

Student Head and Teacher Are Seized at Kent State

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KENT, Ohio, Oct. 19—Portage County deputy sheriffs arrested the student body president of Kent State University and a sociology professor today in the beginning of a roundup

of 25 persons indicted by a state grand jury in connection with the disorders here last May, in which four students were killed by National Guardsmen. By 5:30 P.M. four arrests had been made.

The grand jury report containing the indictments, made public on Friday, exonerated the guardsmen and placed the "major responsibility" on the university administration for fostering "an attitude of laxity, over-indulgence and permissiveness."

Some faculty members were also blamed for "overemphasis" of the right to dissent, and the jurors criticized the language used by demonstrating students.

Arrested in Office

Craig Morgan, the student body president, was taken into custody in his office in the Student Activities Center by a man in civilian clothes with an American flag in his lapel. Mr. Morgan took the envelope containing his warrant, made a telephone call and then left for the county courthouse in near-by Ravenna to be arraigned.

He was charged with second-degree riot for allegedly being part of a "tumultuous" crowd on May 4, the day on which the four students were slain and nine others wounded in a 13-second burst of M-1 rifle fire. Mr. Morgan was released later on \$1,000 bail.

Earlier, Dr. Thomas S. Lough, a 42-year-old associate professor of sociology, turned him-

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self in at the courthouse. He was charged with incitement to riot and was released on \$5,000 bond.

The indictment against Dr. Lough filed in the courthouse did not list any specific overt act, but merely said that on last May 4 he "did unlawfully and knowingly encourage others to riot."

Alarms Colleagues

Dr. Lough, a self-professed socialist on a faculty where liberals are identifiable by the beards they wear with their crew cuts, is popular among the students but regarded with alarm by some of his colleagues who fear, as one said this afternoon, that "he's giving us a bad name."

The professor, who also directs an antipoverty program in Akron, has been a controversial figure since he began describing the manufacture of Molotov cocktails while discussing the Newark riots in his social problems course several years ago.

The first of those arrested today, Richard C. Felber, 21, of Akron, who left Kent State last fall, was already in jail in Ravenna, serving a 20-to-40-year sentence for possession of hallucinogenic drugs.

The sentence was meted out after his conviction earlier this month on two counts of possession of marijuana and one of possession of LSD, hashish and mescaline.

He was charged today with attempting to burn property, assault of a fireman, interference with a fireman and first-degree riot.

Shortly after noon, Jerry Rupe, a nonstudent who lives in Kent, was booked on charges of arson, assault on a fireman, interference with a fireman and first-degree riot.

The news of the arrest of Mr. Morgan, an Air Force R.O.T.C. cadet who has been the major spokesman and organizer for the emphasis on nonviolence that pervades campus groups here, was greeted with consternation among the students.

As signs announcing the arrest were posted in the windows of the campus newspaper, The Daily Kent Stater, students shook their heads.

"I just don't believe it," said a youth in a fatigue jacket.

Wonder About Charge

Near Memorial Gate at the edge of the campus, one student asked what the 21-year-old student body president had been charged with.

"I don't know; I guess they just wanted to get him because he's a symbol," his companion said.

Dr. Robert I. White, the university president, this morning issued a statement saying that he would not immediately comment on the grand jury report.

Like all of the 300 witnesses before the grand jury, Dr. White has been under a court order forbidding him to speak to newsmen.

On Saturday, Common Pleas Judge Edwin Jones issued a

modification of the order to permit Dr. White to hold a news conference to comment on the report, but specifically forbidding him to criticize it.

This morning's statement began dryly:

"It is impossible for me to make any comment on the grand jury report without critical comment of portions of it. This would violate the supplemental order . . ."

Caught by Pressures

Dr. White, a pipe-smoking man who wears his Phi Beta Kappa key on his tie clasp, is caught between the restlessness of his students, the resentment of the townspeople and the pressures being brought to bear by state and local politicians. On Friday, he was denounced both by the grand jury and by speakers at a student rally on the Commons.

This afternoon, he issued another statement calling the Friday rally "deplorable" and charging that it was "beyond any doubt a de facto disruption." Under a new Ohio law, campus disruption is a crime.

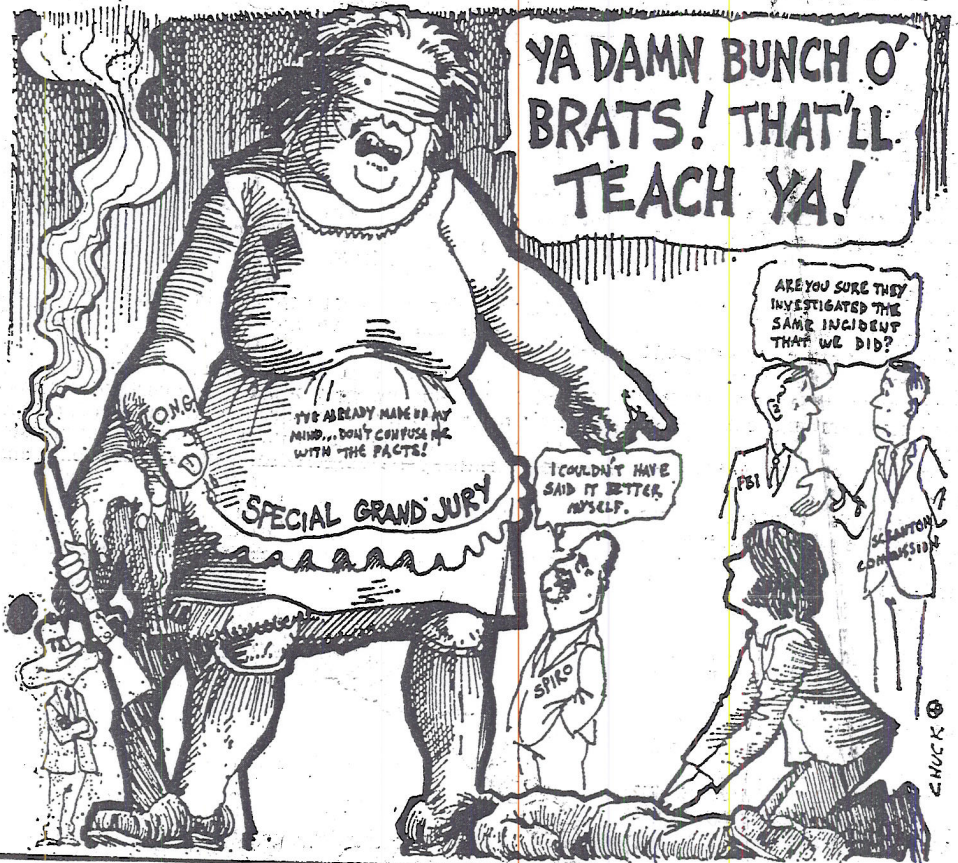
Both the faculty senate and the student government met in emergency sessions this afternoon.

There was heated debate among members of the student government over whether William M. Kunstler, the radical lawyer who has volunteered to direct the defense of those indicted, should go ahead with a speech scheduled for tonight at the Magic Theater, a downtown bar.

University officials said that before his arrest, Mr. Morgan had asked that Mr. Kunstler

not be granted permission to speak on campus.

The debate reflected, on the one hand, fear that the university might be shut down and a commitment to nonviolence widely shared among the student body, and, on the other hand, the anger of the students over last spring's death and the findings of the grand jury.



STUDENT COMMENT: Editorial cartoon by Chuck Ayers that appeared Sunday in the Kent Stater, university student newspaper, reflects considerable body of student opinion.