



Picket lines form outside Standard Oil's refinery in El Segundo, California. Union members walked off their jobs at 12:01 a.m. following a breakdown of negotiations between union and management leaders. Union officials asked union

members to continue work without a contract, but members walked out in the wildcat action both here and in refineries in Texas. A nationwide strike could produce another oil shortage.

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Union negotiations falter; oil refiners walk off job

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DENVER—The president of a 60,000-member oil refinery workers union extended negotiations by the hour Wednesday in hopes of preventing a nationwide strike that could cause gasoline shortages.

Nonetheless, 7,500 Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union members jumped the gun and picketed plants in Texas and California. OCAW President A. F. Grosipron said he would not order them back to work despite his hope of reaching a settlement.

Grosipron said he had set no firm deadline for a favorable response from producers before ordering a nationwide walkout but

said he would keep working for a settlement as long as there is hope.

A union statement earlier in the day said Grosipron had asked the strikers in Texas and California to go back to work but OCAW spokesman Jerry Archuleta retracted the remark, saying it was a mixup.

Archuleta said local issues caused walkouts of 6,600 workers at Gulf and Texaco plants at Port Arthur, Tex., and of 900 workers at the Standard Oil Refinery at El Segundo, Calif., the largest on the West Coast.

Local 4-23 President Floyd Forse at Port Arthur, Tex., said the walkout there occurred because it was "something we do when we don't have a contract. We go on an

old philosophy of no contract, no work."

Grosipron said he extended the original strike deadline to give major and independent producers time to decide whether to accept a compromise on union wage demands in a new three-year contract.

"There are indications that the companies still have not made their best offer," he said. "We're going to continue to negotiate in order to avert a strike if at all possible."

Union members walked off their jobs for about six weeks two years ago because of unhappiness with a 6 per cent wage hike offer and inadequate contractual safety clauses. OCAW finally sued Shell Chemical Co. for allegedly blacklisting workers seeking other jobs.

Boston school opens under guard

by David M. Rosen
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BOSTON—Closed since Dec. 11 because of racial violence, South Boston High School reopened Wednesday with police outnumbering students.

There were no incidents.

About 400 came back to classes after an enforced holiday of almost a month. Attendance was less than a third of those assigned to the school.

First white and then black students passed through metal detectors to make sure they were not carrying weapons.

Some were frisked. Afro and rattail combs

previously allowed into the building were banned along with spray deodorants and other aerosol containers.

Then, under the watchful eye of the police stationed in corridors and on stairways, they drifted back to classrooms.

The school was closed Dec. 11 following a stabbing incident which triggered a clash between police and white demonstrators opposed to court-ordered desegregation by busing.

An estimated 500 state, city and metropolitan police were in and around the school to escort buses of blacks and preserve order in the building.

The official attendance figures listed 423 at South Boston High, including 31 black students. More than 1,500 students are assigned to the school, 358 of whom are black students. The highest attendance figure to date was 611 on Nov. 13.

Also opened without incident were two South Boston annexes and Roxbury High School which were shut down along with South Boston High. The four buildings constitute what is called the South Boston-Roxbury complex under a partial desegregation order issued June 21 by U.S. District Judge W. Arthur Garrity.

Attendance at the four-school complex was 876 out of a projected enrollment of about 3,500. The previous complex high was 1,305 on Nov. 13.

In a related development, Garrity was expected to rule on whether three Boston School Committee members purged themselves of contempt Tuesday by voting to authorize submission of a citywide desegregation plan for next year that prohibits forced busing.

Garrity found the three in contempt last month for refusing to approve and submit a citywide desegregation plan drafted by school department planners calling for busing 31,000 students.

The judge said last week he would fine the three members and strip them of their power in desegregation matters unless they authorized a citywide plan.

Talks may end Indians' monastery occupation

by Richard P. Jones
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GRESHAM, Wis.—Talks between a group of militant Indians and representatives of a religious order will resume Thursday in efforts to end the armed occupation of the order's monastery by the militants, it was announced Wednesday.

Col. Hugh Simonson, commander of National Guard troops activated following weekend exchanges of gunfire between the

Indians and lawmen, said the formal talks would be held Thursday morning in a camper several hundred feet from the abbey. He expressed confidence that an end to the ordeal may be near.

"I'm confident we're heading in the right direction," Simonson said.

One man close to the negotiations refused to be quoted by name, but he said it appeared to him that all major obstacles to a settlement had been removed.

The armed Indians, members of a group calling itself the "Menominee Warrior Society," and their families moved into the 64-room monastery early New Year's Day. They are demanding the Alexian Brothers order, which owns the 64-room building, turn the land over to them.

Officials say there are about 45 men, women and children inside the building which once was used as a novitiate by the Brothers, a Chicago-based Roman Catholic order.

Representatives of the Alexians came here immediately following the takeover, but negotiations broke down last Friday and they returned to Chicago Sunday night after three days of sporadic gunfire had punctuated what until then had been a quiet takeover.

Simonson said state-hired mediator Artley Skenandore and Atlee Dodge, a social worker in Menominee County would join in the talks. Dodge's presence was requested by the militants.

American Indian Movement leaders Dennis Banks and Russell Means, key figures in the 1973 Wounded Knee, S.D., takeover, are also here, but there was no word if they would be asked to sit in on the negotiations.

National Guardsmen were sent in early Tuesday to relieve weary sheriff's deputies who had encircled the building much of the week, several times exchanging shots with Indians inside the building.

Guard officials quickly took several steps to ease the tense situation, pulling back their troops to points farther from the building and allowing food into the abbey for the first time since the takeover began.

Steps were also taken to restore electricity and heat to the abbey.

Eric Opsahl, public information officer with the guard detachment, said it was costing an estimated \$23,000 a day to have the guard on the scene. He said about \$20,000 of that amount was in salaries alone.



A car carrying food and negotiators passes a National Guard roadblock to resume negotiations between authorities and Indians occupying the Alexian Brothers Novitiate near

Gresham, Wis. The National Guard took up posts Wednesday relieving county police who had guarded the area since the take over New Year's Day.

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Grasso takes governor's seat

United Press International

HARTFORD, Conn.—Ella T. Grasso became the nation's first woman governor elected in her own right Wednesday and pledged a heroic effort to deal with Connecticut's burgeoning fiscal crisis.

Mrs. Grasso, a Democrat, won the Nov. 5 election by a landslide and brought with her a Democratic legislative majority outnumbering the GOP by better than 4 to 1.

The daughter of an immigrant Italian baker who went on to win her Phi Beta Kappa Key at Mount Holyoke College, Mrs. Grasso rode in a motorcade to the gold-domed Capitol to be sworn in and address a joint session of the legislature. She was greeted by a 19-gun salute from the state National Guard.

Smiling expansively and clutching a single red rose, Mrs. Grasso was met with resounding applause as she entered the packed House chamber to take the oath of office. She wore a simple teal blue dress with a gardenia corsage, given to her by her husband Thomas, a retired school principal.

Mrs. Grasso's administration faces major fiscal problems compounded by rising government costs and shrinking revenues in this time of economic recession.

Although increases in the sales, corporation and gasoline taxes are being studied to close a projected \$200 million revenue gap for her first budget, Mrs. Grasso pledged to keep her campaign commitment against a state income tax.

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