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Open Catholic School Sept. 7

Plans for opening of the Decatur Catholic schools and new faculty members were announced today by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Simon Schmitt, superintendent, and Sr. M. Almeda, C.S.A., principal.

The St. Joseph grade school and the Decatur Catholic high school will open classes next Wednesday, Sept. 7.

Tuesday, Sept. 6, will be faculty organization day, with the grade school meeting at 9:30 o'clock, and the high school meeting at 10:30 a. m.

All high school students are asked to report at the school at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon for schedule adjustments. The school's service office will also be open from 1 to 4 p. m. Tuesday.

All grades from the second grade through high school, are to report for classes Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock. First graders will not report until Thursday morning at 8 o'clock.

Several changes have been made in class room arrangements at the school, and all high school classes will be conducted on the first floor this year.

New Teachers
Five new teachers have been employed for the 1960-61 school year. New high school teachers are: Leon Youngpeter, athletics and basic business; Sr. M. Amadea, English and Spanish, and Sr. M. Petronilla, librarian and commerce. The new coach is a graduate of Dayton University, and has been a teacher and coach at Chammanada high school in Dayton, O. Mrs. M. Amadea and Sr. M. Petronilla taught last year at St. Thomas high school in Beloit, Wis.

The new grade school teachers are Miss Shirley Taylor, of Monroeville, second grade; and Mrs. Weidner, of Decatur, who will teach the sixth grade.

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Virgil Smith Committed To State Prison

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—Former state highway chairman Virgil W. (Red) Smith was committed to Indiana state prison today for a 2-14 year bribery term after making a surprise plea of guilty to four other charges pending against him.

Judge Thomas E. Garvin in Marion Criminal Court formally committed Smith and imposed a \$20,000 fine which a jury recommended nearly two years ago at Smith's long trial. Smith had fought imprisonment with every legal means ever since.

But the unexpected development was Smith's action in changing his plea from innocent to guilty on four other charges stemming from the Hoosier highway scandals that broke more than three years ago and eventually ensnared more than half a dozen former state officials and employees.

Garvin sentenced Smith to 2-14 year terms and \$500 fines on each of the four charges but suspended the sentences on grounds that if Smith had stood trial on each and been convicted, the terms would have run concurrently and the state would not have benefited.

"I have no sympathy for the defendant," Garvin said. "He is guilty of a very serious crime. But the thing that appeals most to me is the enormous cost to the Marion county taxpayer."

Prosecutor Philip Bayt said he would "reluctantly abide by the decision" of the judge to suspend the sentences.

The disposition of the four indictments pending left only one still lodged against Smith. But this was in another court and outside Garvin's jurisdiction.

Smith was committed to deputy sheriffs immediately. He was to be taken to Marion County Jail pending the trip to Michigan City. If Smith's behavior is good, he probably will spend no more than 21 months behind bars.

Smith's attorney, Frank Hamilton, recommended that Garvin suspend the sentences on the charges to which Smith changed his plea.

Melvin S. Johnson Dies This Morning
Melvin S. Johnson, 67, of one-half mile east of Monroe, died at 3 o'clock this morning at the Irene Byron hospital, Fort Wayne. He had been seriously ill for the past two weeks.

Mr. Johnson was a retired employee of City Utilities, Fort Wayne. He was born at Dodge City, Kan., July 11, 1893. A veteran of World War I, he served overseas for 18 months.

Mr. Johnson was a member of the Cross Evangelical and Reformed church at Berne, and the Disabled American Veterans.

Surviving are his wife, the former Martha Zurcher; two sons, Harold Johnson of Decatur, and Earl Johnson, at home; three grandchildren, and one brother, Dan Johnson of Calif., Calif.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a. m. Saturday at the Yager funeral home in Berne. The Rev. C. H. Schmid will officiate and burial will be in the MRE cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 7:30 p. m. today until time of the services.

NO PAPER MONDAY
Monday, Sept. 5, will be Labor Day, and in accordance with custom for many years, the Daily Democrat will not publish an edition Monday.

Pennsylvania Railroad, Is Closed Down By Strike

Accident Total Is Higher This Year

The sheriff's department has released a summary for the first six months of 1960, comparing same with the first six months of 1959.

During these first six months there have been 88 accidents, as compared to 78 for the first six months of the preceding year. Personal injury accidents were the same for both years, totaling 24, but so far there have been 62 property damage and two fatal accidents, as compared to 53 property damage and no fatal accidents for the same period in 1959.

The amount of property damage for the first six months this year is \$80,738, compared to \$50,151.00 for 1959. There has, however, been only one more person injured this year than last, 57 to 56.

