

# Firemen Ask Probe of Strike Cause

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The top officers of Firefighters Local 311 today requested a full investigation by a "panel of judges with full subpoena power" into the causes of and events leading to the 52-hour work stoppage which began late last Thursday and ended early Sunday morning.

Fire Capt. Edward Durkin, president of the local, said the request was made "to the people of Madison through the news media."

The union officials' request came shortly after the Police and Fire Commission sent a letter to City Atty. Edwin Conrad. The letter requested that Conrad rule on the commission's authority to act as a consequence of the work stoppage and the granting of amnesty to firemen by the Madison Common Council.

The Police and Fire Commission sent the letter to Conrad after a special meeting Wednesday evening. The commission held the meeting in closed session although requested by a reporter for The Capital Times to keep the meeting open because of its nature.

Just before the meeting was closed, Commissioner George Reger, obviously angered by Commissioner Thomas Stephens' request for the closed session, said it would be closed only to discuss "grudges and personal feelings" of Commission Chairman Stuart Becker.

"I've listened to Mr. Becker and read his statements in the papers. I think he has something against the firemen," Reger said.

Becker replied that "you can be no farther from the truth. I hear no grudges against the Fire Department."

Following this exchange, the vote for a closed session was 4 to 1, with Reger voting against Commissioners Becker, Stephens, Mrs. Edwina Miller, and Richard Lent.

Mayor Otto Festge confirmed that in cases where a public body calls a meeting to discuss personnel matters, the meeting may be closed to the public where it involves individuals whose reputation may be harmed as the result of an open discussion.

request that such meetings be held in open session. Reportedly, the only individual who was discussed at Wednesday's closed session was Fire Capt. Durkin. Durkin said today that he feels that any discussion of him by the Police and Fire Commission in closed session could not protect his reputation.

The union officials, Capt. Durkin, vice president Charles Merkle, and vice president Ted Ryan, said in their open letter, "Many Madison citizens want and are entitled to have important questions answered and they should be encouraged to submit them."

"The editors of the Wisconsin State Journal have questions to be answered."

"The Police and Fire Commission apparently wants answers to certain questions."

"The members of this Fire Department have a question they need answered—why this strike?"

certain aldermen, members of the Police and Fire Commission and the personnel director and others who may have knowledge (of events) leading up to the strike."

The Police and Fire Commission's letter to Conrad sought his legal opinion on the following:

• "Does the commission have the statutory disciplinary powers in the event of a strike or work stoppage?"

• "Does the Common Council of a city have the power and authority to abrogate disciplinary authority granted the Commission under Section 62.13 of the Wisconsin Statutes, specifically pertaining to the purported granting of amnesty?"

• "Does the work stoppage of the Firefighters of last week constitute a strike within the definition and contemplation of the 'prohibited strike' provision of 111.70 or other applicable statutes?"

• And, "did the actions of the Firefighters of last weekend and their refusal to respond to the court restraining order constitute contempt of court?"

such circumstances. Daniel Hanley, executive assistant to Atty. Gen. Robert Warren, today reported that the matter does not fall under the jurisdiction of the attorney general.

Mayor Festge today said that his interpretation of the amnesty agreement between the Common Council and Firefighters Local 311 is that it pertains to any actions which the Police and Fire Commission may contemplate.

Early Sunday morning, Fire Capt. Durkin asked specifically, prior to agreeing that a settlement had been reached, that the

amnesty clause include potential actions of the Police and Fire Commission. No members of the Council, nor any other city officials, at that time questioned the inclusion of the Commission in the amnesty agreement.

In its letter to Conrad, the commission said "it is the consensus of the commission that further investigation of the circumstances of the Firefighters' work stoppage is needed. And we therefore request that you assign one of the personnel of your office to assist this commission in that investigation."

The commission was unanimous in its request.

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### Metropolitan District Issue Looms

## Teacher Pay Hikes Pose Suburban School Crisis

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following is the first in a series on suburban school districts.

By MATT POMMER  
(Of The Capital Times Staff)  
"If the Legislature doesn't provide more school aid in the next couple of years, you're going to hear talk about a metropolitan school district."

That warning came from Madison Superintendent of Schools Douglas S. Ritchie who is hearing more and more about the "suburban school crisis."

