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## Inflation Fight Said In Danger

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon says his fight against inflation is in danger but could be rescued if Congress forgets "the cost in political popularity" and cuts down federal spending.

"At stake is nothing less than the future of the American economy," Nixon said in a Dutch-uncle letter sent to House and Senate leaders Wednesday.

The President said his \$192.9 billion federal spending ceiling is threatened by \$6 billion in rising costs that are beyond his control and added millions dictated by congressional action and inaction.

**Tax Reform Bill**  
The letter, timed to coincide with Congress' efforts to pass a tax reform bill and complete action on appropriation measures for the current fiscal year, also said:

"The responsible path toward protecting the buying power of the consumer's dollar is clear. But the Congress has not appeared willing to take that path."

The keynote of Nixon's 1,200-word message was responsibility.

Nixon coupled his plea for responsibility with a new attack on the tax reform bill, now before a conference committee for long hours each day in an effort to compromise the Senate and House versions.

"The Congress appears to be well on its way to substituting tax reduction for tax reform," he said. "This will harm rather than help the average taxpayer...."

**Most Unfair Tax Of All**  
"A tax cut for some citizens would mean a rise in prices for every citizen."

"Inflation—the hole in everybody's pocket—is the most unfair tax of all," he said.

Despite the fact that a renunciation of congressional action and inaction "would lead an additional \$5 billion onto an already overheated economy," Nixon said, "recent Senate tax actions... would, if approved, actually take \$1.6 billion away from revenues."

It is this combination of added spending—such as \$1 billion the Senate added Tuesday to the health and education appropriations—and revenue loss written into the tax bill that appeared to disturb Nixon most.

He has said he will veto the bill if it contains both a personal exemption increase from \$600 to \$800 and a 15 per cent boost in Social Security payments.

## Wants To Defend Himself



Charles M. Manson, left, facing trial on murder-conspiracy charges in seven slayings, wants to act as his own attorney. The 35-year-old cult leader made the surprise request Wednesday to Superior Court Judge William B. Keene, right, who said he would consider it. Manson is charged along with four of his followers in the gun shot-stabbing deaths of actress Sharon Tate and four others Aug. 9 and in the knifing deaths the following night of wealthy Hollywood, Calif. grocer Leno La Bianca and his wife. (AP Wirephoto)

## Yank War Toll Nears 40,000

SAIGON (AP) — American battlefield deaths in nine years of the Vietnam war will total more than 40,000 by Jan. 1 if the current rate continues.

The U.S. Command announced today that 85 Americans were killed in action last week, 15 less than the previous week. This raised the number of U.S. battlefield dead since Jan. 1, 1961 to 39,827.

**Weekly Average**  
For the past six weeks, the total of U.S. combat dead has averaged about 100, and there is

no expectation that this will decrease substantially any time soon.

The U.S. Command also reported 836 Americans wounded in action last week, a sizeable increase over the 592 wounded the week before. A total of 261,256 Americans have now been wounded in the war.

South Vietnamese headquarters said 421 government troops were killed in action last week, 10 more than the week before, and 1,436 government troops were wounded.

**1,197,130 Casualties**

A spokesman said South Vietnamese casualties since Jan. 1, 1960, totals 97,541 killed and 216,128 wounded. The U.S. and South Vietnamese commands claimed 2,396 North Vietnamese and Viet Cong killed last week, a slight drop from the previous week's revised total of 2,410. The U.S. casualty summary said allied forces now have killed at least 582,378 enemy troops since Jan. 1, 1961.

These summaries add up to a total of 1,197,130 troops killed or wounded on both sides of the war since Jan. 1, 1961.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. intelligence misjudged enemy strength in South Vietnam last

## Tax Bill May Lose Provisos

WASHINGTON (AP) — Provisions worth about \$6.5 billion in either increased benefits or tax cuts appear certain to be missing from the tax reform bill that finally emerges from a House-Senate conference committee.

The 14-member committee has finished most of its work on the measure's reform provisions and hopes to complete action on the rest of the bill by tonight.

In an effort to compromise the differences between the House and Senate versions, and head off a threatened presidential veto, the conferees apparently are set to delete at least nine provisions from the Senate bill while compromising other additions passed by that chamber.

