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## THE STRIKE

An emotional speech by Rev. Daniel Kilfoyle, an emphatic declaration by Student Senate President Paul Lamb, and a blessing by Rev. Francis Keating launched the student strike yesterday.

This morning all seemed quiet on the campus. Attendance was down in both the nine and 10 o'clock classes, and eight teachers were missing from them.

A picket line of about 52 persons formed at about 10:30 and marched up and down the boulevard in the downpour.

Father Yanitelli repeated his intention of keeping the school open and Senate President Lamb declared the strike a success. It is expected the two will meet some time today.

In a statement this morning Lamb declared: "The rain has not dampened our spirits. We will continue the strike and wage the battle for student rights. Not only has the strike been successful but a considerable number of students, including the LaFarge Society and the Latin American Club, have pledged themselves to the observance of a 24-hour fast to show their solidarity with and support for the fasting teachers and the student senate."

In other developments the Faculty Senate yesterday voted down a proposal to support the strike by a 50 to 25 margin. Voting on the faculty senate is limited to full time teachers with one year of service at the school. About 110 teachers are eligible to vote. The faculty will meet again today.

Before voting the faculty heard an address by Father Yanitelli who reviewed the situation and gave his stand in the controversy.

He said: "I wish to state flatly that we are open to change. All I demand is that the change come from the organic entity of students, faculty and administrators working together for the benefit of the college, and the education enterprise as a whole."

In conclusion he appealed to the teachers "to help in the meaningful discussions that are now underway."

The president added: "I ask you also to keep the college open, to teach your classes and to let the students attend them."

## STRIKE SCENES

This has been a week of strange happenings and following are a few.

After the faculty senate vote on the strike proposal Professor Mario Limongi offered another resolution asking that the minority members withdraw from the body and form their own group. It was seconded by Rev. Eugene Devlin and this probably marks the first time the two have agreed on anything all year. The resolution did not pass.

STRIKE SCENES CONTINUED

If the strike and picket lines continue Peacock Pie Co-Editor Pat Bald plans to join carrying a sign reminding students that they should have their senior pictures taken during picketing break. Some business must go on.

Tensions were high yesterday so you can imagine Miss Barbara Chryst's reaction when she was told the college was surrounded by policemen carrying shotguns. She quickly found out the police were on the trace of a group of men who broke out of the Montgomery Street jail and sent word to the strikers that the police were not after them.

The secretaries in the dean's complex thought they were in for a sit-in when about 30 freshmen showed up shortly after 9 o'clock this morning. All they wanted was their teacher.

And in the public relations, where things are never quite normal, a request to the telephone company for a North Hudson directory brought a delivery of 150 phone books for every area in the state.