

Union man charged with trespassing

A 31-year-old union representative is to appear in Criminal Court Thursday to answer a trespassing charge for allegedly refusing to leave the grounds of Willowbrook State School.

Leamon Hood, a representative of Local 1184, Council 50 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employoes was handed a summons Wednesday by special patrolman Daniel Carlsen. Hood, it was said, refused to leave the laundry room of the institution.

According to Hood, who represents union employes at Willowbrook, he was acting on a complaint of a member who claimed employes were denied access to the Mental Hygiene Institutional Personnel Administration Manual, a handbook outlining employe - employer rules and rights.

Hood said he first talked with Harold Margasin, director of personnel, who allegedly said that each building had a copy of the manual for employes' use. When he attempted to question the laundry room supervisor, Hood claimed, he was ordered from the premises and was issued the summons when he refused to obey.

Dr. Jack Hammond, director of Willowbrook, would not comment on the incident.

The confrontation took place as negotiations between the union and state officials on a contract agreement were under way. The union has since come to terms.