

In 1957, when having short hair was an obligation. Two brave students decided to let their hair grow. They simply had found the law unfair. So they were sent to the principal by their French teacher who was an implacable foe of nonconformists to the principal. When the principal found out what happened she went into a paroxysm of anger and when she spied the boys at the hall she couldn't believe what she saw. The school would reprimand the boys for their reprehensible appearance and the school decided to suspend them but the boys' parents decided that the school had overstepped its jurisdiction and they took the case to newspaper.

What had started as a local skirmish now began to take on the appearance of a full-scale war. They even appeared on TV and a lot of people supported them. One reporter wrote; these boys aren't delinquents but clean cut American boys who are being harassed by a monolithic school system.

One reporter said that the school decisions are all arbitrary and inane. People even started making stories like, those boys need their hair because they can sell it and their indigent families need money.

After a lot of arguments the court decided to jump into the fray and asked the principal why she suspended the boys? The school authorities were stymied. Public opinion was against them. People made effigies of the principal everywhere. The situation was turbulent but the principal didn't want to allow Ron and Len to flout the school authority with impunity. Members of the school wanted to help the principal but they were cognizant of the public support.

The school board ordered the principal to terminate the suspension and to send the boys back to class forthwith. It was a bitter pill to swallow for the principal and her irritation was exacerbated by the new order. Things were not working out but the boys appeared the next day with their hair clipped to a respectable length. Everyone breathed a sigh of a relief just as things were about to revert to normalcy, however, the same French teacher then demanded a girl be ousted from school for wearing a mini skirt.