



JOHN GWYNN, president of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, half walks and is half carried out of the School Admin-

istration Building yesterday by Sheriff Ray Trunk. Gwynn and five other demonstrators were arrested after they refused to leave the office area of the building.

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The second sit-in this week of Negro demonstrators at the Peoria School Administration Building ended yesterday afternoon with six of them being jailed for disorderly conduct.

Relatives and other demonstrators, however, kept an all-night vigil at the County Jail where those arrested were held in lieu of bond. Bail bond was set at \$50 cash or \$1,000 property bond on each.

ONE OF THE six, a 17-year-old girl, was released this morning. The others were taken before Magistrate David McCarthy in the courthouse and given a chance to make bond. None wanted to and all five were returned to jail.

Judge McCarthy gave them until July 28 to have any motions made in their case. Their attorney, Raymond Harth of Chicago, was unable to be here so McCarthy set their hearings for 11 a.m. Aug. 1.

Magistrate Espey Williamson, who is a member of the School board, signed the warrants against the six after School Board Comptroller Roy S. Ricketts had made out the complaints.

School Board President Leo Sullivan empowered Ricketts to sign complaints after eight Negro demonstrators led by Peoria NAACP President John Gwynn had refused to leave the office area of the School Administration Building at 3202 N. Wisconsin Ave., where they had been from about noon until 4 p.m.

OFFICIALS CHARGED they were disturbing administrative work with their singing and handclapping — similar to a

demonstration Monday afternoon when Gwynn and about 25 others, both Negro and white, picketed outside and held a seven-hour sit-in inside the building.

This ended with Gwynn's presentation of demands that more qualified Negroes be placed in administrative and teaching posts. He and others sat in on a School Board meeting at which Sullivan set a special meeting next Monday to hear NAACP recommendations for greater equality in the school system.

Sullivan canceled that session, however, as a result of yesterday's sit-in, and this action led to a sharp exchange between him and Gwynn as the demonstrators were removed by Sheriff Ray Trunk and four deputies.

Gwynn accused Sullivan of pulling a doublecross "just to have a way out from having the meeting."

Sullivan countered: "The only thing I can think is that John is more interested in his own publicity than this matter of education. I think that if he really feels that a serious problem exists, he'd much rather sit down and iron it out over a conference table than be evicted from a building."

"I DID NOT object to the demonstration but I did object to the disturbing of peace. They came out to harass the office force Monday, and we felt after setting the special meeting date there would not be, would not need to be, any more demonstrations."

Gwynn came back with: "If anyone is breaking a bargain, it's him. If he had specified that further demonstrations would lead to a cancellation of the special meeting, it would be a different matter."

"Demonstrations will get larger and larger."

The local NAACP head said that the recent controversy over the term "black power" is based on misunderstanding.

"Three or four guys said 'black power' and now everybody's upset. The question is: what's your definition of power: supremacy or equal chance?"

"I DON'T believe in extreme groups on either side. Black or white groups are both talking the same language: supremacy."

After a brief conference with Ricketts, Acting Sup't. of Schools Charles Greeley, and Williamson, Sheriff Trunk entered the office area where the demonstrators sat. He turned to Gwynn, asked: "John, can I talk to you?"

Gwynn replied the demonstrators were not leaving and Trunk tugged at the arm of the sitting NAACP leader and then knelt to talk to him. Seconds later he lifted Gwynn to his feet and two deputies led him to a police car.

Seven other demonstrators

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were removed in the same manner.

AT COUNTY JAIL a 15-year-old girl and a 16-year-old boy were released. Jailed, in addition to Gwynn, 35, were Audrey M. Parks, 17, 1028 W. Howett St.; Joella M. Henning, 26, 707 W. 4th Ave.; Frank A. Slaughter, 18, 119 SW Glendale Ave.; John R. Irving, 18, 1418 N. Broadway St.; and James Hinton, 17, 1023 W. McBean St.

Miss Parks was the girl released this morning. The law considers a girl 17 as a minor. It evidently wasn't known last night she was that age.

About 50 sympathizers conducted a singing, handclapping demonstration in front of the jail beginning at 8 p.m. and continuing until 9:30. They carried such signs as "Jim Crow Must Go."

This group was led by Gwynn's wife, Cozzeter, and included their two children, Kathy, 7, and John Jr., 10. She announced her intention of staying on the County Jail steps along

with them and other marchers "until my husband is released."

Jail attendants said demonstrators still were there this morning.

Last night's activities were viewed by spectators who gathered across the street from the jail. Three city police cars stood by.

Prisoners in the jail shouted obscenities at the marchers.

Three representatives from the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance conferred with Gwynn briefly at the beginning of the demonstration.

Gwynn said demonstrations at the School Administration Bldg. would continue today but no one was reported there at noon.

An employe in the building said: "They usually show up after lunch."

And she added that signs had been prepared and were placed on swinging doors leading into the office areas reading: "No admittance—Employes Only—No Trespassing."

