

School labor agreement to wait for election

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A controversial agreement on settling conditions between the school district and its certificated employees will have to wait for ratification or rejection until the new school board takes office after the April 18 elections.

The school board last night decided on a sharply split 32 vote to accept the agreement for discussion at its May 1 meeting.

At that time, at least one new member will sit on the board. Marc Monheimer is running for reelection but incumbent Samuel Markowitz is not.

The agreement, which some school personnel detail as "collective bargaining," was hammered out last Monday — after months of negotiations — between the Certificated Employees Council (CEC) and school board representatives. The CEC is the negotiating body for 1,123 certificated workers, most of which are teachers.

VOTING AGAINST first reading of the agreement were Herb Phillips and Roy W. Hazard. Phillips and Mary Jane Johnson fought against the motion during a lengthy debate but surprisingly joined Monheimer and Louise Stoll when it came to a vote.

Objections to the first reading — which Monheimer and Schools Superintendent Richard Foster stressed simply meant "placing it on the table" for discussion at a later date, were centered around the technical meaning of first reading and whether it meant outright endorsement of the agreement.

In the audience rooting for passage of the first reading were Dick Sayre, president of the Berkeley Educators Assn., who expressed elation over the vote. "I didn't think she (Mrs. Johnson) would vote that way, I'm going to have to thank her," he said.

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Weather

Fair through Thursday with warmer temperatures. High 70's and Thursday in the 80's along the Coast in the 40's.

RENT BOARD PICKS MILITANT

By MARK TRAUTWEIN

1-C SLIGHT WIDER

Berkeley's liberal rent control commissioners have named militant activist Dan Siegel interim administrative officer for the rent control program in a move that has left months agree all over Berkeley. Siegel, indicted twice but never convicted on charges of inciting to riot after riots here in 1967 and 1970, will work under

City action for militant

three-month contract for the rent control commissioners. If Siegel is elected, he opposed in



Mississippi floods 7 million acres, 16 dead

United Press International

Fresh rains and storms in the Mississippi basin have flooded 7 million acres and killed 16 people, officials said today. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said the town was no longer safe to inhabit and should be abandoned or destroyed so the

Prices still high on meat

United Press International

The April Food's week report showed that prices for meat in the country fell, so far

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visited by Williams to speak from the audience, called the BEA action "appalling" and said it showed "sheer lack of professionalism."

SHE CHARGED that the survey was an attempt to "forestall accountability" on the part of teachers and would further jeopardize the learning of basic skills by black students.

Foster also put in a comment about racial relations by predicting that "the majority" of the four principals chastized by the BEA are black males.

Mrs. Johnson thanked Dr. Foster for "laying it on the line" but noted: "We always get into the black-white games."

The board decided to discuss the matter again April 18.

Afterwards, BEA President Sayre told the Independent Gazette that he expects a discharge notice from Dr. Foster today. "I think he will try to fire me," Sayre said.

IN OTHER action, the board heard from a group called Concerned Black Parents on Education which made several demands of the board.

Weeks ago the group presented a lengthy list of recommendations and the demands constitute a followup to the earlier proposals.

The demands, as announced by James Miller, are:

—A list of principals, administrators and teachers who support the group's proposal and a list of those who do not.

—A list of black students who are scoring below grade level as of October of 1972.

—A list of teachers whose evaluations this year show they "have not succeeded in the educational advancement of black children."

—A list of programs which are having positive results with black students.

—A board policy of not funding programs which do not have a firm commitment of the group's proposals.

HARRIETT C. JENKINS, assistant superintendent in charge of instruction, will respond to the demands April 18.

The board last night also gave firm support of the Experimental Schools Program (ESP) and the go-ahead for a rewrite of the massive document which outlines the program's next 30 months.

The board's endorsement was asked by federal authorities, according to program director Larry Wells.

The board also passed a resolution backing the state ESEA Title I program, which is designed to provide educational opportunities for children from low income families. The resolution asks that funds be continued through the 1972-73 school year.

RAFFLE

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without incident by selling raffle tickets. The prize was the door from former councilman John Debonis's office.

Accinelli said that drive was "very similar" to the present effort.

One of the judges

Author, poet and teacher Mae Durham Roger, who works in children's literature at the University of California, Berkeley, is one of three judges who will review entries in the national poetry contest for blind children.

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Charge U.S. dangerous

PARIS (UPI) — The Vietnamese Communists said Tuesday the United States was "following the dangerous road" and could start the Vietnam war all over again if it gives further military aid to South Vietnam.

They also denounced U.S. prisoner of war claims of ill-treatment as "an ugly smear campaign" by President Nixon and said it was aimed at "whitewashing U.S. war crimes."

Viet Cong spokesman Ly Van Sau made the charges after another fruitless meeting between Viet Cong and Saigon negotiators aimed at setting up a council to organize free elections.

Both sides accused the other during the 3 1/2 hour session of trying to wreck the talks and Saigon delegation chief Nguyen Luu Vien said "It's like in music variations on a theme."

They agreed to meet again April 12.

Sau told newsmen later that the United States "is following the dangerous road it walked down to war after trying to block the 1954 Geneva agreement (on Indochina)."

Sau compared the arrival in the United States of South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu with that of his predecessor, Ngo Dinh Diem, 18 years ago.

"Thieu is in the United States to demand further U.S. aid," Sau said. "The situation is identical except the United States already is involved in Vietnam. It has left behind."

Schools' vacation

AT BOYCOTT

Increased sales of about 10 per cent were reported in stores checked in Salt Lake City, Utah. Counters checked at Dallas, New Orleans and Pittsburgh showed sales dropped, as much as 40 to 50 per cent.

Nearly every butcher reported prices were holding firm and some said only a greater supply of meat would lower prices. A large market in Indianapolis said that its lean ground beef had in fact jumped from a weekend low of 89 cents a pound to \$1.09 Tuesday.

The boycott also appeared to be most devastating to a cutting firms, many of which laid off employees. Haskin Packing Co. of Sioux City, Iowa, announced it had laid off 75 workers and, for the first time in 17 years, slaughtered no livestock Monday and Tuesday.

unlimited visibility has accompanied of spring sunshine, breezes and a sailboat at far right.

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