During this six month period in 1960, the sheriff's department has traveled 33,752 miles and served a total of 163 court papers, such as summons, notices, orders, warrants, subpoenas, etc. Also, 22 papers from other courts were served.

Complaints investigated, such as thefts, vandalism, breaking and entering, indecent exposures, etc., have amounted to a total of 50.

Of the 88 accidents, 32 were one-car accidents, 74 Adams county people were involved and 14 motorists were arrested for violations. A total of 13 of these accidents occurred on county stone roads, with seven others on state roads.

The injuries to the total of 57 injured consisted of crushed chests, broken legs and arms, basal skull fractures, teeth knocked out, on down to minor abrasions and cuts.

The causes of most of the serious accidents were or are due to excessive speed, reckless driving, failing to obey stop signs and driving to the left of the center of the roadway.

G. E. Offers New Three-Year Pact

The General Electric Co. offered a three-year contract proposal Wednesday to employees represented by unions, which would include a three percent general pay raise, effective Oct. 2 of this year, with a second increase of four percent effective April 2, 1962.

The three-year contract offer, to replace a five-year contract which expires Oct. 1, would be accepted by the unions involved.

Employees of the Decatur G. E. plant are represented by the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America (UE), which claims to represent 38,000 GE employees in the United States and Canada.

Officials of both the UE and the IUE, which claims to represent 70,000 GE workers in the United States, late Wednesday flatly rejected the contract offer, made in New York. The IUE said the company offer was "unacceptable" and "totally unsatisfactory." The UE termed the offer "an abomination" and "an atrocity."

Five Features
The company said its contract proposal package was built around five basic features "designed to meet the needs and desires of General Electric employees." They were:

Greater employment opportunities. Income protection in case of layoff. General wage increases. Increase security on retirement. Greater insurance protection. On the first proposal, the company said local managers will be able to offer added retraining opportunities to eligible employees facing layoff. An employee with

three or more years of service could receive 95 percent of the job rate for his former job. In addition, the company will pay the cost of any such training.

On income protection in case of layoff, the company proposed to set aside an amount of money equal to one week's pay for each week of service to be made available to laid-off employees with three or more years of service.

The proposal offered several alternative ways in which an employee could take advantage of the total amount of money available to him under the plan.

The wage offer included a three percent general increase Oct. 2 of this year and the additional four percent April 2, 1962.

The increased insurance benefits proposal included a 30 percent increase in the pension base for pension credits accumulated before 1946.

Also included were proposals for higher guaranteed minimum pensions and larger supplemental payments. The company pointed out that guaranteed minimum pensions are over and above social security payments.

The insurance improvements (to bridge the gap between early retirement and eligibility for social security) were pegged on increased payments from \$55 to \$65 per month.

The insurance improvements proposal provides for better maternity benefits (paying 50 percent of the first \$450 of all covered expenses, plus 75 percent of all such expenses over \$450 to a maximum of \$5,000 for any one pregnancy.)

It also included an extended family security provision under which family medical coverage would be continued without cost for up to 31 days following the death of an employee.

11 Ribbons Awarded Local Fair Entries

A total of eleven Adams county representatives at the Indiana state fair have won ribbons in the opening day's judging. Adams county youth won five blue ribbons, three red, two white and one green ribbon. Also, Claude Striker of Adams Central high school finished third in the opening round of the horseshoe pitching contest.

Ribbon winners in food preservation were: Marjorie Lehman, Jefferson, blue; Bonnie Lehman, Jefferson, blue; Mary Ann Kipper, French, white; Joyce Strouse, Root, red; Gail Egly, Jefferson, red; Lois Jean Gerke, Union, green; and Connie Bergman, Root, red.

Those who received ribbons in the electricity project exhibit were: Steven Landis, Kirkland, blue ribbon for his extension cord; Mike McGough, Wabash, white ribbon for his trouble light; Larry Sipe, Blue Creek, blue ribbon for a lamp; and Marvin, Branstetter, Jefferson, blue ribbon for a lamp.

Fair highlights for Thursday include the annual high school band parade and contest, the naming of the grand champion 4-H sheep showman, sale of the grand champion 4-H steer, the final performance of the Western horse show and rodeo and the Pat Boone show.

Decatur Library To Close For Holiday
Miss Bertha Heller, librarian, announced today that the library will be closed all day Monday, which is Labor Day. Miss Heller also announced that the library will return to regular hours Tuesday, opening at 12 noon and closing at 8:30 p. m. every day, with the exception of Sundays and holidays.

PHILADELPHIA (UPI)—On the 111th anniversary of its first train the Pennsylvania Railroad shut down today for the first time in its history. Not a train moved over the biggest U.S. transportation system, and every hour of the strike-caused stoppage heightened its impact on eastern industry and the nation's commerce.

