

# PLRB reviews police union case

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The legal staff of the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board is reviewing the University Police Services officers' unionization case, but no date has been set for oral argument before the board—the next formal step to resolve the issue.

There are problem areas, such as defining which policemen will be covered and who their bargaining unit should be, that our legal staff must work out before presenting the case to the board," Rappoport said.  
He said the three-member board will eventually issue either a "nisi order of certification"—in favor of the police officers—or a "nisi order of dismissal" in favor of the University.  
Each side has twenty days to file

exceptions to the order if it disagrees with the board's "findings of fact, discussion or conclusion," Rappoport said.  
In the event either side files exceptions, an oral argument will be made before the final recommendation, he said.  
"An oral argument is a last crack at it, an attempt to exhaust all PLRB remedies," Rappoport said. "Basically, it paves the way to file appeals to the state courts if an agreement cannot be reached."  
Charles Donbaugh, University manager of employee relations, said the University is against Act 111 because "it was designed more for townships, municipalities and towns that have some form of taxing authority."  
"We don't think Act 111 was designed to cover them as employees or as employers," Donbaugh said.  
Robert C. Bennett, police services officer, said Act 111 is best suited to the circumstances of the officers, who have no bargaining unit.  
"We feel we have to have a situation where we can't strike," Bennett said. "There's no amount of money that could clear our conscience if someone was hurt while we were sitting on a picket line grumbling about money."  
Bennett said he was optimistic about hearing from the PLRB within one month.

# Zimbabwe rejects British 'white' proposition

LONDON (UPI)—Britain has proposed that 20 percent of the seats in the parliament of an independent Zimbabwe be reserved for whites, but the Patriotic Front guerrillas rejected the proposal, a Front spokesman said yesterday.  
The spokesman, Edison Zvobgo, said, "We reiterated our opposition to enshrining racial principles in the constitution," he said.  
A British spokesman refused to confirm making the proposal.  
The dispute came amid reports from the Salisbury government, which has waged a seven-year war with the guerrillas, of progress in separate talks with Britain toward a new proposed constitution.

Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington held separate talks Wednesday, first with the Salisbury government delegation of Abel Muzorewa and then with Patriotic Front leaders Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe.  
The separate talks were called in a bid to save the Zimbabwe Rhodesian conference from foundering over disagreements on a constitution for the new state. Conference spokesman Nicholas Fenn said they will continue Thursday.  
A Salisbury government spokesman, Foreign Minister David Mukuwe, said "very encouraging progress" was made in the talks with his delegation on a new constitution.  
The Patriotic Front spokesman merely said, "We

continue to feel we are moving forward."  
The British spokesman would only say both meetings were businesslike and constituted a useful exchange of views.  
"The British are moving towards us and we are moving towards them, and there appears to be room for plenty of agreement," Mukuwe said.  
"From the look of things we should reach broad agreement (with Britain) fairly soon on a proposal to the guerrillas," he said.  
Mukuwe said the Muzorewa delegation's talk with Carrington centered on three points in the present Salisbury constitution that the British have termed "defective."

# 7 percent solution defeated by House

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The House approved an amendment to give Congress a 7 percent pay raise yesterday, but then defeated the resolution containing the amendment.  
Technically, the defeat could result in a 12.9 percent pay increase—the amount that will automatically go into effect Oct. 1 unless Congress acts to change it.  
But since most members were reluctant to vote for even the 7 percent hike, it was considered unlikely they would allow the higher salary to go into effect.

House leaders quickly began maneuvering for a new try at resolving the politically painful issue. The 7 percent solution would have provided Congress members an increase from \$87,500 to \$91,255 a year, their first raise since 1977. It was attached to a continuing resolution needed to provide funds for several agencies whose budgets had not yet been approved.  
The resolution was defeated 219 to 191.  
The pay proposal also covers some 22,000 top level federal officials.  
The 7 percent hike was proposed in

an amendment offered by the Appropriations Committee. The amendment was approved without a recorded vote, despite efforts by pay hike opponents to force their colleagues to go on the record for or against an increase, and the House then went on to other amendments.  
When the bill came up for final passage, it failed by 28 votes.  
It was the second time the House left the pay hike in confusion. Last June, the House voted to accept an amendment providing a 5.5 percent pay hike but then defeated the overall bill.  
When the current legislation came to the floor it provided for a 5.5 percent pay increase, but an amendment offered by the Appropriations Committee put the figure at 7 percent.  
That amendment was approved, first on a voice vote and then by a 156 to 64 vote during which supporters and opponents had to stand and be counted.  
Rep. George O'Brien, R-Ill., who opposed any pay increase this year, was unable to get enough members to join him in his motion for a recorded vote.