However, the apparently doomed provisions do not include the proposal to increase the personal income tax exemption from \$600 to \$800. Although opposed by the Nixon administration, this is expected to remain in the bill, probably in reduced and postponed terms, in view of strong support in the House.

Among the Senate provisions for which conferees are sharpening their shears are:

- An annual tax credit up to \$325 for college expenses. It would cost \$1.8 billion a year.
- Full deductions for medical expenses of persons over 65, costing \$325 million.
- Deductions by handicapped persons for special cost of getting to work, \$90 million.
- A special increase to \$100 of the minimum Social Security monthly payment—in addition to the 15 per cent general increase which appears sure of approval. The extra feature would cost \$2 billion.

Nixon has said he would veto a bill that provided a 15 per cent boost in Social Security benefits and a \$200 increase in the personal exemption.

- A \$7.50 a month increase in welfare payments; \$150 million.
- Continuation of the investment credit for the first \$20,000 of annual investment by a company; \$720 million, and continuation of the credit for investments in depressed areas; \$70 million.

Authority for the President to impose import quotas on foreign commodities if they injure U.S. industries and come from countries that discriminate against U.S. goods. President Nixon has said he does not want such power.

# NMU Official Held Captive By Blacks

## Campus Offices Left In Shambles

### BULLETIN

Dr. John X. Jamrich, Northern Michigan University president, indicated at a news conference on campus late this morning that he has information that the Black Student Association may make restitution voluntarily for damages done

to university offices during a demonstration last night and this morning. But he also indicated that he has not ruled out the possibility of a suit for damages. Regarding Dr. Allan Niemi, vice president for student affairs who was held captive for 35 minutes by the black students, Jamrich said, "There has been no decision as to what will be sought for those holding Dr. Niemi. If he feels action should be sought, we will do so in court."

## Lawmakers Seek Meeting On Educaid

LANSING (AP) — Legislative leaders in both houses planned a summit conference with Gov. William G. Milliken this afternoon on the fate of further education reform in 1969.

The development came as Speaker William A. Ryan told colleagues on the House floor today that they should adjourn the 1969 session immediately unless they reach a bipartisan agreement to work seriously on education reform bills.

**Caucuses Sought**  
Ryan asked for party caucuses on the issue as the chamber recessed until midafternoon.

Adjournment would leave the 1970 \$1-billion-plus school aid budget unsettled, along with the \$25-million prochild issue and a proposed 16 per cent increase in the state income tax.

**Proposal Scrapped**  
Majority Democrats on the House Taxation Committee scrapped Gov. William G. Milliken's proposed elimination of the property tax credit now allowed against the 2.6 per cent personal income tax Wednesday night.

They substituted a plan to raise the personal tax rate to three per cent, the corporation rate from 5.6 to 6.5 per cent and the financial institutions rate from seven to 8.2 per cent.



Northern Michigan University President John X. Jamrich (left) and Dr. Allan Niemi, vice president for student affairs, survey damage in Kaye Hall early this morning following seizure of personnel offices by black students. — (Mining Journal photo)

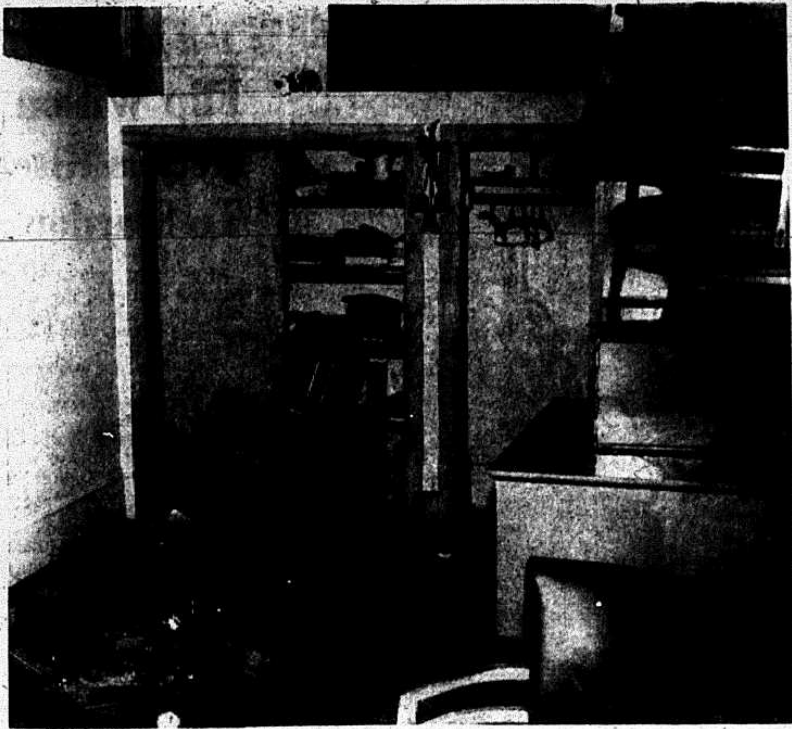
## Court Gives States Responsibility For School Integration

