

Sidelines

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Disciplinary Committee Places 4 On Probation

Three men students were placed on restrictive probation and one on non-recorded probation last week by the ten member disciplinary committee, according to President M. G. Scarlett.

The decision came after a lengthy appeal before Scarlett by the students involved and their parents. The incident, involving "misconduct" of four MTSU men students against five women students, was to have occurred after the MTSU-APSU pep rally.

After hearing the appeals in detail from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. Nov. 13, Scarlett made no alter-

tations in the decision passed earlier by the disciplinary committee. This committee is headed by Dr. Earl Young of the MTSU Agriculture Department.

Two of the men were placed on restrictive probation banning them from participating in school activities or functions for the duration of their stay at MTSU. One student was placed on this probation only for the remainder of this school year. The fourth is under non-recorded probation—receiving special scrutiny—but is allowed to participate in university activities.

Scarlett pointed out that the three prohibited from school functions were members of the MTSU football squad.

He said that the decision was particularly rough on them but that everyone involved seemed to feel that the committee conducted a "fair hearing"—although some did not necessarily agree with the decision.

The four young men were defended by Mr. Bobby Corcoran, economics instructor and president of the local chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP).

A delay in the hearing was granted in order that Corcoran have sufficient time to prepare his defense.

Scarlett then stated that another system of appeals should be considered. He suggested that a committee be established to hear all appeals. Then students would have final rulings based upon two group decisions.

Grade Proposal Declared Sound

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following statement was made by Dr. Laymon Moyers, assistant professor of education, in response to an article published in the Nov. 18 issue of the SIDELINES in which Dr. Robert Aden, dean of the graduate school, claimed Moyers' information concerning the present grading system was "erroneous."

The grade proposal submitted by the students is not based on erroneous information, as charged, but it is apparent that Dr. Aden has misunderstood their plan and its objectives.

Jerry Howse and the student group fully understand that any increase in cumulative averages occurring as a result of the plan adoption would undoubtedly be matched by a comparable raising of minimum requirements. This has no bearing on the issue. The students are not asking for a lowering of standards. They are only seeking a system that more accurately reflects performance levels and minimizes the role of chance.

It does come as a surprise to learn that our present quality point system "theoretically" defines the mark of A as including up

to 4.5, when the most any student can make is 4.0. This brings another question: Since Dr. Aden says a C extends from 1.5 to 2.5, and the catalog refers in numerous places to "an average grade of C being required, will the university accept a cumulative average of 1.51 as being a C?"

Dr. Aden infers we would expect instructors to evaluate and record in terms of one-tenth of a point. They are already doing it—and can't avoid it. A grade of C is recorded as an exact 2.000, and they give the same precise value to every student from the highest C to the lowest C. Sometimes over half the class is in the C range. Many instructors feel it is just as easy and logical to discriminate between a C plus and a C minus as it is between a low C and a high D.

All instructors have to draw lines between letter marks. Of the two students separated by each of these lines, one is, as Dr. Aden so aptly puts it, "taken up" and the other "taken down." It is this "taking up and taking down" that we are attempting to minimize. The students object to effectively throwing away from zero to almost three quality points

in a three-hour course, the amount depending entirely upon the element of chance as to whether he happens to fall just above or

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Veteran's Club Holds Talent, Beauty Show

The annual Veteran's Club Talent Show and Beauty Contest begins at 7:30 tonight in the auditorium of the Dramatic Arts Building.

The event features 13 young ladies — one from each dorm on campus — who will be vying for the title of Veteran's Club Sweetheart and several individuals or groups vying for the title position in the talent division.

The contestants in the beauty contest will be rated on their appearance and poise in sportswear and evening dress. The winner will be selected on the basis of ticket-stub votes turned in by members of the show's audience. Those competing in the talent di-

vision will be ranked by judges George Clinton, Dallas Biggers, and Ann Holland.

Competing for the crown tonight will be Mary Brockman, Schardt Hall; Lynn Williamson, Felder Hall; Barbara Simmons, Reynolds Hall; Sherrie Overton, Miss Mary Hall; Susan Alday, Lyon Hall;

Kathy Bess, Jones Hall; Carrol Hale, McHenry Hall; Sharon Tucker, Monahan Hall; Joanne Kiser, Rutledge Hall; Michele Phillips, Wood Hall; Connie Oliver, High Rise, second and third floors; Barbara Gentry, fourth and fifth floors; and Linda Joyce Johnson, sixth and seventh floors.

