

Disciplinary Action Due In NMU Sit-In Incident; New Agreements Bared

"Appropriate steps" to take disciplinary action against leaders and participants in the sit-in which forced cancellation of a Northern Michigan University basketball game Monday night were being taken today by NMU officials.

The announcement was made by Dr. John X. Jamrich, president of Northern, following a long meeting Tuesday between university officials and leaders of the Black Students Union, a black militant group which staged the sit-in.

Cancelled was the game between Pan American of Edinburg, Texas, and Northern. Over 4,000 were in the fieldhouse when between 125 and 150 black students marched onto the floor just before tipoff and refused to budge.

Force No Trouble

The blacks, who had raised their hands in a black power salute during the playing of the

national anthem, had sought dismissal of an NMU security officer and an immediate meeting with Jamrich. Neither demand was met and the game called off.

Both Jamrich and Melvin Payne, a Detroit junior, chairman of the BSU, termed the lengthy meeting Tuesday "mutually satisfactory" and neither anticipated any trouble at tonight's game between NMU and Michigan Lutheran in the fieldhouse.

The meeting lasted from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., with time-out for lunch. Grievances expressed by the black students were discussed at length, with Jamrich also spelling out the university's policy on demonstrations.

"The interference with the game, as a regularly scheduled event, is contrary to a clear and well-publicized regulation adopted by the Northern Board of Control, which makes such activity subject to disciplinary action in accordance with established procedures," Jamrich stated.

Jamrich said he had instructed Dr. Allan L. Niemi, dean of students, to proceed with steps to take disciplinary action against the black students responsible.

Concerning the agreements reached as a result of the discussions, Jamrich said they were made "in good faith."

Human Rights Commission

He termed as perhaps the

most important one, the creation of a human rights commission, which he will use as a major source of activity with reference to concerns of black students and other minority groups before they become major confrontations.

Membership of this commission will be announced in the near future.

Other principal points agreed upon:

1. Development of a different system and procedure of identification card checking by the NMU security division, with every effort being made to improve the relationships between the security staff and the black students.

2. An official review is to be made of the recent incidents involving security officers and black students, and proper disposition of the matters to be made.

3. The searching of student cars by NMU security police will be conducted "within the framework of the legal provisions for this activity."

4. Employment of more black students in university work, including the hiring of three part-time black student employees as members of the security staff beginning with the second semester.

'Disappointed, Distressed'

"I want to emphasize that, after the successful meeting all day Monday, I was disappointed and distressed that there would be the disruption of the game in the evening," Jamrich stated.

"It is my opinion that the decision by the black students to interfere with the game was a case of poor judgment. As president of the university, I express my regrets to all of the other students and citizens who were inconvenienced by that disruption."

Purposes Told

Jamrich said the human rights commission would deal with complaints of discrimination, black student scholarships and coordinate tutoring programs and counseling for black students.

Payne said: "We're 700 miles from civilization up here. The only black people up here are students, aside from visitors

from K. I. Sawyer Air Force Base."

About 250 of the 6,500 students on campus are Negroes.

Payne said assurance was given that searches by security police of private automobiles would not be conducted without the permission of the driver.

Complaint Given

"Every time there are three or more of us in a car," Payne said, "they (the security police) stop us and search us on the pretext of looking for narcotics or liquor. They don't treat white students the same way, and we consider this insulting."

He also said the recruitment of more black faculty members and black students was promised, as well as the establishment of a course in black history and the provision of more black cultural books and literature in the university's library.

Want Better Jobs

He said the blacks wanted more jobs on the campus other than those in maintenance and in the cafeteria. "We want better jobs," he said, "like in the office or any other that a black student is qualified for."

Jamrich said that in the aftermath of the intense activity of the past several days "I want to emphasize, as I did on several occasions earlier in the fall, that Northern Michigan University is dedicated to the equality of educational and social opportunity."

"We have taken several positive steps during these past months, and we intend to continue in this direction with reference to issues and problems identified by faculty and students."

"This is what our student government, faculty senate and several task forces are all about."

In Chile's Aucanquilcha — the highest town on earth — Indian miners put in a full day's work at 17,500 feet while visitors gasp for breath and grow dizzy.

Guy Roberts Dies At 75 In St. Mary's

Guy Roberts, 75, West Branch township, died at 9 Tuesday evening in St. Mary's Hospital, where he had been a patient three days. He had been ill the past year.

Mr. Roberts was born May 1, 1893 in Skandia and had lived there all of his life. Prior to his retirement, he was employed by the Cliffs-Dow Chemical Co. and in farming.

He is survived by his wife, Leona; a daughter, Mrs. Paul (Betty) Vicknair, New Orleans, La.; a sister, Mrs. Oscar Holm, Marquette; two brothers, Alonzo Roberts, Minneapolis and Harold Roberts, New Orleans, La.; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Rites On Friday

Services will be held at 1:30 Friday afternoon in the Swanson Funeral Home with Rev. O. E. Bakken, pastor of the Marquette Gospel Tabernacle, officiating. Burial will be in West Branch Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home from 3 until 9 Thursday.

Oshkosh State Students Try Gym 'March-In'

OSHKOSH, Wis. (AP)—About 200 student demonstrators tried to stage a "march-in" at the Oshkosh State University gymnasium Tuesday night before a basketball game between Oshkosh's Titans and a touring Czechoslovakian team.

As they entered the hall, demonstrators were chanting, "where is Gules," referring to Dr. Roger Gules, the school's president.

The demonstrators, all of them white, said they appeared in support of Negro students arrested last month after a destructive demonstration.

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