

Police warn Hub truants

BOSTON (AP) — Massachusetts and city officials say they are preparing to crack down on truancy as a boycott of classes by white students cuts into school attendance.

Around 73 per cent of the city's 92,000 public school students were in school Tuesday. But in South Boston, where protests against the city's court-ordered school busing plan started 10 days ago, attendance still has not risen above the 25 per cent level.

The student boycott has spread to Hyde Park High School, the scene of racial fighting on Tuesday, to Roslindale High and to Charlestown High, near the scene of daily anti-busing demonstrations this week.

At Hyde Park and Roslindale, attendance slipped to around 50 per cent of normal, while in Charlestown, only 442 of 2,777 students assigned to high school, junior high and elementary classes showed up.

Schools in Charlestown are unaffected by the busing plan, but many residents fear the area will be included in another integration plan that U.S. District Court Judge W. Arthur Garrity Jr. is expected to issue at a later date.

Garrity handed down the original federal court integration order.

"The kids ought to be in school," said state Education Commissioner Gregory Anrig of the absent students.

"There's no excuse, no explanation for those who endanger the well-being of children," the commissioner said of parents who keep their children away from class.

Boston school Supt. William J. Leary said, meanwhile, that attendance officers would begin investigating absenteeism "very soon."

In other developments Tuesday:

—Thirteen persons were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct in Charlestown and Hyde Park, police said.

Election protested

BLOCK ISLAND (AP) — A group of 68 members of the Block Island Residents Association have filed a petition in Superior Court here to have the July election of five association directors declared invalid.

Judge Stephen A. Fanning set Oct. 2 for a hearing on the petition, which claims the directors used improper nominating procedures in the election.

F. Albert Starr, New Shoreham town solicitor, and Margaret Self, an organizer of the petition drive, said they acted because of director Joseph V. Connolly Jr.'s persistent opposition to a proposed sewer system.

Self said Connolly's actions have caused a split on the island between a small group of part-time residents and other part-time and full-time island dwellers.

Other directors named as defendants were Clifford B. McGinnis, John B. McPherson, Robert B. Ringen and R. Cyrus Draper.

FEA contends fuel is adequate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of the Federal Energy Administration says that the prospect of adequate fuel supplies makes it unnecessary for Congress to extend the Emergency Petroleum Allocation Act.

In testimony Tuesday before a House subcommittee considering extension of the bill, the agency's administrator, John C. Sawhill, said, "The Arab embargo, thankfully, is behind us and our volume of imports has returned to near pre-embargo levels." The legislation expires in February 1975.

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—The city's school committee appealed the federal court busing order. The appeal had been expected.

—A state Board of Education spokesman said Boston and Springfield — where a state court has ordered busing for school integration — would be eligible for more than \$6 million in state aid under the Racial Imbalance Act.

Congoleum accused in advertising

PROVIDENCE (AP) — The Attorney General's Department has filed a complaint in Superior Court here charging the Congoleum Industries Inc., of Kearney, N.J., with false advertising practices.

A spokesperson for the attorney general's office said the national advertising claims that a company product is maintenance free and needs no waxing are false.

The complaint also claimed the firm has failed to register with the secretary of state's office as is required before it can do business in Rhode Island.

The complaint asked that the court permanently enjoin the firm from doing business in the state as well as reimbursing any Rhode Islander who can establish he has suffered damages as a result of the advertising.

"There are valid and substantial defenses to the various allegations that are (being) made," according to Ralph Jersey, counsel for Congoleum.

Jersey said in a telephone interview that the advertising claims are not made without "substantiation from our technical people that our claims are supportable."

Regents vote \$168 million

PROVIDENCE (AP) — The Rhode Island Board of Regents has voted unanimously to request \$168.8 million for 1975-76.

The money would fund the Department of Education, the state's three public campuses and pay for local school aid.

The increase represents a \$16.2 million increase over current funding levels.

The request must be approved by the General Assembly.

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Whites hassle cop

Angry neighbors argue with Boston Police Supt. Joseph Jordan as racial fights continued to break out in Hyde Park High School area of Boston. At least nine arrests and three injuries were reported in area yesterday. 9th day of classes under court-ordered integration program.

Whites eye school busing in Boston with cynicism

BOSTON (AP) — A hundred policemen lined the crescent in front of Hyde Park High School, where racial fighting had broken out again.

