

DATES AND EVENTS PERTAINING TO FIREMEN'S STRIKE

March 18, 1966

Public hearing by Finance Committee at request of Local #134, International Association of Firefighters (AFL-CIO). Firemen requested 56 hour work week and time and one half for hours worked over 40.

See Exhibit #1

May 4, 1966

Letter to Mayor from Robert L. Mitchell, Attorney, advising that he represented a new union known as 'Atlanta Firefighters Union, Independent', and that he desired to negotiate wages, hours and working conditions of firemen.

See Exhibits #2 through #10

June 7, 1966

Firemen belonging to new union walk out on strike. Defy court order to return to work. Members of old union remain on jobs.

June 10, 1966

Striking firemen return to work.

See Exhibits #11 and #12

July 6, 1966

Dr. Edwin Harrison, President of Georgia Tech, agreed to serve as mediator with approval of City and firemen.

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July 25, 1966

Dr. Harrison held hearing allowing firemen and City to present their arguments.

See Exhibits #13 and #14

August 22, 1966

Dr. Harrison submitted his report.

See Exhibit #15

August 23, 1966

Firemen rejected Dr. Harrison's report.

See Exhibit #16

September 2, 1966

Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen informed fire representatives that the committee would recommend, effective January 1, 1967, a 56 hour work week and a salary increase of not less than two steps. The two recommendations being the equivalent of approximately a 16% salary increase.

September 2, 1966

At 11:00 p.m. the firemen members of the new union again walked out on strike and defied a court order together with an order from the Chief of the Fire Department to return to work. Again the members of the old



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union remained on the job.

September 6, 1966

Board of Aldermen adopted resolution by Finance Committee committing the City to a 56 hour work week and a minimum two step salary increase on January 1, 1967.

See Exhibit #17

For two factual statements regarding the strike, see Exhibit #18.

U. S. News and World Report of September 19th and Exhibit #19.

Close-Up, a News observation by Jim Rankin, dated October 1st.