A midnight walkout by 20,000 maintenance workers halted all operations on the 13-state, 10,000-mile network stretching from Virginia to Missouri. At least 30 million Americans were affected directly or indirectly at the outset.

Big-city commuters in New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Washington were first to feel the cancellation of 722 daily passenger trains. More significant was the impact of the industrial triangle of coal, steel and automobiles if the strike continues.

The Transport Workers Union said picket lines were getting "good support."

Chicago Welder Hurt
At Chicago, police reported welder William Roundtree, 43, was injured slightly when he tried to

34 Idle Here
The Pennsylvania railroad here in Decatur, going along with the nation-wide shutdown, closed up shop about 9 o'clock last night with the passing through of the last Wednesday night train.

Norman Gunsett, agent at the Decatur station, stated that approximately 34 railroad workers here in Decatur will be laid off due to the strike, as he will be the only employee left working.

A total of two freight trains a day and one passenger a week pass through Decatur, but this will cease with the complete shutdown of the Pennsy railroad.

halt a locomotive being shuttled in the South Side yards by two supervisory personnel. Police said Roundtree tried to stand in front of the engine and suffered from back injuries when it grazed him.

The federal government was legally powerless to intervene further in a three-year-old work rules dispute between the PRR and the TWU.

Delmarva peninsula, a long finger of land between the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean was cut off from rail transportation. An agricultural and poultry

area, it depends exclusively on the PRR for shipment of its goods as well as for receipt of incoming goods.

The Eastern Shore of Maryland was deprived of train service and the strike dealt a blow to its seafood and vegetable centers.

First to feel the impact of the strike by the Transport Workers Union were the commuters.

About 73,000 who use PRR facilities, including 15,000 between New York and Washington and 8,000 between New York and Philadelphia, were forced to find other ways of getting to work.

Another 85,000 daily riders of the Long Island Rail Road which still is recovering from the effects of a 26-day strike that ended just four weeks ago were forced to detrain on the western end of Long Island and transfer to subways, buses or taxis to get to their jobs in Manhattan.

Industry Layoffs Feared
Steel from Pittsburgh, automobiles from Detroit and coal from the Pennsylvania mines were among the vital cargoes carried by the Pennsylvania. Fears of layoffs immediately arose in these areas should the strike against the giant rail line drag on.

Michael J. Quill, the fiery leader of the Transport Workers Union, predicted it will be a long strike.

"It has taken 114 years to close down this system and it may take 114 days to start it up," he said.

In New York the huge Pennsylvania Station took on the appearance of an empty shell. Inside the station, that normally handles more than 200,000 travelers, an occasional wanderer passed through the concourse—his footsteps echoing hollowly.

Ticket windows, gates and news stands were closed while outside the tramp of picket's feet replaced the shuffle of commuters and vacationers.

The strike climaxed a bitter three-year dispute with the TWU and the AFL Systems Federation over working rules and the "farming out" of repair work by the PRR. Wages were not an issue.

Negotiations Collapse
Final efforts to avert the strike broke down at 11:40 p. m. e. d. t. Wednesday night and at 12:01 a. m. the maintenance men walked off their jobs.

Quill said the strike might last days, weeks or even months before a settlement is reached.

James M. Symes, board chairman of the railroad, termed the strike "catastrophic."

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Accuses U. S. Of Harboring Cubans

HAVANA (UPI)—Defense Minister Raul Castro accused the United States today of harboring Cuban "war criminals" at its Guantanamo naval base and warned the big installation "some day" would be confiscated. He did not dismiss the possibility of a battle.

The premier's impetuous younger brother mixed the threat with expressions of gratitude for Russia's "disinterested" offer of military aid to the revolutionary regime. But he added that Cuba could defend its "rights" with or without rockets.

"We don't plan to confiscate the (Guantanamo) base now because it is obsolete in our present military strategy," but some day it will be Cuban," Raul told an assembly of sugar workers gathered at national headquarters of the Revolutionary Labor Federation.

He said it was not impossible that fighting could break out over the status of the Guantanamo facility, located in Oriente Province and operated by the United States on a long term lease. But he added that any conflict would be provoked by the U.S. naval and marine forces there, not by Cuba.