Mandatory ROTC Violates Freedoms: Temple

Student Charges Learning Hindered

By Keel Hunt

Harry Temple III, a Nashville sophomore who once served with the Sam Davis Rifles here, has charged that compulsory ROTC is a "hindrance to education" and a direct violation of the U.S. Constitution.

Temple, who is now classified 4F, said Tuesday that three prominent Nashville attorneys have promised him legal assistance "because they say I'm in the right."

He said to require a student to take Reserve Officer Training is to restrict his freedom to choose the manner in which he will serve the United States. Temple said this was in violation of the freedom of speech guaranteed in the first amendment.

"This guarantee includes the right to express your belief in your country and what you believe is right in serving the United States," Temple said.

"It involves a freedom of choice," he added. "When you go into the service, you chose to sacrifice your life in either of several ways. You can be in the military service, you can serve as a doctor or any number of other services."

Temple, who received his present classification after being drafted into the U.S. Marine Corps, said he would not be allowed to contest the measure himself because of his draft status.

He said, however, that he will offer financial assistance to anyone wishing to take the issue into court "even if it goes all the way to the Supreme Court."

Choosing to speak for himself Tuesday, Temple would not identify the three Nashville attorneys.

But he said they have informed him that the requirement could be reversed, and one has told him, Temple said, that compulsory ROTC violates an individual's rights to freedom of speech and freedom of choice.

Comparing required ROTC to compulsory courses in English and physical science, Temple said "that's



HARRY TEMPLE III

not a violation of morals and one's religious beliefs."

"Of course, there's a basic agreement that a university has to set up guidelines to run the curriculum here," he said, "but what I want is this university to make the ROTC an entirely voluntary program, as it is at other Tennessee state schools."

He cited Austin Peay State University and Memphis State University as examples of schools where compulsory ROTC has been waived.

"Let's get down to it," he added. "They (ROTC instructors) teach you how to kill. They teach you how to use a weapon and to march."

"If you want military officers, then put it on a voluntary basis," he said.

Temple said he became involved in the ROTC issue after a senior was not allowed to graduate from MTSU last spring because he had not completed the necessary courses in military science.

"He was not allowed to graduate simply because he did not have the required hours in ROTC," Temple added.

"It's a hindrance to a person's ability to further education," he said. Temple said the hours required to successfully complete a semester of ROTC could be more wisely used in another course.

PMS Chooses To Remain Silent

By Bobby Sands

Col. Vern Reaugh, professor of military science — reacting to an allegation by an MTSU sophomore that compulsory ROTC is unconstitutional — declined discussion of the charge.

"I do not want to be drawn into a cat and dog fight over this," Reaugh said.

Reaugh refused Tuesday to make extensive comment on the charge leveled by Harry Temple, but he did make the following statement:

"It is not my place to speak for the University on requirements set up by the university. The professor of military science has nothing to do with the formation of school policy or graduation requirements."

"It is my understanding that ROTC is required because the State Board of Education decreed that it would be compulsory at all state supported schools where it is offered."

"The requirement for four semester hours of ROTC as a requisite for the B.S. and B.A. degrees is contained in the University Bulletin for 1968-69, and is found on page 16. It is my understanding that this same requirement has been published in the University Bulletin since this graduation requirement was established."

President M. G. Scarlett could not comment on the Temple letter this week, since it had not reached his office.

William E. Sadler, a faculty member in the MTSU geography department, said Tuesday, however, that the presence of compulsory ROTC is the result of a directive issued by the Tennessee Board of Education.

He said he has drafted a resolution which is to be presented to the local chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

"We're asking the university to waive this," Sadler said. "How they will do it, we don't know."

"This directive could be changed simply by a vote of the state board of education," he said.

'Solid South' Extinct, Declares Cumming

By Craig Money

Joseph B. Cumming, Atlanta bureau chief for Newsweek magazine, said here Monday that the National Democratic Party is dead in the South.

The Democratic Party may never again control what used to be known as the "solid South," he said, because states such as Georgia and Mississippi formed integrated parties. This, plus George Wallace's candidacy weakened the party to the point that it may never be strong in the South again, he added.

Cumming stated that the Negro block, the liberals, and the far right were playing a part in this election as far back as 1961.

Cumming then gave a brief history of the civil rights movement and the effect it has on the nation. This movement brought fourth liberals ranging from the Yippies to the "demagogues" such as George Wallace, Cumming said.

He said the influence of these factions were noticeable throughout the country, but more so in the South. The reason for this is that the South is a poverty stricken region and that the major portion of the Negro population is centered here, he said.

