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120 Negro Students, Suspended Yesterday, Barred And Protest

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About 120 Negro students at Manual High School, who were suspended yesterday for walking out during class hours, were not allowed into the school today and so most of them demonstrated all morning.

Fifteen policemen manned the doors this morning at 8 o'clock and kept out those who were suspended. Lists of the suspended students were given to male teachers who checked identification cards of those seeking to get in today.

The demonstrators were joined by about 25 Negro students from Peoria High School, who walked out of their classes this morning and went to Manual on foot in the rain.

MOST OF the demonstrators left Manual about 10 a.m. in cars and demonstrated for about two hours at the School Administration Building on Wisconsin avenue.

This was precipitated when John Gwynn, president of the Local Chapter of the NAACP, was refused a meeting with administration officials to find out the policy on suspensions.

Those who walked out of Manual yesterday will be suspended until Wednesday morning. At Roosevelt Junior High School, where 87 students walked out yesterday, no suspensions were meted out.

According to Harold Kirkhus, director of research for school administration, there is no School Board policy on suspension.

He said the policy on whether to suspend is up to the school principal and the superintendent. In the four senior high schools it has been the policy to

James Brown, director of buildings for the school administration, said he decided to lock the building for "safety's sake." He said only staff members and those having business in the building would be admitted the rest of the day.

Peoria High School Principal Harry Whitaker said today the students who left classes there today would also be suspended for three days.

Only 12 of the 87 who left Roosevelt yesterday returned today, according to Smith.

give a 3-day suspension for unexcused absences, he said.

KIRKHUS SAID this policy "evidently does not exist" at Roosevelt.

Burdell "Buck" Smith, Roosevelt principal, said the students who walked out of his school yesterday will get zero for the day.

Smith said about 10 to 15 of the 87 that left Roosevelt yesterday were white students, although no white students were seen among the demonstrators yesterday.

Gwynn, who was not seen at any of yesterday's demonstrations, met briefly with Harold Weldin, Manual principal this morning, shortly after school opened.

He told Weldin there were some white students who left Manual yesterday, but they were not kept out today like the Negro students.

WELDIN DENIED this and ended the brief discussion by

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left Manual High School yesterday for a demonstration. NAACP President John Gwynn holds a copy of school regulations handed him by Manual Principal Harold Weldin.

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walking away from Gwynn. Just before their conversation Weldin gave Gwynn a mimeographed sheet which listed the school's rules regarding suspension. Gwynn had requested the information. Gwynn later told a reporter

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