# Arms race fed by fear, speaker says

A spokesman for the Citizens Against Nuclear Disarmament Organization last night said the world arms race is fueled by the fears of the American people.  
"Fear keeps the United States arms race going," Don Eli said at a prayer meeting held to protest the Nuclear Arms Bazaar being held this week in Washington, D.C. "We fear that nebulous unknown called the USSR," he said.  
The bazaar features the display of nuclear weapon systems and is sponsored by the Air Force

Association, a group of corporations which sell arms to the Air Force.  
Eli said the fight against nuclear disarmament would not be easy.  
"We are called to be faithful," he said. "I can offer no promises of success—the forces against us are staggering."  
"We need more idealists in the world, at Penn State and in Centre County," he said. "We need people knocking on doors in Washington and sending letters to Congress."  
—by John Blimmet

# Workers to own and operate glass factory

JEANNETTE, Pa. (AP)—Unemployed glassworkers yesterday began filing applications for their old jobs after a nine-month struggle to buy the factory ASG Industries closed last December.  
"We stuck in here and it paid off," said Ron Herman, local president of the American Federation of Glass and Ceramic Workers. "We're quite sure that it will work out."  
Herman, one of about 350 other former ASG employees expected to be rehired at the sprawling plant to be renamed the Jeannette Sheet Glass Corp., said some workers could be back on the job next month.  
"As far as I know it's the first wholly-owned employee stock ownership plan in Pennsylvania—the first plant being purchased and operated by its workers," said Ron Makoski, a lawyer who helped organize the purchase.  
Makoski said the federal Economic Development Administration has indicated it will guarantee a \$2.8 million loan from Pittsburgh National Bank for pur-

chasing the plant from ASG, a Tennessee-based firm controlled by the Fource Co. of W. Va.  
Other funds promised for the purchase and operation of the 22-acre plant site include \$720,000 from the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority and \$680,000 from the workers—about \$2,000 apiece, Makoski said.  
"It's going to be operated by the employees. They all have to invest to get back to work, but we're all going to have shares," said Clara Mangieri, an ASG employee for 34 years.  
The employees hope to close the deal in mid-October. Then they have to clean up the plant and rebuild its brick furnace, which now holds 12 feet of hardened glass.  
"It's really exciting," said Mangieri, whose husband also worked at the plant. "Everybody will be looking at us. But I know we can do it. It means all working together."  
The plant will be non-union when it reopens, but Herman said the workers are eager and serious. "They

know there's no tomorrow," he said. "They can't play around. You can't strike yourself."  
Jeannette, a closely knit Westmoreland County community of about 15,000, was founded nearly a century ago by glassmakers who valued the area's clean sand and abundant natural gas.  
Before it closed, the ASG plant was the only U.S. factory producing micro-glass, a paper-thin product often used in hospital laboratories. But its main product was window glass.  
"Historically speaking, we can gross 255 tons of glass a day," said Mangieri. "We cut it to size. We make the containers for it. We pack it and we ship it."  
But ASG apparently felt the plant's 50-year-old method of glass manufacturing was obsolete, and repeatedly laid off workers before finally closing down.  
Even then, Makoski believes ASG made a profit and predicts Jeannette Sheet Glass will do well. A distributor has already promised to buy 85 percent of its production.

# Senate approves budget

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate yesterday approved a \$546.3 billion budget for fiscal 1980 that marks a clear shift in priorities from domestic programs to increased military spending.  
The Senate passed the budget on a 62-36 vote as the House began work on its own spending package for fiscal 1980, which starts Oct. 1. Differences will be reconciled in a conference committee before binding spending limits are set.  
The Senate budget, which would boost

federal spending by 10.1 percent over the current fiscal year, contains a 3 percent defense spending increase after inflation is discounted.  
It also calls for 5 percent increases in defense spending in fiscal 1981 and 1982, although those increases are not binding.  
The Senate approved the defense spending hikes after agreeing to force \$3.6 billion in savings, mostly from social programs.

# Greeks go rocking for charity

The sixth annual Rockathon to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation gets underway today at noon.  
Sponsored by Beta Theta Pi fraternity, Delta Delta Delta and Pi Beta Phi sororities, the 58-hour charity event ends 10 p.m. Saturday.  
One giant rocking chair will be in front of the mall on the corner of South Allen Street and West College Avenue and another will be on the

corner of Shortridge Road and West College Avenue below Atherton Hall.  
Bob Clarke (801-finance), co-chairman of the Rockathon, said this year's goal is \$5,000. Contributions will be solicited by members of the sponsoring fraternity and sororities while others rock in the chairs in shifts, rotating every few hours. Clarke said the annual event has raised a total of \$19,000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.  
The commission will also consider site plans for a Friendly City Savings and Loan at University Drive and South Atherton Street.  
Other business includes:

# Planners to discuss parking

Proposed revisions to an off-street parking ordinance will be discussed by the State College Borough Planning Commission at 7:30 tonight.  
The ordinance regulates the parking of recreational vehicles in the driveways and yards of home owners. The commission will discuss possible changes in the ordinance.  
The commission will also consider site plans for a Friendly City Savings and Loan at University Drive and South Atherton Street.  
Other business includes:

—A final plan of the Orchard Park Village subdivision.  
—A site plan for modification of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Store in the University Plaza Shopping Center on Hamilton Avenue.  
—Vacating a portion of East Fairmount Avenue from Glenn Alley to Keller Street.  
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