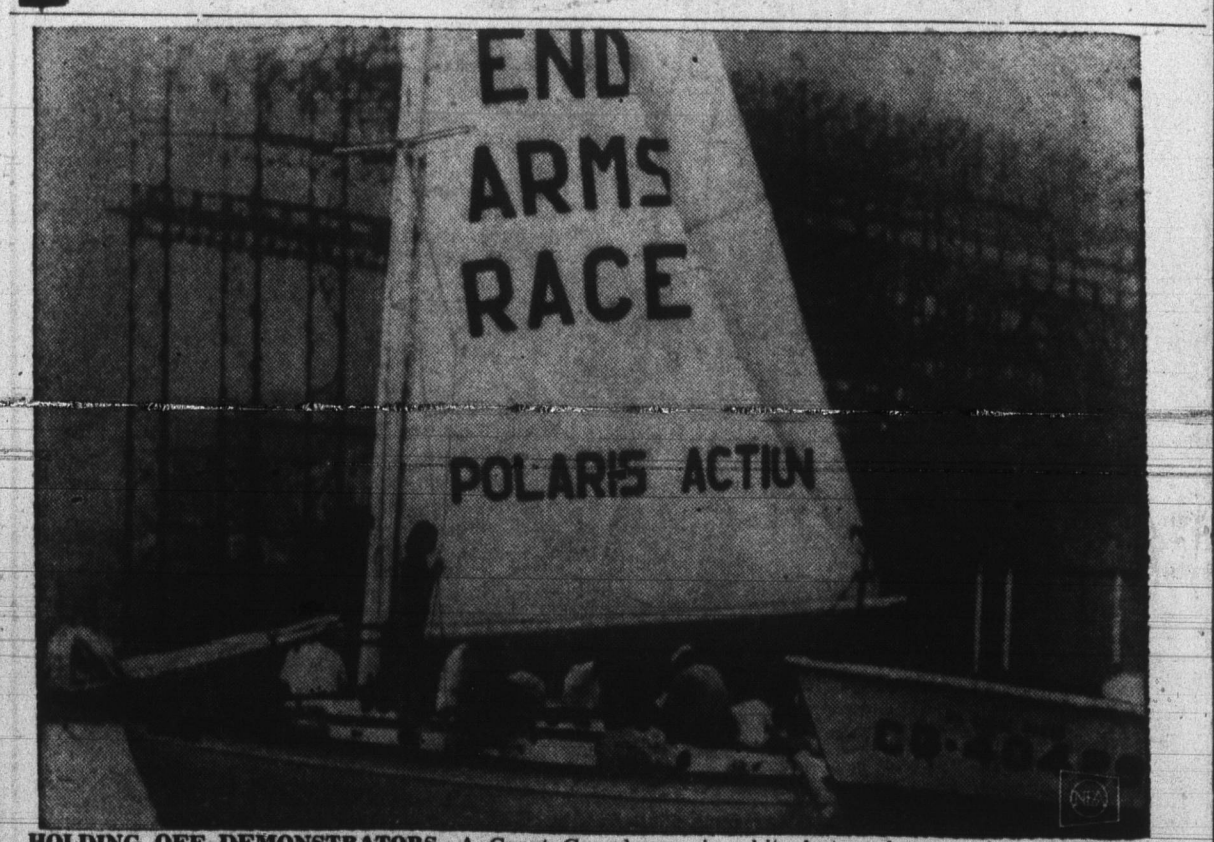
Raul claimed that "criminals of war" were being trained at the strategic Caribbean base to form a "fascist reserve," mobilized by Yankee Gold—one that eventually would form the backbone of a counter-revolutionary invasion.

"If they don't die on the battlefield, they will face the shameful task of having to die on their knees, backs turned to the firing squad, which is the manner in which traitors are shot," the gaunt-faced revolutionary warned.

It was Raul Castro, more than Fidel, who was thought to have inspired the mass executions that followed the fall of President Fulgencio Batista. The younger Castro also was responsible for the kidnapping of scores of U.S. servicemen based at Guantanamo during the last months of the civil war.

Raul urged a huge turnout for Friday's mass rally in Havana, called to show Cuba's contempt for "the anti-Communist declaration issued last Monday at the conference of Western Hemisphere foreign ministers in San Jose, Costa Rica. Fidel was scheduled to drum up further support for the rally in a speech later today.

Just before he spoke, five photographers representing such U.S. news agencies as UPI and the National Broadcasting Company were arrested in the auditorium and jailed overnight. Four were known to be Cuban. They joined Harvey Rosenberg, Mexican bureau chief for Time magazine, who was jailed without explanation Tuesday while on a brief stopover in Havana.



HOLDING OFF DEMONSTRATORS—A Coast Guardsman in white hat makes a safety check on the sloop Satyagraha, at Groton, Conn. The Coast Guard moved to frustrate attempts of pacifist demonstrators to board a Polaris missile submarine under construction on the Thames River. The demonstrators are members of the Committee for Nonviolent Action.