All these "energy forces" met in this election to all but destroy the National Democratic Party, he stated.

Cumming also said that there will probably be hearings held in Congress on the question of chang-

ing the electoral college.

"The election this year scared many people when they realized that the election could have been thrown into the House of Representatives for a decision on who might be the next president," he said.

Cumming predicted that the electoral system will be changed. He pointed out the unfairness of the system by comparing a vote in New York to the vote in Alaska. "New York's vote is worth 13 times the vote of Alaska," Cumming declared.

When asked about a solution to this problem Cumming claimed he "had no real answer." However, he did think that the next president would be elected either by popular vote or by a revised electoral system, where the electoral votes in the states would be split.

The candidate would then receive a certain amount of electoral votes in the state as compared to the percentage of popular vote, he said.

Cumming further stated that a change has come to America, and he is very hopeful that this change will be good for the country. Cumming said that the 1968 election has calmed things down for the present, and we are starting to learn more about ourselves.

"America is getting to know herself," he concluded.



Joseph B. Cumming

WMTU To Get New Name

To use an old cliché, "it's off with the old and on with the new," except in this case the old really isn't very old.

Confusing? Not really. It just means that WMTU, the campus radio station, is no more, or at least the name isn't.

WMTU has already been assigned to a station in Memphis, so the radio station here is looking for a new name.

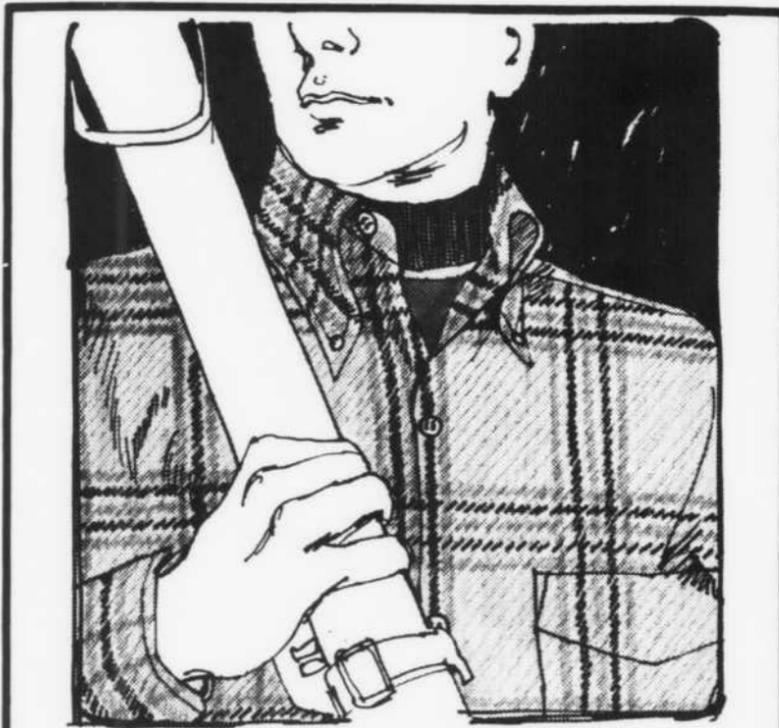
In discussing the change to be made, Doug Vernier, station director and speech department faculty member, said that he was concerned with choosing a name that would be "connected with the university in some way, that would be easily remembered, and that would be easily pronounced."

According to the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) regulations, each station must have a different set of call letters assigned to it.

Some of the ideas that Vernier is considering are: WITT, WKNU, WNOH, WMOT, and WUMT. These ideas, and any others that may be considered, will then be submitted to the FCC in order of preference. The call letters will then be checked through files containing all previously assigned call letters to make sure that they are not already being used.

After this check, the FCC will assign a series of call letters to this station. If all of the preferences are already being used, the FCC will assign a set of call letters of its own choosing.

In any case, students will have to bide their time, and wait to see what "on with the new" will be.



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Purdue Editor Reinstated Following Policy Hassle

William R. Smoot, editor of the Purdue campus newspaper, Exponent, was temporarily restored to that position Nov. 11 by the university president, according to Exponent news stories.

Smoot was removed Nov. 9 following the newspaper's criticism of the president, Dr. Frederick L. Hoyde. The administration said the article contained four-letter words "inappropriate in responsible newspapers."

Hoyde named a review board to "study and make recommendations to me on all aspects of the management policy governing the Purdue student newspaper."

Hoyde said that Smoot would continue as editor during the period of the board's review, which is expected to end Dec. 1.

