

2 physical clashes over Boston busing

by David Rosen
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BOSTON—The first physical clashes between black and white students—two minor fist fights and a "hair pulling incident"—Wednesday marred the fifth day of court-ordered school integration in Boston.

In another incident, someone threw a brick at an empty bus waiting to pick up black students at the Hart-Dean School in South Boston. No one was injured.

Police also reported several young people wearing white sheets with the initials "KKK" on them near the Gavin school.

But there were no other reports of violence, and 10 buses carried mostly black students to their homes from South Boston High School and the Hart-Dean annex to their neighborhood homes without incident. Police lined the school corridors as the youths went home for the day. The buses were guarded by motorcycle police, with a helicopter hovering overhead.

Police said four white youngsters received minor injuries in one of the two fist fights when blacks and whites tangled at the Washington Irving Junior High School in Rosindale. They were taken home by their parents and did not require hospital treatment.

Forty black children walked out of Washington Irving after the incident, which was broken up before police arrived.

A "small fight" was reported near Woodrow Wilson Junior High School in Dorchester. No arrests or injuries were reported.

Police also reported what they described as a "hair-pulling" incident between a white girl and two black male teen-agers on the second floor of Hyde Park High School.

Rosindale is a white section of Boston. The fight marked the first major racial incident outside the all-white South Boston neighborhood where school bus stonings and anti-busing demonstrations on previous days resulted in 50 arrests and numerous minor injuries.

The desegregation order calls for forced busing of 18,235 of the city's 92,000 students. Eighty of the Boston's 200 schools are affected by the order. Large numbers of whites are boycotting classes to protest the order.

There were no incidents when blacks were bused into South Boston Wednesday. The buses were escorted by motorcycle police and a police helicopter. Hundreds of police lined the roads and rooftops along the school bus routes.

Attendance at the South Boston-Roxbury High School complex, hardest hit by a boycott against the desegregation program ordered by a federal court June 21, increased by 19, according to Headmaster William Reid. But the rate of attendance in the four-school district remained at about 20 per cent.



The first Chicago draft evader to return home after being released from prison under President Ford's amnesty program, Ronald Brown Jr., 26, embraces his happy mother at Meigs Field Tuesday. (UPI telephoto)

Almost all eligible draft evaders freed

by Ed Rogers
United Press International

WASHINGTON—The Bureau of Prisons announced Wednesday it has freed all imprisoned draft evaders eligible for amnesty except three red-tape cases and one man who refuses to leave without a full pardon.

Meanwhile, the thousands of war resisters living abroad continued largely to ignore the conditional amnesty offer. The Pentagon said it had received only 86 phone calls and one letter from military deserters by Wednesday morning.

The freed civilian prisoners technically had only a 30-day furlough to take advantage of President Ford's conditional amnesty offer, but one government source said "I doubt that any will ever go back to prison again."

Moving quickly to honor Ford's request that imprisoned draft evaders be given priority treatment, the bureau said it had furloughed 79 of the 96 persons still in jail on such charges by the end of business Tuesday.

It ruled another 13 ineligible because of other convictions and found three who could not be freed immediately because of "an administrative hang-up."

That left Steven L. Bezich of Chicago, who refuses to leave the federal reformatory at El Reno, Okla., under the conditional amnesty terms Ford offered Monday. Bezich

is 13 months into a three-year draft evasion sentence.

"I think his feelings coincide with some of the boys up in Canada," said El Reno reformatory official Mark Thompson. "They want a full pardon. That's the only thing he says he'll accept."

Ford offered the estimated 28,000 Vietnam draft evaders and military deserters freedom from prosecution in return for up to two years of public service work and a pledge of allegiance to the United States.

An organization representing American war resisters in Canada, where there are an estimated 4,500 expatriate draft dodgers and absentee GIs, called a conference this week-end to organize a mass boycott of Ford's offer.

Two of those in Canadian exile, brothers Mark and John Tiller of Trammel, Va., expressed typical anti-amnesty views in a phone call from Toronto. "That's not conditional amnesty," said John, "that's unconditional punishment."

"Those who are guilty," said Mark, "were those who headed the war, not us who refused to participate in it."

The prison bureau spokesman said 3,120 persons had been imprisoned on draft evasion convictions between 1965 and 1973. All but 142 had completed their sentences by the time Ford announced his offer, however, and 46 of those were free on writs or pending appeal of their convictions.

