

# Flint Ink Strike Erupts In Attack On Deputy

By MAURIE WALKER

A Wayne County Sheriff's deputy was struck in the face and the windshield of a sheriff's patrol car kicked out as violence erupted this week at the Flint Ink Corp., 25111 Glendale, Redford, scene of a seven-week-old strike by Local 342 of the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants Union.

Four pickets, reportedly Detroit Free Press employees, were arrested.

The company claims many of the pickets are union members from the Free Press and Detroit News with some from Toledo.

Redford police say they were called to the scene Wednesday morning on a report that 50 to 60 pickets were interfering with the entry of non-striking employees.

Police say that when they arrived, a sheriff's patrol car was being peppered with rocks. Police alleged that James D. Jasnowski, 27, of Detroit, stepped in front of the patrol car driven by Deputy William Chapoton, 32.

THE REPORT states Jasnowski jumped onto the hood and kicked in the windshield. Union members state Jasnowski was being run down by the patrol car and leaped onto the hood to avoid being hit.

Jasnowski was chased by the deputy and, when caught, is reported to have struck the deputy in the face.

Jasnowski was arrested and charged with malicious destruction of property and assaulting an officer. At his arraignment before District Judge Robert Brang he stood mute and was released on \$1,000 bond. Pre-trial examination is set for Feb. 29.

Violence erupted again Thursday morning resulting in the arrest of three additional pickets.

Joseph H. Secot of Royal Oak was arrested on a disorderly person charge. Patrick C. Spalding of Roseville was charged as being drunk and disorderly. Herman E. Clark of Inkster was charged with destruction of property. All were released on \$1,000 bond following arraignment Thursday.

THE REDFORD plant of Flint Ink is the largest of six branches scattered throughout the United States. Two branches, Atlanta and New Orleans, are not on strike.

Approximately 45 union members are employed in Redford. Bart Piscitello, union business representative for the Central Great Lakes Council and representative for the

International, said the dispute with the company is not as much over wages as date of retroactivity.

"Our contract expired last July 25; this is the date we want any pay increase to be retroactive to," Piscitello said.

He stated the union received an offer on Aug. 11 giving the Redford employees a 30 cents an hour wage hike the first year and 21 cents each of the following two years. He said the company then agreed on the July expiration date, however, and offered only 25 cents an hour followed by 15 cents for the next two years to the other branches.

"The membership overwhelmingly turned this offer down as inadequate," Piscitello commented.

THE WAGE-PRICE freeze delayed further meetings until Nov. 15 with the next offer to the union coming in December.

This would give the Detroit local 30 cents an hour for the first year and 25 cents an hour each of the following two years.

The other branches were offered 25 cents the first year followed by two yearly raises of 21 cents an hour. The pay would be retroactive to Nov. 15.

This offer was rejected by the union in January.

According to Piscitello, the company sent a letter to each employee saying it would "keep the offer on the table," hoping the union would reconside.

## Drivers Study Drug Traffic

School bus drivers are now dealing with another kind of traffic - drugs - in the final lesson of the advanced driver training course offered by Oakland Schools.

Dr. Floyd Smith, director of transportation services for Oakland Schools, pointed out that most of the secondary students in the 28 districts of Oakland County ride busses to school.

The bus driver is the only adult with 40 to 60 students, Dr. Smith pointed out, and he is not in a position to supervise the activities of the students. The possibilities of the use and exchange of drugs on the school bus have become a concern to drivers as well as to other school personnel.

THE FINAL three class

"The letter also stated," Piscitello claims, "that if the union didn't accept by Jan. 7, the company would notify the union members that it would no longer recognize the union."

He said it was this "ultimatum" and the fact that the retroactive date would be in November instead of July for the branches that caused the union to walk off the job.

LEE CLARK, personnel and labor relations director for Flint Ink, said the offer is in line with the Phase II wage and price controls and that he couldn't get the union any more money.

He said the lower offer to the branches was due to the fact that they are the highest paid workers of this type in their areas.

"In addition to the pay increase, we have offered additional fringe benefits, such as an added half-holiday and increased insurance," Clark said.

The union's big complaint, however, is in that there are two different offers, one covering the Redford plant and one covering the other branches.

No further meetings have been scheduled. The union has told a federal mediator that it is ready to meet at any time, Piscitello said.

Clark said a meeting between the company's lawyer and the union lawyer had been scheduled for Wednesday morning but that trouble with the pickets forced a cancellation.

The advance bus driver training course is offered in 14 sections and 650 drivers are enrolled.

This is the first time such instructions have been offered to bus drivers, said Dr. Smith. It was included at their request. The present series of advanced classes are conducted in 14 different local school districts in Oakland County and will conclude this month.

## Park Planning Job Goes To Bryan

Robert Bryan, soil scientist and planner, has been appointed development manager of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, a regional park agency with nine parks serving the citizens of Oakland, Livingston, Washtenaw and Wayne Counties.

In the newly created post, Bryan will direct the development program for the authority, including planning of present and future parks, land acquisition, engineering and construction.

HE HAS BEEN chief planner since September of 1969 and joined the authority in February of 1963 as a lands use specialist.

Prior to joining the authority, Bryan was a soil scientist and planner with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He received a bachelor of science degree from Michigan State University and is a registered landscape architect in the State of Michigan.



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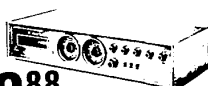
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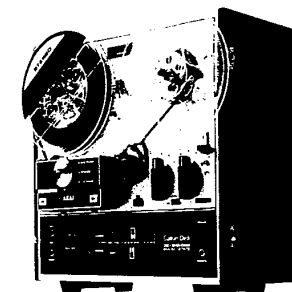
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