

## 'MERELY A SYMBOL'

# YAF Tells Reasons For Flag Burning

Thomas B. Llewellyn, NMU chapter chairman of the Young Americans for Freedom (YAF), said this week that the group's burning of a Vietcong flag on October 15 was "consistent with current policy regarding orderly dissent."

Llewellyn made the statement after refusing an alleged administrative request from the University that the flag not be burned on that day, the day of the National Moratorium on the War in Vietnam.

The flag was burned the night of October 15 in front of the University

Center as war protestors were beginning a "candlelight march" through the city of Marquette.

Llewellyn said that "no unruly confrontation" occurred during the flag-burning.

"In fact," Llewellyn said, "...when a YAF spokesman offered those in the march a chance to light their 'torch of peace' from the burning Viet Cong flag (a 'truly symbolic gesture'), several marchers accepted the offer." "The Young Americans for Freedom," he added, "are an Anti-Communist group

opposed to a sellout of the U.S. commitment in Southeast Asia."

In a separate statement, Dean Carl, director of YAF for the Upper Peninsula, said that the flag was "merely a symbol."

"We (burned) the flag to show our opposition to the Viet Cong, who are killing not only our soldiers and the soldiers of many supporting nations, but who continue to murder and terrorize the people of South Vietnam toward a support of a Communist takeover of the country," Carl said.