

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1968

Court exonerates union organizer

In a decision announced yesterday in Criminal Court, a 31-year-old union organizer was found not guilty on two charges stemming from an incident which took place Nov. 27 at Willowbrook State School.

The defendant, Leamon Hood of the Bronx, a union organizer for Council 50 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, was tried Dec. 12 and 13 before Judge Royal S. Radin. Hood was charged with criminal trespassing and obstructing a state ad-

ministrator.

The judge reserved decision on the matter until yesterday.

Hood, it was said, refused to leave the laundry room of the institution. Hood countered, during the trial, that he was in the building to settle a grievance at the request of an employe.

The confrontation took place as negotiations between the union and state officials on a contract agreement were underway. The contract has since been settled.

STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE, SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 1969

3 nabbed in theft at Willowbrook

Three men face arraignment in Brooklyn Weekend Court today on burglary charges in connection with the theft of 296 cartons of cigarettes valued at \$1,100 at Willowbrook State School Dec. 15.

Heriberito Quinones, 21, of 850 Howard Ave., Sunnyside, Walter Ellis, 25, of 800 Victory Blvd., Silver Lake, and Edward Gonzales, 20, of 2868 Richmond Terrace, Mariners Harbor, were arrested last night by detectives Stanley J. Laskowski and Vincent J. Smith, and charged with the burglary.

STATEN ISLAND SUNDAY ADVANCE, JANUARY 5, 1969

PARTY AT WILLOWBROOK

Staten Island Section, National Council of Jewish Women, yesterday sponsored its 21st annual Chanukah party for 300 children at Willowbrook State School following a service by Rabbi Philip I. Goldberg, school chaplain. Originally scheduled for last month, the party was postponed because of the Hong Kong flu epidemic.