

Arrest stirs threat of union trouble

The arrest of a union organizer at Willowbrook State School on charges of criminal trespassing has brought threats of a "strong demonstration" by the union.

The warning came from Richard Prideaux, area director of Council 50, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. He explained yesterday that the organizer, Leamon Hood, 31, of the Bronx, was arrested Thursday after he walked into the office of Ernest Palcic, business officer at Willowbrook, to discuss a paycheck lost by a maintenance man employed at the state institution.

Palcic, Prideaux said, refused to speak to Hood on the phone, telling him all inquiries would have to be submitted in writing.

When the organizer went to the school, a secretary there reportedly said Palcic was too busy and couldn't talk to him. When Hood walked into the office he was arrested.

He was released without bail and is to appear next Thursday in Criminal Court. Prideaux said Palcic's actions violated state codes dealing with employee grievances. **Palcic could not be reached for comment.**