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STUDENTS SUPPORT U.S. POLICY

NMU Demonstrates For The War In Viet Nam



A student demonstration was held Tuesday by over 200 students in support of U.S. policy in Viet Nam, with the backing of President Harden, Dean Niemi, the City Commission, the Chief of Police, and most of the students and persons affiliated with Northern.

in front of the Student Union. Short speeches were delivered by some of the students, then a parade began. Squad cars were available as escorts in the event of any violence. The demonstration was not to be a loud protest, but an organized demonstration of support for the president.

Louis Tokle, speaking for the six-man committee who originated the demonstration, stated that the purpose of the demonstration was to boost the morale of the GI's. "The minority of college students have been speaking long enough," he stated, "and now is the time for someone to speak for the rest of the students, the majority."

The committee, consisting of Sandy Ulmer, Paul Walker, Larry Novess, Al Salmi, Louis Tokle, and Jerry Derousha, contacted the Detroit News, UPI, AP, various radio and television stations in an effort to get further backing. Many organizations on campus, including the Young Republicans, the Vets Club, and Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity, along with the majority of the students on campus, also supported the demonstration.

At 2 p.m. Monday morning the committee made a telephone call to President Lyndon B. Johnson. As the President was sleeping at the time, a message was left with his aide stating that NMU was staging a demonstration in support of his policy in Viet Nam.

News of the demonstration first came out when 70 signs and a 30 foot banner were put up, and 2000 leaflets were distributed in the dorms.

The demonstration began at 3 p.m.

Approximately 250 NMU students participated in the demonstration last Tuesday in support of the U.S. government's stand in Viet Nam. The group organized on campus and marched through the streets of Marquette and returned to campus to hear students speak for the cause.