GD Pact Ratified, Vote Challenged

By WILLIAM VOGLEE

Rochester Independent Workers last night voted, 736 to 375, to accept a new two-year contract with General Dynamics Corp., but the legality of the vote was in question.

Some RW members claimed that they were either able to obtain more than one ballot or that their union cards were not checked when they voted, thus enabling them to vote again.

Asked if RW would sign the contract with GD on the basis of the vote, Harold Cohen, RW attorney, said he was not sure.

"We don't know yet, we will have to make an investigation of the vote. The union itself will make the investigation." Donald Davis, suspended RW president, said he would consult his attorney, Richard Mosher, on the legality of the balloting. He said several people told him they were "allowed to have more than one ballot and said they were going to sign them."

Walter Nowacki, assistant RW chief steward, contended that several men gave their ballots to other persons to lend credence to the charge that a person could obtain more than one ballot.

FAIRFIELD AND WIFE — Rufus Fairfield spoke briefly at mass protest rally held for him at church.

Mistake Proves Fatal

A man with possible Rochester connections was shot to death last night on a Westfield farm after a shooting incident involving a 10-year-old boy who was being mistaken for a woodchuck.

The shooting happened in the area of Route 20, just west of Westfield and about 22 miles south of Jamestown. Trooper David L. Carr said the incident began when a boy, 10, was found shooting at woodchucks from a field addressing him at 1300 South Ave., Rochester — the boy's home.

The victim was pronounced dead on arrival at Westfield Memorial Hospital about half hour later, apparently from a wound in the heart. Investigators said there was evidence that Schlip was merely passing through the area and preparing to bed down for the night.

Immediate suspension of police responsible for Fairfield's injury pending a departmental hearing by Public Safety Commissioner Donald J. Corbett.

— Lie detector tests given by an impartial and out-of-town technician to Police Bureau personnel who were in police headquarters the evening of Aug. 22, during Fairfield's incarceration, there.

— That Duitt Att'y John J. Conway, or a special Grand Jury, will investigate the Fairfield case, "with other recent cases of abuse of police authority and brutality, that the additional cases will be documented in an appropriate body."

Rally, Parade Protest Fairwell Case

Supporters of Rufus Fairfield, ordered held for action of Grand Jury next month on charges he assaulted two Rochester policemen, marched through City Hall about 9 last night.

No incidents were reported along the line of march, which began at Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, at City Hall. At City Hall, vacant and darkened except for lights in the city manager's and mayor's offices, turned on by a custodian. Rev. Andrew N. Gibson of Memorial Church mounted the steps to offer a prayer exhorting officials to use authority wisely and those seeking Fairfield to be strong.

At the church, some 300 persons, nearly all of whom marched on City Hall, roared their approval of a resolution demanding:...
300 March on City Hall
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sentatives of the Rochester Presbyterian Church of Rochester & Vicinity, the City-County Human Relations Commission and neighborhood associations. One of the observers was Sam Solone, Democratic leader of the 7th Ward.

Obadiah Williamson, president of the Monroe County Non-Partisan Political League, one of the groups represented on the Fairwell Committee steering committee, presided.

Choked with emotion, Fairwell used a microphone to say from his wheelchair:

“All I can say is thank you, thank you very much . . .”

Rogers Black of 65 Bastian Road, Brighton, a tabulating machine operator for Eastman Kodak Co., said the Rufus Fairwell Fund was being established to help defray Fairwell’s expenses. More than $300 were received by 6 p.m. yesterday and more when a collection was taken at the church.

Williamson said, “August is becoming a bad month in the city of Rochester.” He recalled that about a year ago there were meetings protest-

ing the misuse of police dogs.

“The relationship is at a low point at this time,” he said, “and we are disturbed, profoundly disturbed. We have been unable to have adequate enforcement without brutality.

“We are not protesting law enforcement . . . We are protesting tonight the brutal beating of one Mr. Rufus Fairwell . . . what happened to Mr. Fairwell could happen to anyone, white or Negro.”

Davis complained about the lack of traffic policemen along the line of march. He said a parade permit had been obtained and officials notified. No policemen were at the church or City Hall.

Fairwell, 28, of 234 Jefferson Ave., is free on $200 bail. He is accused of second degree assault on Rochester Patrolmen Louis Donofrio and Charles Schafer about 11 p.m. Aug. 22. He was ordered held for the Grand Jury Wednesday by City Court Judge James F. Sheehan after a day and a half of preliminary examination. The Grand Jury will be sworn next week.

Fairwell appeared at the preliminary hearing in a wheelchair.