

'Cruel' Teacher Boycotted -Threw Dog From 3rd Floor Window-

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URAWA, Saitama—Local junior high school students boycotted a class and members of the parent-teacher association and the education board are fuming, fretting and fussing about a veteran teacher who threw a stray dog out of a third-floor classroom window before shocked and horrified students during a morning homeroom Thursday.

Several junior students at the municipal Fukiage Junior High School in Kita Adachi County boycotted the class of "A," a 41-year-old veteran teacher, in protest against his "cruel and cold-blooded" treatment of the female dog around 8.30 a.m.

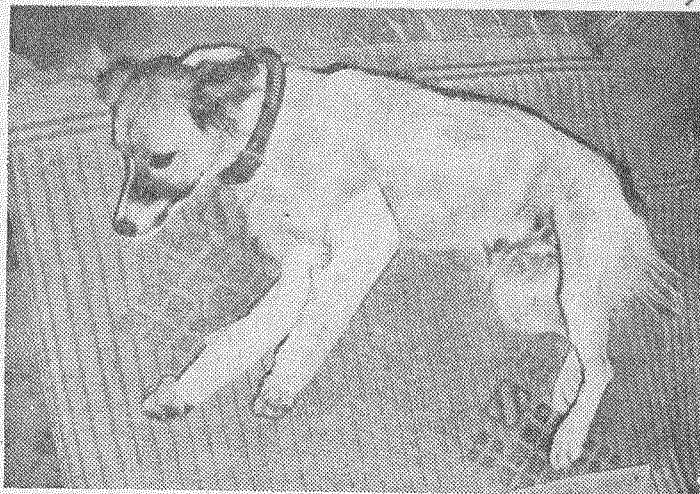
The incident took place when a class of freshmen was engaged in a morning homeroom. Seeing a teacher being annoyed by a stray dog running around in the room, "A," then making a round of classrooms, caught the dog by the neck and threw it out of the window onto a courtyard 10 meters below.

Shocked at the incident, junior students left the class and attended to the hapless dog lying motionless on the ground.

Learning of the class boycott, PTA members rushed to the school and filed a complaint with the principal about the teacher's cruel treatment of the dog.

The dog was taken to an animal clinic in nearby Konosu City where it was found to have suffered broken paws.

"A" told the principal that he threw the dog out of the window out of fear that it might harm the students. He also said he thought the dog would survive the fall. Questioned, the teacher



The hapless female mongrel dog with its forelegs in casts.

later expressed regret from an "educational point of view."

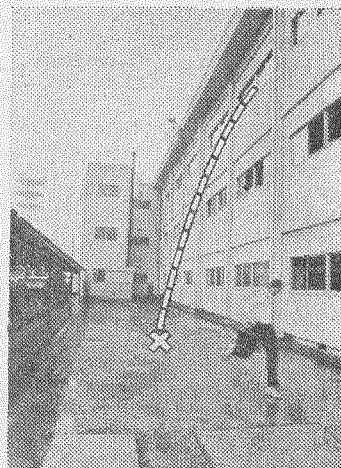
PTA members are fuming about the abuse of the dog and have demanded a "sincere apology from "A" and school officials.

Meanwhile, the dog is being taken care of at a school janitor's room by students and teachers who are searching for the owner of the collared dog.

A 15-year-old junior said the teacher regarded the stray dog as nothing. "I couldn't bear seeing him throw the dog out," he said angrily.

A local education board official said although "A" threw the dog out of the window as an "emergency" measure, his action was excessive.

A member of the local animal lovers association said it was very regrettable that a teacher



The window from which the dog was thrown as shown by a dotted line.

committed such a cruel thing, adding that the association will file a strong protest with the teacher.