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The Brink Of Violence

One of the most unfortunate moments in the annals of Northern Michigan unfolded yesterday morning. A group of black students appeared at the residence of Dr. John X. Jamrich, university president, in the pre-dawn hours to present a preposterous demand that the order classes halted for the remainder of the semester in recognition of the killing of six blacks in August, Ga., during rioting following the beating death of a black teenage jail prisoner there. Dr. Jamrich reported the meeting followed a threatening phone call he had received from a person who identified himself as a black student demanding cancellation of classes and threatening damage to campus buildings if the demand wasn't met. Later in the morning it was discovered that four homemade fire bombs had been thrown into Kaye Hall but had not exploded and that other minor damage was committed at this building and others on the campus.

Regardless of who was responsible for the telephone call and the firebomb tossing, the entire episode was deplorable. A demand that classes be halted three weeks in advance of the end of the semester is simply beyond reason.

The incident served only to exacerbate an already embittered relationship between students and the community, a relationship that regrettably has deteriorated with each new expression of defiance.

The miscellaneous actions of Wednesday morning are rendered all the more tragic by coming at the very moment when another segment of the student population was making a sincere and commendable effort to try to improve communications with the community. We are convinced that this group working toward constructive relations with the community represents by far the majority of those enrolled at Northern Michigan University. Nevertheless, the actions of a few have jeopardized, if not crippled, the laudable objectives of the representatives of the majority.

The hope remains that this will be only a temporary setback and that those seeking a positive approach to student problems will continue to work toward this goal in spite of the additional handicap they now face.

There also is hope that we have seen an end to the acts that have gone to the brink of violence on the Northern Michigan University campus. The community is disgusted, frustrated, confused, alarmed and totally unhappy over what it has witnessed in recent days. It cannot tolerate a step beyond the brink — and neither can the university.

Peninsula Perambulator

Karl Krumrey, 48, Manistique, was admitted to Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital for treatment of an accidental gunshot wound. State police said he was cleaning a small automatic pistol in his home and reloaded the gun, a malfunction causing the weapon to fire. His injuries were minor.

The City-Country Airport Board will resubmit its request for an all-new Sault Ste. Marie airport, estimated at a cost of almost three and one-quarter million dollars, to the Federal Aviation Agency. Board members pointed out that the delay in acting on construction of a new airport because of the uncertainty over the Kinchele phaseout had brought estimated costs for airfield construction up almost \$500,000.

The Ojibway Motor Hotel Co. will begin an extensive expansion program of its facilities this summer. Fred W. Becks, Jr., hotel manager, said plans call for expenditure of \$250,000. Besides upgrading of the present hotel rooms, the program will include construction of a 6,000-square-foot convention hall, with a second floor for storage and a third floor year-round swimming pool with a glass roof.



Andrew Tully:

Gerry Ford In Trouble?

WASHINGTON — A measure of the political trouble President Nixon and the Republicans find themselves facing in this time of Cambodia, inflation and a sick stock market, can be found in the suggestion that even House Minority Leader Gerald Ford, R-Mich., may not be a shoo-in for re-election next November.

Ford, a Grand Rapids boy, has been a public hero in the state since his days as an athletic star at the University of Michigan. He entered the House in 1949 and has always won going away. Politicians on Capitol Hill like to claim he has the safest congressional seat outside the South.

'Trouble For Incumbents'
Yet the unthinkable is being thought these days by a Ford ally on the Hill. As he puts it, "I think Gerry can make it again, but if the Democrats find a really outstanding candidate Gerry will have to fight for it."

The reason advanced by this member of the Ford entourage can be applied to a number of Republicans in "safe" seats. It is that "Everybody's mad, and that means trouble for the incumbents." In Ford's district, it is noted, both businessmen and white- and blue-collar workers have turned hostile over the slumping stock market, the high cost of living and the dubious state of the economy. Some of this hostility was demonstrated when the voters in rock-ribbed Republican Grand Rapids rejected a bond issue and thereby raised the probability that a number of schools will have to be closed in September.