Across the street, in the mostly white neighborhood, residents sat on the stoops of their three-decker houses and talked of the federal court order that desegregated Hyde Park High along with many of the city's schools.

"It'll never work," said a 40-year-old white electrician whose house overlooks the school. "They ought to integrate the young kids. These older ones, they've already picked up the hatred from their parents."

The electrician declined to give his name because, "If I gave it I probably wouldn't have a house to live in any more." He said he feared retaliation from both whites and blacks.

He blamed U.S. District Court Judge W. Arthur Garrity Jr., who handed down the integration order. "He's made the blacks hate us and us hate the blacks," the electrician said.

"I feel for the black people. I don't want to see them get hurt, and the decent ones don't want to see us get hurt either," he said. "And there are some decent ones. I know. I've played ball with them and I've been in the service with them."

His neighbors, meanwhile, talked about violence within the school. But the electrician discounted their stories.

"All we get out here is rumors," he said. "The start out small down one end of the street, and by the time they get to the other end, they're this big."

Ford to assist GOP candidates

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — President Ford will come here next month to give "a boost to everyone running" on the GOP ticket in Oklahoma, Sen. Henry L. Bellmon says.

Bellmon, who is opposed for re-election by former Democratic Congressman Ed Edmondson of Muskogee, said Tuesday that details for Ford's visit are being worked out by his staff with the Oklahoma Republican Committee and GOP gubernatorial candidate Jim Inhofe.

He said Ford will visit Oklahoma, Tennessee and Ohio on Oct. 22.

Kissinger set to act on crisis in Cyprus

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger has told Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko that he is ready to play an active part in resolving the Cyprus crisis.

Kissinger held separate meetings Tuesday with the foreign ministers of Greece and Turkey and then discussed the sessions with Gromyko at dinner Tuesday night.

Informed sources said Gromyko reiterated his government's proposal for an 18-nation conference on Cyprus. But the sources said Kissinger would press ahead with his own personal attempt to get the Greeks and Turks into negotiations on the future of the war-torn island.

Kissinger and Gromyko also discussed prospects for a Middle East settlement and the American's plans to visit Moscow late next Monday for negotiations on the limitation of nuclear arms.

State Department spokesman Robert Anderson said the question of more Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union did not come up.

There had been speculation that Kissinger's meeting with the Greek and Turkish ministers would set the stage for some Cypriot peacemaking during his visit to the Middle East in October.

But Greek Foreign Minister George Mavros told newsmen: "If the secretary wants to go to Ankara it might be useful, but Athens is not the place" for his personal diplomacy since "it is Turkish aggression" that is the problem.

However, he did agree to see Kissinger again Sunday evening when the secretary of state returns to New York for more meetings with foreign ministers attending the United Nations General Assembly.

As Kissinger stood smiling beside him, Mavros said they talked "in a very friendly atmosphere." After the Turkish

invasion of Cyprus in July, the Greek government accused the U.S. government of favoring the Turks, and Mavros rejected an invitation to come to Washington for peace talks.

Gromyko in an address to the General Assembly Tuesday said the improvement in Soviet-American relations "has gone further than good wishes and verbal assurances."

He also had some unusually

conciliatory words for Israel, saying: "The Soviet Union stands in favor of Israel existing and developing as an independent sovereign state." But he warned Israel against holding on to Arab territories captured in the 1967 war and called for speedy resumption of the Arab-Israeli peace conference in Geneva with the Palestinians taking their "rightful place" in the negotiations.

2 schools discover insects in lunch flour

NORTH KINGSTOWN (AP) — Two schools here have discovered insects in flour used in the lunch program.

Lillian A. Lewis, cafeteria supervisor at the Davisville Junior High School, said Tuesday a pastry cook at the school found small beetle-like insects in each of eleven 50-pound bags sent to the school. She said none of the flour was used.

The flour is supplied by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and is distributed by the state store at Howard to 270 schools and institutions in Rhode Island.

Officials at the Wickford Jun-

ior High School also reported finding insects in bags of flour.

State officials said the insects are not harmful and were probably caused by a lack of refrigeration and improper storage.

Harry A. Buecher, state food distribution officer, said he inspected the 11 bags at the Davisville School and found no insects.

Manual T. Canario, principal sanitarian for the Southern Field District of the state Department of Health, said there are no plans to recall any of the 1,000 bags distributed by the state store to other school systems.

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