

# The Mining Journal

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## Mistrial

Citizens of Marquette were stunned to learn that the case of six black students at Northern Michigan University charged with creating a disturbance during a sit-in last Dec. 17-18 had ended this week in a mistrial ruling by the Marquette District Court judge. The ruling came after filing of a joint stipulation by the defense and prosecuting attorneys. They based their motion for a mistrial on (1) an accusation that The Mining Journal accounts of the Dec. 17-18 demonstration and the trial "led to a misunderstanding . . . of the public" and (2) a vague statement that several members of the jury had been contacted by an unidentified person or persons during the trial.

The action leaves in its wake some pertinent questions for prosecutor Edward Quinnell to answer.

The defense attorney referred specifically to two aspects of The Mining Journal's coverage of the demonstration and trial. One was the use of the word "ransacked" to describe the condition of an office on the university campus that had been occupied by the students during the demonstration. The other was the omission in The Journal's reports of the trial proceedings of any mention of the NMU Human Rights Commission, which, testimony showed, had released a report on the afternoon of Dec. 17 declaring that a hearing before the Student Judiciary, in the matter of a student charged with having a woman in his dormitory room after hours was defective and should have been set aside.

This newspaper asserts that the attorneys have resorted to a most curious and questionable logic in blaming The Mining Journal for the failure to bring the trial to a normal conclusion.

Objection to the use of the verb "ransacked" is utter nit-picking. Our dictionary gives this definition: "To search thoroughly or vigorously through (a house, receptacle, etc.)." Whether the office was ransacked or not is a matter of subjective judgment.

The phrase was used in accounts published last December, immediately following the demonstration. If its use constituted grounds for declaring a mistrial, why wasn't this done at the outset so that taxpayers could have been spared some of the expense of this costly trial?

In regard to failure to mention the Human Rights Commission, this newspaper never has purported to provide its readers with a complete transcript of any trial, and to expect it to do so is absolutely ridiculous.

But these refutations of the charges contained in the motion for mistrial leave unanswered the larger question that has been raised in this strange attack on the press. That question is this: How can a newspaper now report on any event that might lead to court without raising the threat of a mistrial?

If The Mining Journal's accounts of the Marquette case could result in declaration of a mistrial, why wasn't a mistrial declared in the proceedings against the Chicago 7, which elicited published comments nationwide — many of them vehemently opposed to the defense?

Finally, what possible bearing could The Mining Journal accounts have had upon the guilt or the innocence of the defendants?

The case clearly demands answers that have not been forthcoming from the prosecutor. The public has a right to these answers and a right to have this case decided by a jury verdict.

The next move is not up to Northern Michigan University. It rests squarely with Prosecutor Quinnell in discharge of responsibilities delegated to him by the electorate.

Your Trouble Is You Don't Know  
Which End Is Up!



Andrew Tully:

## On Abortion Laws

WASHINGTON — I suppose the explanation of an obscure New York state legislator as to why he changed his mind and voted for one of the most liberal abortion laws in the nation tells as well as anything what's wrong with this pathetic republic.

Assemblyman George Michaels said he switched his vote "to have peace in the family." Unsuccessfully seeking endorsement for re-election by the Cayuga County Democratic Committee, Michaels told an impassioned story of his daughter's intervention.

**Terrified Of Offspring**  
"I learned from her that while she was a student at Wells College a girl friend practically mutilated herself," said Michaels. His daughter, he added, "hardly spoke to me for a week."

In short, like so many American parents, Michaels permitted himself to be intimidated by one of his kids. There is, of course, nothing much new in this. Most parents in this country are terrified of their offspring and will do anything to keep the sprouts off their backs, or at least in school and out of jail. The new gimmick is that a state legislator should base his vote on an important issue on his relationship with his daughter.

**Curious Situation**  
It is not the intention here to debate the rights and wrongs of New York State's new law, which permits a woman to have

At any rate, in this permissive era an unwanted pregnancy apparently is viewed as a nuisance on the level with an attack of measles. You know you go somewhere and have it created. For us squares it is a far cry from the bad old days when getting oneself illicitly with child was considered at least a tragedy and usually a disgrace, even as the parents quite properly rallied 'round and tried to do the best thing. It was not adjudged an achievement comparable, say, to a B in chemistry.

**Kids Have Taken Over**  
Now, as have Assemblyman George Michaels has revealed,

the kids have taken over. You vote their viewpoint in the legislative halls or they stop speaking to you. You pass laws to keep peace in the family.

I do not defend the barbaric ostracization suffered by some unmarried mothers in the old often insensitive days. But I am a little uncomfortable about the encouragement of promiscuity by legislative fiat. Children are citizens, too, but are legal storefront abortion mills really the answer to their sexual hangups? Should we go on to legalize holdups by young folks going nuts for a heroin fix, or murder by a kid who hated his teddy bear?

For the answers to those questions, I gather, we should fortify with commission George Gallup to conduct a nationwide poll of our offspring, with particular attention to those tads whose fathers hold public office.

## The Journal Files

60 Years Ago

—Marquette—  
Guy H. Freese, who came to Marquette from Sault Ste. Marie five years ago to take charge of the National Barber Shop in the basement of the Marquette National Bank block, will leave about the middle of May, for Duluth, where he will take the management of the shop in the Holland Hotel.