—Still Pretty Solid

Predictably, the revelations have caused Democratic critics to charge that the administration has "broken faith" with the people. In congressional cloakrooms, legislators are using ugly terms like "liar" to vent their consternation and indignation. There is much talk of the "Old Nixon."

Shocking Suggestion
Unhappily, the administration has placed itself in the position of having to answer the question of who is running American foreign policy. There is

something unappealing about a situation in which the secretary of state, by his own testimony, knew nothing about an escalation of the war until just before the action was announced. And there is the shocking suggestion that the military leadership is concealing operations from its civilian boss.

The President has said American troops will be out of Cambodia by July 1 or "I'll be replacing my new chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff — probably with an ensign." That might save some Republican seats on the Hill, but it would not necessarily dispel the odor of government by gimmickry, nor still the unease — even in Gerry Ford's "safe" district — over the parlous state of the economy.

The Journal Files

60 Years Ago

—Marquette—
School census enumerators will begin work May 17, and the work must be finished before June 6. Enumerators for Marquette, and the wards in which they will work, are as follows: First ward, Miss Annie Maney; second, Miss Nellie O'Keefe; third, Miss N. Reardon; fourth, Miss Elizabeth Crowley; fifth, Miss Kate Wallace.

Marquette men who have returned from trips to the nearby boeing woods predict that unless there are rainfalls within a few days forest fires will cause great damage. The fires are raging in many directions, and damage already done is considerable.

—Ispheming—
Progress is being made on plans for the YMCA camp at Lake Michigan. A site has been selected for a building, to be used as quarters. It is the

or England on a visit to his former home. He will be away until early in July.

—Bony' Dixon, who shut out Negaunee Sunday, won a dozen photographs offered by Childs Art Gallery to the local pitcher, having the first shutout.

—Negaunee—
Miss Canfield Rock is visiting in the Copper Country for a few days. Harry Lee is taking her place as pianist at the Bijou Theater during her absence.

—Chin Hee and wife, who left Negaunee for Calumet more than a year ago, have returned. Mr. Hee has disposed of his laundry business in Calumet. He retained his interest in the laundry here while he was in the Copper Country.

At a special meeting of the board of directors, it was decided to submit the question of bonding the city in the sum of \$31,000, to a

Business Mirror:

Stock Mart Seat Prices Take Plunge

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NEW YORK (AP) — Anyone who owns a seat on a major stock exchange knows everything there is to know about paper losses. Not just because of professional investors' orders, it is a very personal matter with them.

Suppose, for example, that one year ago you were convinced, as was many others for 180 years or so, that a fortune could be made in Wall Street. Having met many other requirements, you pay \$515,000 for a seat on the New York Stock Exchange.

That sum gives you the privilege of doing business on the exchange floor, of buying and selling stocks and earning commissions on customers' orders and, of course, keeping a close watch on your own portfolio.

Steady Decline
As of May 12, your investment had declined to \$209,000, and the price line was pointed almost straight down, something like the line that depicts the Dow Jones Industrial Average.

Since it reached that \$515,000 a year ago, the price of a seat declined steadily until November, when it did a little jig at \$375,000, before falling to a plateau of \$300,000 early this year, from which it proceeded to the

Since misery not only loves company but usually has it, you would not be alone. The paper value of the 1,366 seats on the New York Stock Exchange is now valued at \$703,490,000 last, May to \$273,200,000 on May 12.

Average Loss \$5,280
That loss, you might say with an absence of sympathy, hardly compares with a whopping decline in the value of all stocks listed on the exchange—from \$691.1 billion in April a year ago to \$553.8 billion at the end of last year. But that loss was spread among 26 million shareholders.

That means the seat loss of \$315,000 compares with an average shareholder loss of \$5,280. Averages give a somewhat distorted story, but in this case the contrast may suggest the relative misery involved.

Seat prices have always had their ups and downs, often quite sharply, but you can go back to the era of The Great Depression before finding similar declines. In 1933, for example, prices dropped to \$90,000 from \$250,000.

