

Witness to Kent Slayings Testifies

Cleveland

A former Kent State University employee testified to a federal grand jury yesterday that he did not see any actions that "threatened" National Guard troops the day they shot four students dead almost four years ago.

"I did not think the Guard was threatened at all that day," William J. McGuire said he told the 23 grand jurors re-investigating the May 4, 1970, slayings during a campus demonstration against the U.S. incursion into Cambodia.

"I didn't see any rocks or other objects being thrown."

In testimony Monday, former Guardsmen Michael Delaney said that then-Ohio Governor James A. Rhodes was in an "inflammatory" mood when he visited the university campus and told the troops "to use whatever force necessary" to prevent possible violence.

Four students were killed and nine wounded when Guardsmen fired into a crowd of protestors. A special state grand jury investigated the shootings at the time and issued a report critical of the Kent State administration for "permissiveness." Twenty-five persons were indicted in connection with the four days of disorders that preceded the shootings.

McGuire was one of seven witnesses called yesterday

Bomb Halt For Birds

Washington

The Defense Department has agreed to stop bombing a Texas island while the world's 46 surviving whooping cranes are wintering there, according to Senator William Proxmire (Dem - Wis.).

Proxmire, who has campaigned against the practice bombing, said Monday that Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger has agreed to restrict bombing runs on 51,000-acre Matagorda Island, off Corpus Christi, to June through September, when the birds nest in Canada.

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to testify to the federal panel re-examining the incident. He said he gave the jurors 39 pictures that covered the entire sequence, but that the pictures were "nothing spectacular."

McGuire said he believes the grand jury was trying to determine how far the students were from Guardsmen when the shooting started and "whether or not there was an order to fire or whether it was spontaneous."

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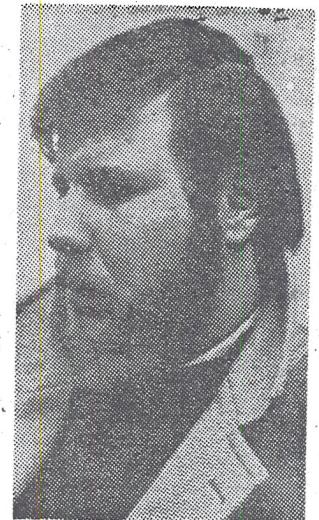
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WILLIAM MCGUIRE
He spoke of Guardsmen



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