

"Therefore, the men have decided they would not go back to work until the city agrees to sign a contract and withdraw its appeal on the arbitration decision to the Marquette County Circuit Court."

As established by the 2-1 vote of the arbitration panel, the rates (after six month probation) in the various categories of the union officers would be: patrolmen, \$625 (vs. \$520 at present); corporals, \$655 (\$576 now); dog warden, \$335 (now \$220) and meter maid, \$425 (now \$403).

Members of the panel were Dr. William E. Barstow Jr., Hoghton, of Michigan Technological University, the arbitrator, and Earl Wood Hancock, a representative of the AFSCME, who concurred in the recommendation, and R. W. Jenner, Marquette, retired president of the Cliffs Dow Chemical (later Royal Oak Charcoal) Co., who represented the city, who dissented.

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Jamrich Says NMU's Racial Problems Not Great, But Blacks Don't Agree: Cook

Northern Michigan University's administration does not believe the "gravity of the racial problems is as great as the black students do."

So stated the chairman of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission here today, after a day-long session with Dr. John X. Jamrich, NMU president, and Mayor Lloyd H. Price.

Price this morning declined to make any comment on the meeting, other than saying he agreed with Jamrich that the racial problems are no where near the level the black students claim they are.

But the mayor said he was reserving comment until Jamrich, who had to leave Marquette today on business, returns Friday, when they will make a joint statement.

No Comment Today

Jamrich has gone downstate on a business trip. His aides here said there would be no comment regarding the meeting he and Price had Wednesday with Julian Cook of Detroit until he returns Friday.

"They seem to be operating on different wave lengths," Cook said of Jamrich and Price, on one hand, and the black students, on the other.

The civil rights commission requested the meeting last Friday to discuss questions raised by black students who said they

feared for their safety and that guns were being brought on campus by some white students.

Cook presented nine commission recommendations to Jamrich and the mayor. Cook said they promised to give them full consideration.

However, earlier in the week, Jamrich said he hoped the meeting would "clarify what my judgments were some misunderstandings and misinformation."

"No Emergency Here"

Jamrich said there was no emergency at the university and there was no tense atmosphere. Cook also said he met for two hours with black students Wednesday.

"I do feel that the perceptions that the administration has are still quite different than the perceptions the black students have of the problem," Cook said.

"For instance, black students still have a very real apprehension of weapons and their own safety and now have expressed a fear that because of their own perceptions of the turmoil, unrest and tension they've been unable to study and adequately

prepare for the final examinations that are about to come off."

Cook said that "two students claimed they have been shot at." He said others reported abuses, such as name-calling. In other areas, they believed they have been harassed.

No Comment On Views

Cook said he did not comment on the correctness of their views since the Black Student Association on the campus has filed a complaint with the commission against Northern. The complaint will be studied.

He said the commission presented the nine recommendations, including one that the "citizens of Marquette and the university community affirm publicly the civil rights and liberties of all students for the well being of the entire community."

Another was that the "university gun control program be reaffirmed publicly and the entire community on and off the campus be informed of its present status."

He said the commission asked that the "university and the city take appropriate action to insure that firearms are not transported from the city of Marquette to the campus of Northern Michigan University for illegal or improper purposes."

Other Recommendations

Some other recommendations called for the use of the public

information office as a rumor control center, that the university pledge to the community its willingness to serve as a resource in human and civil rights matters, that the univer-

sity reaffirm its willingness to meet its obligation to all citizens of the state and that recruitment efforts for additional black staff and students will continue.

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