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — A Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) panel of three federal judges has ordered the Georgia Board of Education to terminate state funds to school districts which have not filed desegregation plans by March 1970.

**Other Provisions**  
The far-reaching decision Wednesday also:

- Defines an integrated school system as one in which 75 per cent of all pupils of a minority race are enrolled in integrated facilities.
- Requires the state board, with the assistance of the U.S. Districts affected

It also marked the first time a



Chairs were piled atop desk to barricade reception room outside of office of Northern Michigan University vice president and room was ransacked during seizure by black students protesting action taken against one student by student judiciary committee. — (Mining Journal photo)

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committee. Niemi, noticeably shaken by the incident, told Jamrich as soon as he was released that he was "threatened and told not to move by the black students." He showed Jamrich a club he said was used to restrain him.

**"Will Answer in Court"**  
"You have threatened a member of this university and have used unauthorized means to obtain this office," Jamrich said to the leaders of the blacks. "I will answer all of you in a court of law."

The offices were in a shambles with windows broken, typewriters destroyed, Christmas decorations scattered about, file drawers overturned and personnel papers thrown about. There was also writing on the walls and food splattered on the floors. Supply closets

were ransacked.

No immediate estimate of the damage could be determined.

### Anonymous Phone Call

Griffis was charged earlier in the month by two resident assistants of Spooner Hall with having a girl in his room at 3 a.m. It was reported that the resident assistants entered Griffis' room after receiving an anonymous phone call tipping them that there was a coed in his room.

They surveyed the room and reportedly saw a woman in the closet, but left immediately without making a positive identification. When the two came back to Griffis' room for more information, they reportedly saw a girl running down the hall.

Griffis appeared before an all-university student judiciary on Tuesday and a verdict of guilty was announced at 9 a.m. Wednesday.

At this time, the 85 black

students occupied the student personnel offices, but permitted the routine operation of the offices to continue with only minor disruption.

### Immediate Hearing Asked

But at the end of the business day at 5 p.m., the blacks announced they would remain in the building until Griffis was absolved of all charges brought against him by the university.

Jamrich requested that the appeal by Griffis be heard immediately by the faculty-student judiciary committee, which was the next step in the appeal process after the student judiciary committee ruled Griffis guilty.

In addition, Jamrich had university attorneys flown to Marquette from their Detroit offices for possible legal action against the demonstrators.

### Injunction Considered

He indicated earlier in the evening that the university was considering the possibility of

serving an injunction to evict the black students. He hinted that if the blacks did not vacate the offices after the injunction, local and state police would be called in.

Around midnight, Jamrich entered the offices and explained to the black students that the faculty-student committee was deliberating. He indicated he was hopeful the group would reach a decision on Griffis case in the next few hours.

Jamrich went back to his office and later retired, leaving word to be notified if any change in the situation took place.

### Glass Shattered

At approximately 3 a.m., Harry Campbell, student body president, notified Niemi and Lowell Kafer, dean of students, of reports of shattering glass coming from the vice president's office. Niemi walked into the office and was held for the next 35 minutes.

After Kafer tried unsuccessfully to reach Niemi by phone and was pushed out after entering the office, he asked Campbell to notify Jamrich of the situation. Kafer said he thought he should remain near the offices while Niemi was inside.

Jamrich hurried to the student personnel office and tried twice to enter the offices but both times was pushed back. The president repeatedly asked for the students to release Niemi, but to no avail.

### Decision Announced

He called for the attorneys and was in the process of calling in state and local police when word was received that a verdict of not guilty had been handed down by the faculty-student committee.

The president announced the committee's decision to the black students, and they released Niemi and began to quickly file out of the room.