But Smoot's restoration came after the senior staff of the Exponent declared in a Nov. 11 editorial that "William Robertson Smoot will continue as editor-in-chief."

New Grading System Has Merit: Scarlett

By Michael Goforth

President M. G. Scarlett said this week that the proposal to change the grading system has considerable merit, and he will not interfere with the decision of the MTSU Faculty Senate.

He said there are faculty members on the senate who think the proposal has value, but there are also those who dissent.

"We should first try the plan out on a selected group of students," Scarlett said. In this way, he added, it could be determined if the change would have any effect. Students presented the whole measure before the senate, "the president said, "and as far as I know this is the first time this has ever been done."

The senate formed a special committee for studying the possibility of converting the present grading system to a decimal system. The proposal is now in that committee.

The committee resulted from a ten minute presentation given before the Nov. 4 meeting of the senate by Jerry Howse, Sale Creek senior.

Howse pointed out that under the present system only four distinct quality points are recognized—1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0. Under this system a student receives no credit for any grade above the cut off point in each of these brackets.

A student who makes a 79, or just less than a B, receives the same quality points as a student who makes a 70, or just above a C. Also under the present system there is no A range above the cut off point for A's.

The system proposed by Dr. Laymon Moyers, assistant professor of education, which Howse presented to the senate starts with 1.0 through 1.9 for a D, 2.0 through 2.9 for a C, 3.0 through 3.9 for a B, and 4.0 through 4.9 for an A.

Under this system a teacher would turn in exactly the quality points a student deserves. The teacher would turn in grades on a scale of A-plus, A, A-minus, etc. through D-minus, F, and these would be placed on a scale of A-plus equals 4.8, A equals 4.5, A-minus equals 4.2, B equals 3.8, etc.

This new system would eliminate the large one point error in our present system reducing it to one-tenth of a point.

"It could also eliminate such mathematical absurdities fostered by our present system as rank reversal and always rounding to the lower number," said Howse.

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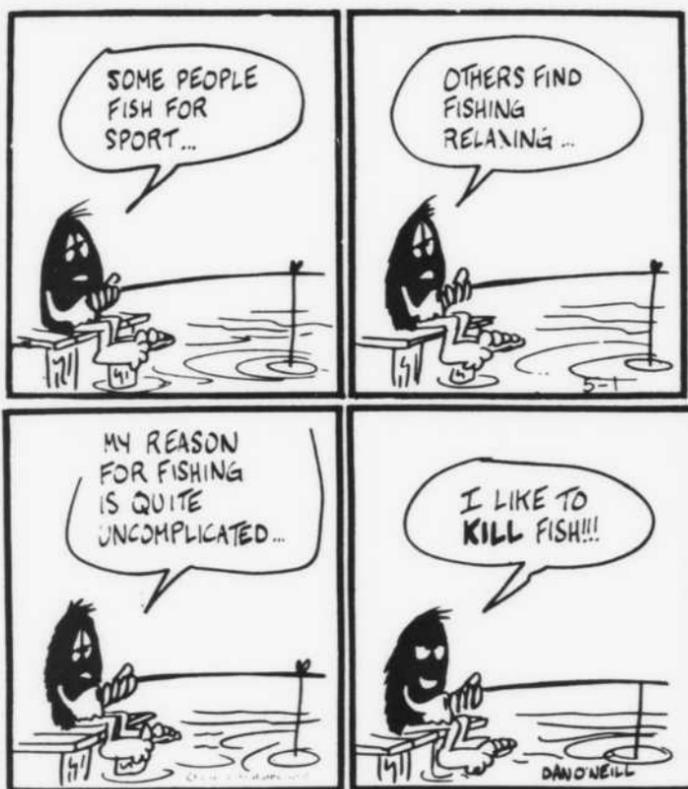
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Grade Proposal

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just below one of those lines. If the mark of 2.0 does represent the middle rather than the bottom of the C range, as Dr. Aden states, and if the mark of C does mean "average", as the catalog states, then we should expect fifty per cent of our students to have averages below the passing 2.0.



First Holdings In Library

Shown above is Dr. Paul Hutchenson handing to Professor Paul E. Dowell, of the Accounting Department, the first print outs of the Accounting Department holdings in the MTSU Library.

Computers To Be Used In Weather Research

Weather Bureau research has been started in the MTSU computer center under a faculty research grant, according to Dr. Paul H. Hutcheson, director of the research. The U. S. Weather Bureau is donating information for the research, said Hutcheson, who expressed hopes that continued research will more actively involve the Weather Bureau. The ultimate goal of the research is to produce a weather atlas. The atlas would contain only information pertinent to the Tennessee area, at present the only area being investigated by the researchers.

