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
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 suspen-
ded 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 stu-
dents 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 Admin-
istration Building on Wisconsin
Avenue.

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

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

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

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

James Brown, director of build-
ings for the school admin-
istration, 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 Whittaker said today the
students who left classes today
would also be suspended
for three days.

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

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

Burden "Buck" Smith, Roose-
velt principal, said the students
who walked out of his school
will get zero for the day.

Smith said about 10 to 15 of
the 87 that left Roosevelt yester-
day were white students, al-
though no white students were
seen among the demonstrators
yesterday.

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

He told Weidin there were
some white students who left
Manual yesterday, but they were
not kept out today like the Ne-
go students.

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WELDIN DENIED this and ended the brief discussion by

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