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## KENT STATE JURY VISITS RIOT SITE

### Eight Men and Four Women to Try First Defendant

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RAVENNA, Ohio, Nov. 23—

The jury selected for the trial of the first of 25 persons indicted in the 1970 Kent State University disorders toured the campus at Kent today under a heavy escort of sheriff's deputies.

A handful of students awaited the jurors at the snow-covered site of the old Reserve Officer Training Corps building, which was burned during an antiwar demonstration on May 2, 1970.

As the jury's motor convoy appeared on the crest of a knoll overlooking the site, the students began yelling "stop the trials." But the jurors, whose selection had been completed only 30 minutes earlier in Portage County Courthouse, did not hear the shouting. They stayed in their cars and the convoy quickly retreated from the scene.

In one of the cars sat the defendant, Jerry Rune, 23 years old, a Ravenna resident who was not a student. He is charged with arson, first degree rioting, slashing a fire hose, and throwing stones at firemen during the burning of the building.

Mr. Rupe's attorneys suggested that the jury visit the campus, and Judge Edwin W. Jones consented. But the jurors were to talk to no one, Judge Jones decreed, and the attorneys were allowed to speak to the jurors only through a deputy sheriff.

No trace of the R.O.T.C.

building remained. In its place stood an open air forum that the students have christened Hyde Park. They said it was rarely used. A coed moaned: "This is the most apathetic semester I've ever endured."

In the background, surmounted by Taylor Hall (architecture and journalism), was Blanket Hill, scene of the killing of four students by the Ohio National Guard in the bloody climax of the disorders on May 4, 1970, two days after the fire. Today the slope rang with the cheerful yells of coeds sledding on the snow.

The jury of eight men and four women was completed after the defense had used up all its four available peremptory challenges to dismiss potential jurors suspected of bias against the defendant.

One of those excused by the defense was William Jennings Bennett, who had conceded that he had signed a petition condoning the National Guard killings and censuring the students. Yesterday, Judge Jones refused to dismiss Mr. Bennett for cause.

Others dismissed on defense challenge were John Robert Burton, president of the Parent Teachers Association of the Southeast School District of Portage County, who said he could not remember whether he had signed the National Guard petition; William Albert Kimmerly, who thought that an indicted person had to prove his innocence, and Jarrell Yerkey, who had proudly declared himself a teetotaler when the judge asked the question that must be put to all jurors in Ohio: "Are you an habitual drunkard?"

Despite Mr. Yerkey's plea that some of his best friends drank, the defense apparently feared that his teetotalism might lead to an unconscious bias against the defendant, who had pleaded guilty in another case to possession of drugs for sale.