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Terrorists give up guns, money

by Selwa Ustawan
United Press International

DAMASCUS—Four Japanese gunmen who wandered the skies of the Middle East for 18 hours after ending their five-day siege of the French Embassy in Holland landed Wednesday in this Syrian capital and emerged from their borrowed Air France jet to be greeted by Palestinian guerrillas.

Shortly after the gunmen disembarked, the Japanese Red Army issued a statement calling their five-day seizure of the French Embassy in the Hague that ended Tuesday a blow to imperialism.

Pim Sierks, the Dutch captain of the airliner's volunteer three-man crew, said the four Japanese turned over their two remaining pistols and their \$300,000 in ransom money to him before they disembarked.

"The Japanese were very polite to us," Sierks said.

The gunmen had given up their submachine guns and grenades in the Hague but had kept two pistols. Dutch officials said this was so they could "commit suicide if necessary."

Dutch Foreign Minister Max van Der Stoel told a news conference, "The terrorists were so mollowed by today that Captain Sierks talked them into surrendering their pistols and the ransom money to facilitate permission to land in Damascus."

Sierks turned the Boeing 707 jet over to Air France officials.

"I'm a bit tired and need to get to a hotel to have a drink, a shave and a rest before flying back to Amsterdam," he said.

Diplomatic sources in Damascus predicted that the gunmen would give themselves up to the Palestine Liberation Organization who, with the approval of Syria, would fly them to a country of their choice.

The Japanese Red Army statement said the gunmen's seizure of the French Embassy and taking of 11 hostages including the French ambassador was a successful operation "in spite of continuous attempts and maneuvers by the French, Dutch and Japanese imperialists, allies and conspirators with the Zionist enemy, to abort the operation and capture our comrades."

Thus apparently ended a saga that began Friday when three of the gunmen seized the French Embassy in The Hague and took the ambassador and 10 other people as hostages.

They released their hostages Tuesday in exchange for the fourth man, who had been

freed from a Paris prison on their demand and turned over to them when the hostages were freed, plus \$300,000 and an Air France airliner with a volunteer three-man crew.

In the Hague, French Ambassador Jacques Senard recounted five days during which he and his fellow hostages were held at gunpoint 24 hours a day, systematically starved and prevented from leaving the ambassador's office even to use the toilet.

The airliner, crewed by two Dutch pilots and a British flight engineer, had made a refueling stop earlier in the day at Aden, capital of Southern Yemen. A Tokyo radio station reported they were not allowed to disembark there.

When the airliner took off from Holland's Schiphol airport Tuesday night it headed for Syria but skirted Damascus and flew on toward Cairo. Avoiding the Egyptian capital, it flew across Sudan before landing at Aden. It then flew back to Damascus.

While it was in the Cairo-Damascus area, security forces in nearby Israel went on full alert.

Ford backs Kissinger

by Helen Thomas
UPI White House Reporter

UNITED NATIONS—Apparently seeking to allay rumors that his secretary of state would soon leave the administration, President Ford Wednesday made an extraordinary statement of "full support" for Henry A. Kissinger during an address to the United Nations.

Near the start of his 20-minute speech to the 29th session of the U.N. General Assembly, Ford departed from his prepared text to say:

"It should be emphatically understood that the secretary of state has my full support and the unquestioned backing of the American people."

Kissinger has come under fire once again from members of the Senate who fear he may have misled them during his confirmation testimony last year on the question of CIA intervention in Chile.

Essentially the same group of senators was critical of Kissinger's role in the wiretapping of government officials and reporters as part of the White House "plumbers" operation to determine news leaks during 1969-70.

New general election ordered by Wilson

by Joseph Grigg
United Press International

LONDON — Prime Minister Harold Wilson Wednesday ordered a new parliamentary general election Oct. 10 to seek a new five-year mandate to deal with what he called Britain's gravest crisis since World War II.

"The economic crisis is the gravest since the war," Wilson said in a television and radio broadcast address to the nation. "We have to meet this in a mood of determination, not of pessimism or writing Britain down."

It will be the second time Britain has voted this year — "something few people would want to see," Wilson said.

But he said it was made "inevitable" by the political deadlock resulting from the last general election Feb. 28.

The deadlock has tied Wilson's hands for the past six months. He said a new five-year mandate is essential to give his government powers to fight the crisis.

"The fight must be led by a government determined to conquer inflation and utterly firm in its resolve not to resort to unemployment to solve these problems," he said.



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