Questions About Trial Of Six NMU Black Students Fielded By Two Attorneys

About 500 students and faculty suited" on whether to drop the members at Northern Michigan charges, but said he made the University attended "a tell it decision. all' question and answer discussion between the prosecutor from Dr. Janurich's office from and detense attorneys in the re-cent trial involving six black land. "I think President Janum, in the office of the North In response to Bourland's reérn Michigan University dean marks, Quinnell told the audi-

defense attorney for the black want to pass the burden of his students, and Marquette County tesponsibility to are the else. He Prosecutor Edward A. Quinnell repeated that tielded more than a dozen quest could have asked him to prose tions concerning the Marquette cute the black students all day County District Court-trial from long, but that he still had is the audience Tuesday at the bi-sign the complaint himself weekly Academic Senate meet-

Both were invited to partici-

90 Minutes Of Questioning

swered questions from the au- drawn out too long. dience for about 90 minutes

In his opening remarks, Quinnell told the crowd that should be thankful that violence at Northern Michigan Universi-

seldom has anything to do with persuading anyone. Violence Quinnell added that the black only serves to build resistance. Misinformation Charged

He concluded his opening re-marks by saying that there should be some sort of limitations on demonstrations. They should be peaceful and purpose

they were being ted with miscommunity at Northern.

that the community at large tion if you knew all the facts. systematically over the last two years has been fed miscommunity and more recently Blacks told me it was worse than I would ever believe - you

"With the truth in your hands, you will be quite surprised." Question For Prosecutor

of the two attorneys during the SERVED IN BOTH HOUSES question and answer period was hy the prosecutor decided to black students.

deciding whether to prosecute. But, he added, the final decision is always left up to the prosecutor.

Commenting on the question. Bourland said it was his understanding that NMU President Johin X. Jamrich urged the prosecution of the six black students and would not retract the charges until last week. Final Responsibility

Quinnell admitted that the administration was "certainly con-

"The shots were being called students charged with creating a rich was behind the prosecution

students ence that "it's not all — North

J. Kent. Bourland, Hancock, ern's fault." He said he did not

'Drawn Out Too Long'

One student asked the attorneys why the university depate in the question and answer cided not to pursue prosecution discussion by the Academic of the black students after the trial was declared a mistrial.

"I do not know why the uni Each attorney spoke to the versity decided not to push for crowd for 10 minutes before another trial," said Quinnell. "I answering questions. They an suspect that the case has just

Quinnell also indicated that he was "amazed" that Jamrich "we had ordered the tapes of the Charles Griffis hearing erased shortly before the trial began A recommendation by the Stutyu has been minimal."

"Violence cannot solve any basic issues," said Quinnell. "It against Griffis, a 1 acceptable. dent Judiciary for discipline

Quinnell added that the black students did have a purpose for the demonstration. He said that until the damage was done there was no need to prosecute."
'Conflict Of Interest' Charged

"It looked like we had enough hould be peaceful and purpose of the six black students," said Bourland told the audience Quinnell, "But we just didn't."

In response to Quinnell, Bour information about the black land said that "there isn't one person in this room who would 'The problem. I believe, is not have joined that demonstra-

Answering one final question about the news coverage of the information about the black trial in The Mining Journal, both attorneys lashed out at said Bourland, "what appears to be a conflict a member of the NMU Board of Control and president of Panax Corp., which publishes The Min-ing Journal.

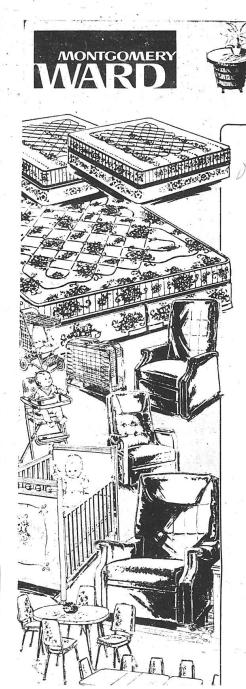
William Rufus King was the

only U.S. vice president to black students gress. In each house, he repre-Quinnell responded by saying sented a different state. He was that the "wishes of the victim" elected a representative from are always considered before North Carolina in 1811 and a senator from Alabama in 1819

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