On April 28, 1964, Alethia Pierre had an altercation with Vincent Rizzo, manager of the Fontainebleu Hotel-Motel at 4040 Tulane Avenue, New Orleans. Miss Pierre was employed as a maid in the establishment at the time. During the argument between the two people, the manager, Mr. Rizzo, apparently lost his head completely; at any rate, he addressed several remarks to Miss Pierre which were both profane and indecent, ending with the suggestion that "Niggers don't need civil rights; they need to go back to Africa." This exchange occurred about 9 a.m. It was witnessed by Harold Johnson.

Several other persons in the group also heard Mr. Rizzo make similar remarks during the remainder of the morning. Consequently, at about 10:15 a.m. the employees listed below decided to walk off the job. They are determined that they will not return to this job under any circumstances as long as Mr. Rizzo remains as manager.

Some of the other complaints registered:

- Vincent Rizzo entering the ladies' dressing room while the ladies are changing clothes;
- Lie-detector tests regularly twice a year, plus additional times when items are missing. White employees do not have to take these tests.

This statement is drawn up from an interview with the people who walked off the job.

Alethia Pierre 1630 N. Robertson St.
Stella Mae Bridges 316 N. Dorgenois St.
Emma Daniels 6435 L. Balcom St.
Carrollotta Cato 35 N. Johnson St.
Barbara Jean Davis 2607 Washington Ave.
Bruce McClure Jr. 3823 Washington Ave.

Doris Wilson 270 1/2 S. Zachary St.
Doris Joshua 3718 Beatrice St.
Malissa Bridges 1823 France
Sue Carter 2815 Amelia

Evans Allen W. 9-3934, 3149 Deanie St.
Hennitta Hallie 27 1/2 Pauline St
Harold Johnson
Audrey Daniel 2673 N Orleans St
Mary Theresa Baker 2236 Feliciana St
Iona Parker
Willie Mae Meeks
Orlean
Lawrence Desilne