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## Denny's Troubles

Denny McLain, the highest paid hurler on the roster of a major league baseball team, the man with the biggest mouth in the City of Detroit, the best pitcher in all of major league baseball for the past two years — is in trouble. Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn has ordered the Tiger star suspended indefinitely from organized baseball because of certain "off the field" activities of McLain in 1967.

It is the first major suspension in baseball since Leo Durocher got the ax in 1947, but if allegations in Sports Illustrated and other published and broadcast reports are even partially true, McLain will have made the biggest error in baseball since eight members of the 1919 Chicago White Sox were involved in a "fix" of the World Series to the Cincinnati Reds.

That Chicago team has been called "The Black Sox" ever since.

Dennis Dale McLain may go down in history as the major league flyer who took the biggest dive in the history of the game — from 55 victories in two seasons to the permanent bleachers.

"Sound As A Dollar!"



## Business Mirror:

# Consumer Confidence Has Fallen

By JOHN CUNIFF

NEW YORK (AP) — Throughout the past year a great deal of publicity has been given to the various indices of consumer confidence, the notion being that a confident consumer is a spender, a timid one a saver.

Studies suggest that consumer confidence indices might be able to foretell actual retail sales conditions four or five months ahead, thus enabling manufacturers and retailers to prepare their inventories.

### Confidence Falling

Confidence has been falling of late. Harassed by news about the Vietnam war, inflation, taxes and even the threat of recession, consumers have had a tendency to withdraw into the security of their shells.

In addition, with inflation eroding the value of spending money, their actual ability to spend has in some instances de-



(Contributions are invited. Letters should be limited to less than 300 words. Only signed letters will be considered for publication. Personal attacks on individuals will be eliminated.)

## Defends Black Students

Dear Sir:

The disgusting sample of ignorance and prejudice displayed in the letters to the editor of Feb. 23 has prompted me to write. The incident of Dec. 17-18 has been blown out of all proportion. Yes, rules were broken and property was damaged. But this has been done time and again by the WHITE youth and never attracted such attention.

Mr. Bergdahl, you condemn the blacks for "screaming about freedom and justice." That's because they don't have freedom or justice. You contrast Dr. Niemi as a "truthful man" and tag the blacks as liars. Isn't this to be determined by the courts and not for YOU to say? (Anyway, how could you possibly know who is telling the truth? Were you there?)

And why do you, Mr. McDonnell, complain about the black students who are judged by their "peers"? Are you not judged by your peers in a court of law? Of course, you are! And you say that you "have not forgotten the basketball game they were allowed to disrupt." You are certainly very short on compassion and understanding.

Instead of being so quick to condemn, why don't you open your hearts and minds to a group of people who ask only that you give them the chance for justice and freedom that you'd give any other human being?

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