Notice

The Poor Souls will be featured at the Friday, Nov. 22, fun night, 7:30 to 11:30 in the Tennessee Room. They have played with the Dick Clark Caravan and with Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels.

Food Committee Formed To Investigate Preferences

The aim of the ARA Slater campus food committee is to become a liaison between the students and the food management, to air constructive criticism, to attempt to provide the student with the foods he prefers, to explain the food service procedures and to advise on possible special dinners, said Val Smith, ARA Slater manager. The committee was organized last May at the urging of Smith. According to Sandra Lappin, ASB press secretary, members of Smith's staff and of the ASB were invited to a dinner to discuss better food service to the student body. From that meeting and the ASB planning retreat at Hy-Lake developed the food committee which combines representatives from both groups. Members of the committee include Jim Free, chairman, Dean Harry Wagner, faculty advisor, Val Smith, food manager, Jane Williams, Ronnie Humphries, Ronnie Sellers, Gayle Lyons, Art Polk and Pam Crutcher. One of the committee's activities has been to provide sandwiches in the Hi-Rise Cafeteria at noon. Another has been to circulate preference surveys, which will be tabulated for results within three or four weeks. Smith stressed two points about the committee. The first is that Slater's furnishes the use of their

own baker to the student. A student needs only to contact someone at the bakery in Hi-Rise to place their orders for cakes, cookies, etc. His second point is that, through cooperating with the committee, managers at the grill and cafeterias have shown a real concern about the wishes of the students. Their desire is to please the students for whom they work, he said, and the food committee is a vital part of their attempt to do so.

Strickland To Head Leonard Memorial

Dr. Roscoe L. Strickland, professor of history, has been asked to serve as custodian of the James N. Leonard Memorial Fund, according to Dr. Robert E. Corlew, chairman of the history department. "A matter dear to Professor Leonard's heart was that of fostering better racial understanding," said Corlew. At the request of Mrs. Leonard, the fund will be used for that purpose, the exact details of which will be released later. Contributions should be sent to Strickland, box 575, and checks should be drawn to the order of "The James N. Leonard Memorial Fund, Roscoe L. Strickland, Jr., Custodian."

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Editorial**Compulsory ROTC?**

Our newly elected President professes to subscribe to a military composed of paid professionals when the Vietnam conflict is settled. This proposal is not entirely original with Mr. Nixon, but nevertheless, it is a definite improvement over the present draft regulations.

One area of improvement that a professional military will serve, would be to improve the morale of those in the armed services. Also, the general image of and respect for the military would be greatly elevated if the person elected this as their career.

Is not the stagnant atmosphere surrounding ROTC similar to that of the military? Is it not the same general air of disrespect and contempt held for ROTC as is held for programs that are really not worthy of admiration? But, in reality, ROTC can and should be revered with a feeling of respect just as we hold a restrained, distant respect for the necessity of any military program.

At MTSU the ROTC program's adoption of freshman and sophomore cadets is part of tradition. We have witnessed several challenges of the great god tradition this fall. Should compulsory ROTC be questioned and then challenged?

People have a natural tendency to resent something they are forced to do. This brings in many people that are not at all interested in becoming militarily oriented. Therefore, the ROTC is plagued with multitudes of uninterested warm bodies that have been predetermined toward the entire military program.

There is currently a movement by sincerely interested parties in making that most progressive move of voluntary ROTC. We hope the university officials will listen and seriously consider this as a very serious suggestion just as they have opened their ears to many other student suggestions in past days.

At the present time, ROTC is probably considered a very mediocre program at its best. This does not have to be the case. The program is definitely part of the strength of our nation's defense and deserves the best qualified and most enthusiastic candidates available.

MTSU is not prepared to handle the additional physical education students that a voluntary ROTC program would present. But, in the near future, construction on a new fieldhouse is to begin, thus providing sufficient space.

ROTC needs to be taken away from the limits of an involuntary boundary. This change may not come soon, but at least we can hope any future alterations will reflect upon the desires of the present.

**What Ever Happened To Freedom Of Choice?****Republican Dixiecrats To Unite Nation?****Matter Of Fact**

By Joseph Alsop

The Republican gains in House and Senate were superficially unimpressive. But with Richard Nixon as President, the conservative coalition between the congressional Republicans and Southern and Border-State Democrats will be much strengthened, nonetheless.