Elements of the crisis include sharply increased teacher salaries, soaring numbers of pupils, fewer parochial schools, high interest rates for borrowing money, and little hope for substantial increases in state aid.

Commissioner Stephens, angered by Conrad's failure to appear at Wednesday's meeting, asked if the state attorney general's advice could be sought in

But it is a political idea that someone may have to discuss," he said.

Part of the suburban crisis is being caused by the "ripple effect" of teacher labor negotiations in the cities. The contracts being signed in Madison and Milwaukee affect the rest of the state, Buchmiller noted.

To hear some suburban school officials, Madison is the dog which is wagging the suburban tail on teacher salaries.

The Madison impact is substantial, Ritchie has issued a report showing that the average Madison teacher will be paid 21.4 per cent more in September, 1969, than he received in September, 1968.

Next fall the average Madison elementary teacher will make \$9,100 for 39 weeks work, Ritchie reported. The average secondary (junior and senior high) teacher will make \$9,800 next fall, Ritchie said. This is based on those teaching both years.

Last fall the average elementary salary in Madison was \$7,500 and the average secondary teacher salary was \$8,050, Ritchie said.

In addition the teachers bargaining unit, Madison Teachers, Inc., has asked the school board to reopen negotiations for additional wages in September.

The suburban school administrators feel they must be somewhere close to the Madison teaching salary schedules if they are to recruit and keep good teachers.

"If you want any stability in your teaching staff, you have to bid against Madison," said Woodrow W. Stalder, superintendent of schools at DeForest.

At Monona Grove Supt. Ed-

mond F. Schwan said a 10 to 15 per cent increase in compensation "is going to be a minimum adjustment."

Monona-Grove has little turnover in its teaching staff, he noted. Custodians in the district are unionized and probably will want pay raises similar to those granted Madison custodians, he said.

Watnakee Supt. Marvin Berg said the teachers' contract will increase costs by an estimated 12.5 per cent for year beginning July 1. The Watnakee beginning salary is still \$200 lower than the Madison starting level this fall, although the pay was hiked from \$6,100 to \$6,600.

"We found we didn't have it in our resources to match the Madison starting salary," Berg said.

"We need facilities, too, and our teachers recognized it. The teachers conducted very professional negotiations. They were the best we have ever had," Berg said.

McFarland Supt. Gordon E. Rodeen agreed that the Madison contract has an impact. McFarland hasn't settled yet, but

Rodeen noted that the contracts account for 68 per cent of total cost of McFarland's budget.

Estimating the impact of higher teacher pay, soaring costs for supplies, and other factors such as busing traditionally falls to the State Department of Public Instruction as it prepares its school aid request for the upcoming biennium.

This year DPI has employed a computer in attempt to project the per-pupil cost of education in each district for the next biennium. Heavy emphasis was put on the experience of the individual districts in the past few years.

Assistant State Superintendent of Public Instruction Alan Kingston stressed that computer print outs were estimates. But suburban superintendents, quizzed by The Capital Times, said the DPI estimates were very good for 1969-70.

Following are the DPI projections of the per pupil operating costs in each of Dane County's 16 school districts for 1969-70 and 1970-71. The three previous years offer comparisons and show the trend in per pupil costs of education:

District	'66-'67	'67-'68	'68-'69	'69-'70*	'70-'71*
Belleville	472	513	574	625	70
Black Earth	464	506	649	750	850
Cambridge	506	593	651	725	800
Deerfield	590	537	599	670	740
DeForest	382	509	567	640	710
Madison	518	564	643	710	770
Marshall	518	540	650	715	780
McFarland	454	546	665	775	870
Middleton	redistricted	583	790	880	
Monona Grove	548	618	730	810	900
Mt. Horeb	458	492	602	670	740
Oregon	434	484	547	610	680
Stoughton	463	533	609	680	750
Sun Prairie	469	505	545	620	700
Verona	526	612	694	770	840
Waunakee	528	594	619	690	760

\*Estimated by Department of Public Instruction based on previous three-year trends and other factors.



