

# Non-Violent Group Formed At NMU Eyes War Policy, Other National Programs

An organization to plan additional, non-violent activities has been formed by the nucleus of the 200 students and faculty members who participated in Friday's memorial program at Northern Michigan University for the four students slain at Kent State.

At a meeting in NMU's West Science Hall Monday night, attended by over 200 interested people, mostly students, the group discussed incidents leading to the meeting, events involving the nation — especially the war in Vietnam, and what is being done about the war and what they can do.

The group also named committees to work on various proposals for action, which had been discussed earlier. Among these is a plan to approach the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, and area civic clubs about meeting with students to discuss common goals to end the war and the means by which they could support each other to achieve these goals.

The Marquette City Commission had been approached that afternoon, and had indicated its willingness to meet with this group Monday, May 18.

#### Other Topics Discussed

Other topics discussed included:

A proposed referendum to be

placed on the ballot for the upcoming national election, which reads "we resolve that no man from Michigan, drafted into the armed services, shall be required to serve in a war that has not been declared such by the Congress of the U.S. through due constitutional process."

This is similar to the referendum being placed on the Maryland ballot, though the group at NMU would include a clause reading "any man who volunteers to serve would receive double his pay."

A limited student strike work-in, so that concerned students may have release time from classes to work toward the organizations stated goals. After a brief discussion, this proposal was overwhelmingly rejected.

Those attending also ruled out any type of violence, either rhetorical or physical, in carrying out the goals they set.

Rather, they determined that the established channels, such as petitions, letters and telegrams to their representatives, offered the best tools to achieve change.

At present, the organization carries no name, with many of those actively involved indicating that they do not want to be labeled, according to Jerry Michaels, New York student and one of principal spokesmen for the group.



## Commissioners Agree To Dialogue With NMU Students; Meeting Eyed

Marquette city commissioners will meet with Northern Michigan University students at 7 p.m. next Monday — Government Day of Michigan Week — at a place to be designated by the students.

The meeting was set up at Monday night's commission meeting, after two NMU student body representatives invited the commission — as well as the Marquette County Board of District Commissioners and residents of the community at large — "to begin more meaningful dialogue and interaction between the community and the students."

James A. Fore and Marilyn Bailey attended the meeting, with Fore reading the students' prepared statement. It indicated that the students have many issues and proposals to discuss, listing as foremost "a referendum similar to that proposed in Massachusetts dealing with the situation in Southeast Asia."

#### Toward Better Relations

The statement said the students at Northern hope the

commissioners "will accept the opportunity to better relations between the university and community."

Responding for the commission, Edward L. Downey Jr. said, "I believe we can perhaps all benefit from such dialogue," but he called attention to the problem of availability of space for the meeting and asked that the students select a location and notify the city.

Comments also were forthcoming from two Marquette High School students, Maynard C. Bowers Jr. and Douglas Dormer. Bowers posed the question, "What can the city commission do about Southeast Asia?", suggesting the issue is one for elected national officials; and Dormer asked first how Fore and Miss Bailey were chosen as student body representatives (Fore explained they spoke for a number of groups concerned about issues, particularly since the Kent State University incident) and then whether the proposed meeting would be open to the public. It will, and Fore urged attendance by all interested persons.

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