Several of the black leaders remained behind to argue with Jamrich about his decision to "take this matter to court."

### "Tragedy And Disgrace"

"Few university presidents have shown courage like that shown by President Jamrich this morning," said Campbell. "After handling this extremely delicate situation with a cool and level head, when the chips were down he acted quickly and decisively to insure the safety of Dr. Niemi. Here is a man who is totally committed to the integrity and welfare of

his university." Campbell added. "The damage to these offices is incredible. This is not only a great tragedy, but a disgrace."

Griffis had a different view of the demonstration and the damage done in the offices. "The black community has learned more at this demonstration than at any other time since they have come to Northern," he said. "I'm proud of them."

### Says 'Blacks Gained Respect'

"I don't care if they charge us \$30,000 and we have to work the rest of our lives, the blacks at Northern have gained respect."

Joseph Gross, Lansing, a member of the NMU Board of Control, defended Jamrich's action.

In a statement late this morning, he said, "I know of no person who has been more understanding of the needs of the black students than Dr. Jamrich. I stand behind him as a man who has been fair with all from the word 'go.'"

Late Wednesday, Jamrich had issued a statement in which he said, "This university, and I as its president, will take a back seat to no institution of higher education in the degree to which we have strived in this direction and in the direction of providing the fullest support and consideration of minority groups within the student body and the faculty. We are proud of our Human Rights Commission, our tutorial program for disadvantaged students, our work and financial aid levels for minority groups and our efforts in black studies."

### Blacks Suspended

**WHITEWATER, Wis. (AP)**—Ten black students at Whitewater State University were suspended Wednesday following a two-day hearing into campus disorders Monday night and early Tuesday.

Four other blacks will receive statements of charges and are

to appear at a hearing Jan. 5. Whitewater President William I. Carter said.

Two students who were interviewed were exonerated of any wrongdoing in the clash between students in a fraternity house. Negro intruders fought with fraternity members. After a similar clash between white and black students at a gymnasium.

"It is the finding of the president that for events of Dec. 16, 1969, at the Phi Chi Epsilon house, your continued presence on this campus presents a clear and present danger to the university community and to yourself," Carter's statement to the students said.

### To Receive Charges

The 10 who were suspended will also receive statements of charges. The hearings Jan. 5 will determine whether the suspensions will become permanent, officials said.

One white student who was taken into custody during an earlier disturbance was not involved in this week's preliminary hearing.

Eighty black students left Whitewater for Madison Tuesday, saying they feared for safety. Most were still in Madison Wednesday night while a delegation returned to Whitewater to "negotiate safety precautions" with the city and allow students to collect belongings for the Christmas vacation.

The 9,700-student school has about 100 Negroes.

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The Township of Chocolay Ordains AN ORDINANCE, granting to Alger-Delta Cooperative Electric Association, its successors and assigns, the right, power, and authority to construct, maintain, and commercially use electric lines consisting of towers, masts, poles, cross-arms, guy-wires, braces, wires, transformers, and other electrical appliances on, along, and across the public highways, streets, alleys, bridges, and other public places, and to do a local electric business in the Township of Chocolay, Marquette County, Michigan, for a thirty (30)-year term.

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The Township of Powell Ordains AN ORDINANCE, granting to Alger-Delta Cooperative Electric Association, its successors and assigns, the right, power, and authority to construct, maintain, and commercially use electric lines consisting of towers, masts, poles, cross-arms, guy-wires, braces, wires, transformers, and other electrical appliances on, along, and across the public highways, streets, alleys, bridges, and other public places, and to do a local electric business in the Township of Powell, Marquette County, Michigan, for a thirty (30)-year term.

WHEREAS the Alger-Delta Cooperative Electric Association of Gladstone, Delta County, Michigan, has made an application to this township board for an irrevocable 30-year franchise to set poles, string wires, and to do a local electric business in the Township of Chocolay, Michigan, and

WHEREAS the granting of said franchise would enable the Alger-Delta Cooperative Electric Association of Gladstone to provide electricity to the residents of this township and would be in the best interests of the residents of the township;

WHEREAS it is within the authority of this board, according to the Constitution of this state and the laws thereof, to grant a franchise to the Alger-Delta Cooperative Electric Association of Gladstone, for a period of 30 years; and

WHEREAS the members of the board are desirous of granting the said franchise because of the advantages which would accrue to the township and its residents;