These high school students spoke in a Volunteer Firemen Forum today about their personal experiences as volunteers at the places indicated: (left to right, seated) Charles Turner, 433 North First St., South Madison Neighborhood Center; Louise Dohm, 6221 Old Sauk Rd., Madison General Hospital; (standing) Kurt Stege, 82 Cambridge Rd., Central Colony; David Barnes, 325 Wisconsin Ave., a day care center; Gayle Hemberger, 103 Crystal Lane, Red Cross; Roger Koehler, 1316 Jenifer St., a day care center; and Clau-

### Rothwell Blasts McPhee

## CCHE, State U Budget Feud Heats Up Over Funds Cut

By MATT POMMER  
(Of The Capital Times Staff)  
The budget feud between the Co-ordinating Council for Higher Education and the Wisconsin State University system heated up at a CCHE meeting today.

Several CCHE members and Executive Director Angus B. Rothwell implied that a critical letter from WSU Director Eugene R. McPhee to the Legis-

lature's Joint Finance Committee may have triggered the committee's votes on the CCHE budget. (See story on page one.)

McPhee denied the allegation, but CCHE Chairman Walter J. Kohler Jr. said that if the impression of favoritism were to stick in the Legislature the CCHE would be in trouble.

McPhee's letter contended the CCHE has asked for more money for University of Wisconsin

operations than it has for the state university system.

Joseph Noll, Kenosha, warned that McPhee's letter would be "detrimental" to higher education.

"You're feeding an already gigantic fire," Noll told McPhee.

Thomas Cheeks, Milwaukee, urged that the CCHE not be torn apart. He said the old CCHE, which prior to 1965 was controlled by representatives of the educational systems, was inferior to the current citizen majority.

"There were all kinds of card tricks and deals," Cheeks said of the old CCHE.

Harold Konnak, Racine, urged McPhee to take his "legions to the Legislature" and solve the budget question rather than airing it in the CCHE.

McPhee charged that the Green Bay campus of the University of Wisconsin was raiding his faculty for higher salaries and less work.

Rothwell criticized the Finance Committee's recommendations to freeze the salary levels of his staff. He called it a "sad state of affairs," adding that he hopes it "does not reflect the more sober members of the Legislature."

Kohler said he hopes "cooler and more moderate heads will prevail in the Legislature." He called the committee action "precipitous."

In other action, the CCHE endorsed a recommendation to the Joint Finance Committee that non-resident undergraduates pay 100 per cent of the cost of their education and non-resident graduate students pay 75 per cent of their education in both the University of Wisconsin and the state university system. The vote was 10 to 3.

### Monona Votes Down Lighting For Ball Park

The referendum in the city of Monona that would have allowed a \$65,000 expenditure for baseball lights at Winnebago Park lost in Tuesday's election, 1,718 to 881.

The Capital Times reported Wednesday that the referendum question had won 881 to 718. The figure "1" in front of the 718 had been inadvertently dropped in the unofficial tabulation received by this newspaper.

Through a typographical error, the total vote for unsuccessful candidate, alderman Gerald Femrite, was omitted. He received 1,139 votes.

### Police Probe Beating Incident

Madison police today were investigating an incident in which Donald B. Schwoegler, 23, of 1122 Haywood Dr., allegedly was beaten late Wednesday night in a fight over a go-go girl at the Tuxedo Lounge on Beld Street.

Officers were called to West Olin and South Park streets where they found Schwoegler in a dazed condition. He was conveyed to Madison General Hospital where he was treated for a broken nose, a bruised face and a laceration under the eye.

### Lulling Estate Set at \$65,000

Mrs. Rachel E. Lulling, 67, of 8109 Oakridge Ave., who died Tuesday, left her \$65,000 estate to four children, according to her will, filed in Probate Court today.

The four children, who will share equally in the estate, are a son, Robert M., 305 Waverly Pl., and three daughters, Mrs. Robert Patterson, Fremont, Calif.; Mrs. Paul Capon, Sterling, Ill.; and Mrs. Diana DiPiazza, 708 Tompkins Dr.

### Nursing Home In New Hands

Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Fisher, who had damages levied against them for yanking out the dentures of a former employee, no longer own the Elm Terrace Nursing Home at Middleton.

The nursing home was sold last August by the Fishers to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Krattiger, who now operate it.

### Constable Loses

ROCKDALE — Incumbent village officers were returned to their posts here Tuesday with the exception of Constable Alfred Mulock, who was defeated by Edmund Nasett, 43 to 19, in the village's only contest.