Simple Explanation
The explanation for the declines of more than three decades ago were simple: Brokers who began feeling a glimmer of hope following the 1929 debacle were finally realizing that the country and the market were in an economic mudhole.

During the past year or so, however, as an equal number of factors has affected prices, and who knows, perhaps permanently.

Views Of Others
WHEN NOT TO NOD
Be careful when and where you nod. Nod in a car and you might find a harp in your hand.



(Contributions are invited. Letters should be limited to less than 300 words. Unsigned letters will not be considered for publication. Personal attacks on individuals will be eliminated.)

Differences In Teen-Agers

Sir: With the television on today, I have become aware of the many teen-agers in Washington bearing witness to what they believe. I cannot hate any one of them, although I dislike the motives of many of their leaders. Many of the young people I have heard and read about I believe to be spiritually and morally dead. I wonder if they have ever had the opportunity to be turned out to things morally alive like love, joy, peace, gentleness, goodness, etc. Do they know concern and respect from parents and the love of God from churches?

I said goodbye to six teen-agers this morning who were going out to spend the day painting and generally cleaning the lodge and campgrounds used by the Boy Scouts of the area as well as the Community Schools. These teens were radiantly happy to be helpful and useful. I watched 10 grade school girls walking through town with paper bags and brooms, sweeping and picking up litter. I'd say these young people are spiritually and morally alive.

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Lowering Of Armory Flag

To the Editor: The local media did not do proper justice to the "Normal" students who kicked the shins of the Establishment and brought Dick Nixon to his knees in cold fear, by the forced lowering of the flag to half-mast at the armory.

What more could such a gang do to demonstrate their rage at bloodshed and iniquity in general at this cultural oasis in the (It's Dark in the Woods; Isn't It?) underdeveloped U. P. desert, outside of growing the contemporary long hair, buying the contemporary horned-rims and playing the contemporary, collegiate, fifth-grade games in flag symbolism with the authorities. All across the campus nation the flag has been burned, thrown in mud, worn in a variety of ways by the cool cats who pollute this fresh U. P. air with their motorcycles — what else is new?

The flags come down and out come those empty, inane clichés of "alienation," "identity," "lack of communication," that begin to sound like the overworked TV commercial promising instant relief for some sort of inner tensions, while somewhere in the world someone receives an undeserved bullet in the brain, children have an undeserved hunger and someone dies an undeserved death. It is of little difference whether they are American or Oriental, black, white or even indigo, Christian or non-Christian.

The flag is lowered, the meaningless phrases spoken, then again beer cans are thrown out windows, classes become shabby, boredom, cigarette butts are still thrown on floors; Saturday night, well nothing to do — "make love, not war" — "It's also dark somewhere else; isn't it?"

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Students' 'Holiday'

Dear Sir: In reference to your headline (on Pages 1 and 10) of May 7, 1970, "NMU GRANTS STUDENTS' DEMAND FOR 'HOLIDAY,'" I am rather curious about your choice of the term "Holiday." You also used it (in quotes) in describing the meeting between the students and President Jamrich — "... Jamrich promised ... to consider the 'holiday' demand" (on Page 10). Was this a quote from the students or was it President Jamrich's choice of words? Did "Holiday" deserve headline position because your reporter heard it uttered frequently in that discussion? Since "Holiday" suggests to me at least "vacation" if not "festivity," I find it difficult to believe that the word was used at all by any of the parties involved.

Intentional or not (I welcome your clarification), your choice of words seemed to me to imply that the suspicion of some (many?) of your readers is true: Those troublesome students will go to almost any length to get a holiday. I respectfully submit that President Jamrich's message to the faculty — that classes would be dismissed on May 9 in "proper respect" for the Kent State students — more emphatically captured the essence of student concern.

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(It is common journalistic practice to employ quotation marks when an inexact word is used, and "holiday" may not exactly describe the May 8 occasion. But "holiday" comes as close to the mark as any single word by this Webster's Collegiate definition: "any day of exemption from labor or work." Nor does "holiday" imply any lack of "proper respect," as witness Memorial Day, itself a holiday commemorating the dead. — Editor.)