

ILION BOARD ACTS ON PETITION OF STRIKE LEADERS TONIGHT
ORDER SHUTTING
OFFICES TERMED
ILLEGAL BY BEER

County Legal Authorities, Complainants to Appear at Session

Ilion — Petition of Ilion strike leaders to reopen the strike headquarters, East Clark Street, will be acted on at a special meeting tonight when county legal authorities and complainants will appear, according to decision reached by the Ilion Village Board last night.

Branding the resolution whereby the headquarters was closed by order of the board last week as "irregular and illegal," Harold Beer, chairman of the strike committee, threatened legal action on the matter unless the village trustees acted upon the request immediately.

Officer Also Made Complaint

He inquired if anyone else had signed the complaint and was told one of the local police officers had also made a verbal complaint. The trustees said the policeman reported he heard abusive language near the headquarters on several occasions and that he had informed Phillips when the latter approached him in regard to registering a complaint to go before Sheriff Charles Malan or the Ilion Village Board.

Police Commissioner William Maury was of the opinion Phillips would have to withdraw the complaint before the place could be reopened, but Trustee Calus Nichols, union official, stated "the board had closed the headquarters and that the board could reopen the headquarters."

It was decided to hold a special meeting tonight, at which time District Attorney Carl Peterson, Mr. Phillips and others would be present to straighten the matter out. Mr. Beer agreed to this, but emphasized the fact he wanted immediate action.

QUESTIONS TECHNICALITY

Beer stated that the property was leased to him, but that he had not been notified of the order to close the headquarters. When informed the place had been closed on complaint of Earl Phillips, a resident of the property next to the headquarters, Beer questioned the technicality of the move on the grounds that more than one person should have complained before action was taken.

Beer asked the board why union leaders had not contacted the strike committee before the place was closed. He said he had been informed by legal counsel that the headquarters did not come under any of the classifications by which the place had been ordered closed and added that neighbors on the other side had not complained as to the actions of those in the building.

Kathy Rowland Bonner's Great Grandfather John Phillips' son Earl