### U.W. Student Fined \$25, Costs

Paul D. Cleary, 20, Ogg Hall, a University student from Toronto, Canada, who was arrested during the recent disorders on the campus in Madison, was fined \$25 and costs today after he pleaded no contest to a disorderly conduct charge.

Cleary entered his plea after the charge had been reduced from a state to a county misdemeanor on motion of the district attorney's office.

He had been accused of making profane remarks to two Racine police officers on duty here. The fine was imposed by Circuit Judge William C. Sach.

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### At First Washington Press Conference

## People Disgusted with War: Obey

By ERWIN KNOLL  
(Capital Times Washington Correspondent)  
(See Earlier Story Page 7)

WASHINGTON — Wisconsin's new Democratic congressman, Seventh District Rep. David Obey, told his first Washington press conference today that "the people are disgusted, almost to the point of despair" with the continuing Vietnam War and the high level of military spending.

Obey met with reporters a few minutes after being sworn in at noon on the House floor.

House leaders waived the rules to permit the Congressman to take the oath today despite the fact that his election has not yet been officially certified.

Wisconsin's entire Democratic delegation attended Obey's news conference, as did former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, who campaigned for

Obey.

Rep. Clement Zablocki (D-Milwaukee) told the press that "we now have four — it won't be long before we have five or six" Democrats in the House from Wisconsin.

Second District Cong. Robert Kastner, Watertown, and Fifth District Cong. Henry Reuss, Milwaukee, are the state's other Democratic congressmen.

Obey told the news conference that his election victory demonstrated that there is "no genu-

ine enthusiasm for the Nixon Administration" in his district, which was formerly represented by Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird.

He noted that Republicans had suggested that the special election would constitute a vote of confidence in the Nixon Administration.

"They said, 'give President Nixon one more Republican Congressman.' I'm happy they didn't," Obey said.

He listed Gov. Knowles' tax policy, the U.S. Department of

Agriculture's decision not to raise milk price supports, concern about the Vietnam War and about the proposed anti-ballistic missile system as major factors in his election victory.

"Above all else people want to see the government address itself to the question of arms control and reduction of international tension," Obey said.

He said he plans to return to Wisconsin to "get at least three days sleep" and then stop in Madison for a brief visit before returning to Washington late next week to take up his seat.

### In East Side Traffic

## String of Mishaps Leads To Charging of Woman

By IRVIN KREISMAN  
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Mrs. Gladys L. Nelson, 45, of 1721 Sheridan St., was charged with reckless driving, failing to leave her name at the scene of an accident, and failing to report an accident Wednesday night after a series of traffic incidents on Madison's East Side.

Police were called to the 100 block of North Street about 10:30 p.m. after witnesses said a vehicle had struck a parked car. The impact drove the parked car owned by Donald C. Anthony, 45, of 109 North Street, 90 feet forward into a utility pole. Some \$1,300 damage was done to the Anthony vehicle.

Following the crash, according to police, Mrs. Nelson backed up her vehicle 150 feet into some trash cans, scattering the cans and strewn the trash

over the street. She then drove forward over a terrace on North Street and struck a tree.

Officer James Lombardo, first on the scene, said that he found the wheels of the car spinning but the driver unable to move the car. He then attempted to help Mrs. Nelson from the car but she locked the doors, and refused to come out.

Finally she did so, and was taken to Methodist Hospital with a "whiplash" neck, lacerations and facial injuries.

In the meantime police officers followed a trail of water on the street from 2300 Winnebago St. to the scene of the North Street crash.

In the earlier crash a car owned by Billy C. Kitchens, 41, of 2314 Winnebago St. and parked in front of his home sus-

lained an estimated \$500 damage when it was struck by a second vehicle. A witness told police that a damaged vehicle, with a great deal of smoke steaming from its radiator, had rounded the corner at North Street and East Washington Avenue at high speed just before the second crash.

After Mrs. Nelson was taken to the hospital her car was towed to the Riteway parking lot. After it had been there a short time it burst into flames, igniting and damaging a number of signboards. Firemen were called out and extinguished the flames. Police described the Nelson vehicle as a total loss, from the wrecks and fire.

Mrs. Nelson told officers she had stopped off after work at a tavern for a few beers.