Word was received that State Game Warden Pearce had appointed T. J. Maney one of his deputies. Mr. Maney will be paid in part by the state and in part by the county and will confine his work to Marquette County

pockets.  
A large number of Ishpeming men and boys will go trout fishing tomorrow when the season opens. Several livery rigs have been hired and it is expected that if weather is favorable there will be several hundred Ishpeming men in quest of fish.  
Capt. P. W. Pascoe, Al Hocking, Wade Siebenthal, T. W. Clemo and C. W. Munson of Republic attended a meeting of the Masonic Society here.

—Negaunee—  
While a shortage of labor is reported from various parts of the Northwest, there is no particular scarcity of men in this

## Business Mirror: Worker's Productivity Gains Fall

By JOHN CUNIFF  
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — During the boom years of the 1960s, when jobs were so plentiful that employers were forced to relax standards, some workers prematurely instituted the four-day week: They got "sick" on Fridays or Mondays.

One effect of such deception was to help ruin a good thing: productivity per manhour went down, prices went up, inflation caught hold, the government forced a slowdown, layoffs began.

The country is now being forced to re-cognize the embarrassing and dangerous fact that the productivity gains of the American worker, on average, fell to less than one percent last year, or about one-quarter of the average postwar rate.

**Costly Inefficiencies**  
Absenteeism wasn't the only cause, of course. There were many other factors, among them:

—Industry was forced to employ marginal workers in order to keep pace with the demand. Their skills were few, their output below average.

—Management became lax in its habits and permitted all sorts of costly inefficiencies to develop. Some managements were not innovative. They failed to develop technology and methods that would have improved productivity.

**Both On Treadmill**  
—Secure in the knowledge that their skills were tradeable, workers felt free to change jobs frequently. During their periods of adaptation, their skills were lost to both the old and the new employer.

One result of this slackening in the rate of productivity was to put both sides on a management treadmill. Despite higher sales, corporate profits ceased to keep pace. Because of higher prices, pay increases evaporated.

No matter how many reasons are given for the declining rate of productivity, absenteeism must be high among them. A report by Morgan Guaranty Trust notes that nonagricultural absenteeism last year was 77 percent higher than in 1961.

**Comment By GM Chairman**  
Disturbed by the trend, General Motors Chairman James Roche commented recently:

"Our ability to improve our standard of living depends directly on our willingness to work to create the goods and services we enjoy. Difficulties are remedied only so long as production increases, wages can be raised without any inflation resulting. But productivity hasn't kept pace with wage and price increases. The result: inflation



(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.)

## Bingo And Horses

Dear Sir:

To the Hon. Dominic Jacobetti:  
You march right in there and tell those Lansing rebels us Yankees up here do not take kindly to them telling us we can't play a little bingo on a Saturday night when they can put a sawbuck on their favorite plow mule at Hazel Park anytime they have a mind to.

Ain't right.  
Also tell them if they pay you no heed next time we will send down somebody whose last name is Sherman.  
RUSSELL MCLEOD  
Gwinn

## Mining In Republic

Sir:

Following is a letter which I have mailed to State Rep. Dominic Jacobetti (D-Negaunee):

I have followed with interest your bill H. R. 4294, and though I am in accord with your thinking, as I understand the bill there are some points which I do not understand. Why all the concern for the future while the same situations exist today and are being ignored?

Our children have been seen climbing the waste piles here in Republic. What is being done to protect them from rock slides now? Not so much as a fence between. Rock slides are just as likely to occur while the mine is in operation as they will be after it has been closed. Huge boulders, from the mining operation, are lying where our children have a right to play with absolutely no safeguards being taken whatsoever.

Pollution today should be of immediate concern to everyone. Not that the future should be ignored, but let's not forget that our air and water are being polluted every day in Republic by the mining operation.

I do not go along with the adage, live for today and let the future take care of itself. I would rather that even you would consider more seriously the one which says, don't put off for tomorrow that which should be done today.

Should there be injury or loss of life here due to the careless mining attitudes, the passage of H. R. 4294 could not be used as an excuse for not being concerned about the dangers today.

BEN MYKKKANEN  
Box 6  
Republic

## Movie Advertising

Dear Sir:

A theater in Marquette and your newspaper has this to say about a feature film: "It doesn't matter who the father is — Jenny's found someone to love her."

I'm not naive enough to believe that a statement such as this will corrupt a child or a nation. But I do believe that the continued use of such irresponsible advertising has done and is doing our community, our children and our nation irreparable harm.

Pollution of our environment did not happen overnight. It began with greedy, thoughtless, apathetic citizens. The corroding of our mental environment through advertising and mass communication that seeks to degrade rather than elevate the minds of our young people will cost us much more than the loss of our pure air and water.

Concerned citizens of all ages are aroused to do something about the proper disposal of useless garbage. Along with this, shouldn't we do something about the disposal of the verbal and visual garbage?

RUTH KOTILA HENNE  
Deertrack  
Marquette

## Wave Of Revival

Sir:

The very serious need of a spiritual awakening ought not to be ignored. The coming of the Lord is drawing nigh.

As in Noah's day, the earth is filled with violence. Friends, the only way to stem the tide is to begin with ourselves. Repent, ask God's forgiveness, seek His Spirit of truth, knock for opportunity to tell others the glad tidings that Jesus saves. Encourage and assist others in righteousness. Believe and pray for results.

A wave of revival is sweeping through the area. If you feel stirred, launch out, worship God and let Him direct you. Yield to the Spirit of God. Don't be ashamed of Jesus. Tell of His Mercy and deliverance, of His joy and peace. Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins, not in our sin. Praise the Lord. Salvation is real.

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