

**Jamrich Denies Accusation:**

**Defense Opens Case In Trial Of Six NMU Black Students**

Prosecuting Attorney Edward A. Quinnell rested his case for the prosecution at noon today in the district court trial of the six Northern Michigan University black students charged with creating a disturbance during the December sit-in at an NMU office. Barring unforeseen complications, Attorney J. Kent Bourland is expected to open his case for the defense at 1:15 this afternoon. The trial is scheduled to continue Saturday with a morning session from 9 to 12.

Dr. John X. Jamrich, president of Northern Michigan University, vehemently denied accusations made by the defense attorney Thursday in the Marquette District Court trial of six black NMU students charged with creating a disturbance during the December sit-in of a university office.

The university president was one of the witnesses called by Prosecutor Edward A. Quinnell for the people in the jury trial which opened on Monday. The six defendants were charged by

Marquette city police following a 19-hour sit-in Dec. 17-18 in the NMU office of Dr. Allan L. Niemi, vice president of student affairs.

Under cross-examination by J. Kent Bourland, of Hancock, attorney for the black students, Dr. Jamrich was questioned about an alleged heated argument he had with black students following the end of the sit-in.

Directing a question at Jamrich, Bourland said, "Didn't you in fact say to the black students — 'After all I have done for you, why did you niggers have to do this to me?'" The university president answered, "I have never, since my arrival at Northern Michigan University, up until this moment, have called a black person a 'nigger' and I want this a matter of record."

And, in his answer to the defense attorney, Dr. Jamrich sharply added, "I detest the insinuations you have been making."

Dr. Jamrich was one of the four witnesses called Thursday by Prosecutor Quinnell in connection with the events leading up to and including the sit-in, during which Dr. Niemi testified that he was held prisoner against his will by the blacks in his office for between 40-45 minutes at the close of the sit-in. The other three were Joel Smith, NMU student from Birmingham, Mich., a reporter for The Detroit News and representing the Marquette Mining Journal; John Fairman, director of the NMU News Bureau, and Harry Campbell, student from Grosse Pte. Farms, president of the NMU student body.

Also called to the witness stand Thursday afternoon by Prosecutor Quinnell were Steve Bergland and Tom Hallquist, student dormitory advisers, who were among those who signed the complaint against Charles Griffis, black senior from Grand Rapids. In early December, Griffis was charged with having a girl in his dormitory after hours. The recommendation of his suspension for the remainder of the school year by the Student Judiciary Committee is the factor which caused the black students to stage the protest sit-in.

Also testifying Thursday

was Ernest Neuman, chief engineer, at NMU. During his appearance on the stand he testified that the office damage, reportedly done during the sit-in — ransacking, broken windows and damaged office equipment — amounted to \$205.

Recalled to the stand this morning after a brief appearance late Thursday afternoon, was Lowell Kafer, dean of NMU students. His office was adjacent to the office of Dr. Niemi and the reception area where the sit-in was staged.

According to Prosecutor Quinnell, Kafer was the last witness scheduled to appear in the case of the people. After the cross-examination of Kafer is completed, Prosecutor Quinnell said the prosecution will rest its case. He indicated hopes of completing his case by noon or shortly before.

Bourland is expected to open his case for the defendants with the start of the afternoon session. It was unofficially reported that he will call from eight to 15 witnesses to the stand. The only witness who has been identified with the case is Dr. Robert F. McClellan, history instructor at NMU. The defense attorney indicated that during the court session Thursday morning.

After the early outburst Thursday morning by Defense Attorney Bourland, the remainder of Thursday's trial proceedings were comparatively quiet.

At the opening of the trial Thursday morning, Bourland accused Sheriff Adrian Pequet of ordering the defendants out of the courtroom at the close of Wednesday's afternoon session; he accused the court reporter of overcharging the defense for copies of transcripts of court proceedings and after in heated words over court procedure, demanded an apology from Judge Hill.

Sheriff Pequet, who took the witness stand, called Bourland's accusation untrue and stated he removed another spectator, not a defendant, from the courtroom. Judge Hill ignored the demand for an apology.

The court reporter, it was explained, did not overcharge Bourland for the

transcripts and that he paid the legal rate. Prosecutor Quinnell told the court that the charges for the transcripts "were legal and lawful according to the state statutes covering the fees for copies of court transcripts."

Since the trial opened Monday, Bourland has consistently defied the instructions and orders from the bench and he was warned and threatened with contempt of court on seven different occasions by Judge Hill. Bourland's courtroom tactics have prompted such remarks as—"Don't tell me how to run this court" and "I've had enough of your grandstanding" — from the judge.

On trial and charged with creating a disturbance during the 19-hour sit-in are Vernon Smalls, Marquette; David Williams, Detroit; Patrick Williams, Saginaw; Christopher Poole, Clarkston; Phillip Harper, Inkster, and Loren Loban, New Rochelle, N.Y.

The eight members of the all-white jury are Barbara Ostwald and Ross E. Gamble, Negaunee; Paulette Denofre, Stuart Sundblad and Jean M. Garrett, Ishpening; Patricia Raatz and Carol Lemire, Marquette, and Marion L. Benson, Champion. They were selected from a group of 60 prospective jurors.

**Alumni Of NMU Form Florida Club**

Organization of a West Florida NMU Alumni Club was announced this morning by R. Thomas Peters, director of alumni relations for Northern, following a recent meeting held in Sarasota. More than 40 persons attended the session.

Don Walworth, formerly of Marquette, 1963 recipient of the Northern Distinguished Alumni award, was named president; Art Doolittle, formerly of Negaunee, vice president; Mrs. David Jose (Joan Laycock), formerly of Marquette, second vice president, and Mrs. Howard (Elsie) Chubb, also a for-

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DRIVE-IN THEATRE

TONIGHT THRU SAT.  
STARTS AT DUSK  
TRIPLE FEATURE  
CHILLS! THRILLS!  
HIT No. 1

**Chiller of the year!**  
**FROZEN DEAD**  
WITH: DANA ANDREWS  
HIT No. 2  
**Monster of the year!**

**NMU Denies Report About Phase-Out Of Food Services Unit**

A statement by a labor official that Northern Michigan University is phasing out its food service department was denied today by the university

administrators. continue this procedure we may well be faced with a statewide major labor dispute."