For one thing, the more liberal Republicans will tend to vote the party line with one of their own party in the White house, whereas, in the Senate particularly, some of them used to stray pretty often. Then, too, Nixon cannot hope to achieve fairly dependable congressional majorities without the conservative coalition; and one may, therefore, expect that much attention will be given to the care and feeding of Southern and Border-State senators and representatives.

To gauge the direction Nixon may actually take, it is essential to start with the foregoing kind of hard political fact. What is said at a time like this can be exceedingly misleading, as in the case of Nixon's vice presidential choice before he made it at Miami Beach. As on that occasion, furthermore, Nixon's advisers are

rather sharply divided; so Nixon's own assessment of the facts will surely be decisive.

The second fact-group to consider is what may be called the Spiro Agnew-George Wallace complex. The choice of Agnew instead of the widely predicted John Lindsay of New York caused pain and controversy at the time. To prove that he was not a racist, Nixon was even driven to carry Edward Brooke around with him for a while, using the Massachusetts senator as a sort of portable human fetish.

But the choice of Agnew, nonetheless, signified Nixon's choice of the "Southern strategy," which was advocated from the first to last by his tough and able campaign manager, John Mitchell. Furthermore, that choice paid off in the form of around 75 Southern and Border-State electoral votes, many of which Nixon might otherwise have lost to Wallace.

Nor is that all. Wallace's final vote, thank Providence, was well below the vote the pollsters were reporting in September and early October. But the Wallace vote was still enough to have transformed narrow Nixon margins into solid Nixon margins in states that Nixon carried, and this vote was enough to have put Nixon ahead of Hubert Humphrey in a good many states that Humphrey carried.

Looking backward, then, the Agnew-Southern strategy decision paid off handsomely for the President-elect. And if you look forward, it is also clear that bringing this year's Wallace voters into the Republican column in the Northern and Border States will be Nixon's best means of attaining the real governing majority which he now lacks. These, again, are hard facts of great predictive power.

These facts are far from meaning that the Nixon Cabinet will be the sort of group that would be chosen by Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina. As long ago forecast in this space, defense and foreign policy are likely to be confided to leading Republican

moderates like Nelson Rockefeller, William Scranton and Douglas Dillon. (The forecast is worth recalling because it reportedly decided Gen. Curtis LeMay to accept the Wallace vice presidential nomination.)

During the Eisenhower Administration, once again, fiscal issues almost invariably divided Nixon from the archconservative Secretary of the Treasury George Humphrey. For the Treasury, therefore, Nixon can be expected to search for one of the financial community's converts to the new economics—someone conservative in aspect and in habit of mind, but different from George Humphrey in viewpoint.

These choices in the fiscal, foreign and defense areas should be enough to keep the moderate support that Nixon already has. He may even go a bit further in the liberal direction in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare—always provided that the man he chooses is not one of those compulsive "guideline-writers" Wallace was always growling about.

Politically speaking, however, the attorney generalship will really be Nixon's key choice. Campaign manager Mitchell is one possibility, and with reason. For "law and order" are the province of the Justice Department; and what is done about law and order will surely be Nixon's main device for gaining that governing-majority that he must hanker for so strongly.

People have not thought much about this aspect of the matter. For instance, it is still almost bad manners to point out that there are pretty certainly just a few people with some very peculiar connections in the peace movement, in the far-out youth movement and among the black militants.

Yet Nixon's rise began with the revelation of the peculiar connections of Alger Hiss. And this matter that people have not thought about may well make a lot of noise before all is over.

Sidelines

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Problems And Answers

Take ROTC To Court?

To the Editor:

Under academic requirements the following is stated: Four semesters of Military Science are required of all physically qualified men except veterans and those excused by the Professor of Military Science for various reasons.

It is my understanding that if a male student who is qualified for ROTC does not take the required four semesters of ROTC, he is not, and cannot be allowed to graduate. Most of the land-grant colleges in the U.S. no longer make this requirement. In some of these colleges students have taken this issue to court and won.

This university should not refuse to graduate a male student for not taking ROTC. If it does, it is in direct violation of a person's constitutional right.

I hope that this letter will encourage some students to stand up against the administration of this university for imposing this re-

Aden Misunderstood Charges Student

To the Editor:

People who do not take the time or who do not have the ability to understand a proposed program should at least veil their ignorance by keeping quiet. This is the conclusion that I have reached after reading Dr. Aden's comment in the November 19 issue of the SIDELINES.

Some faculty members don't care whether or not we receive due credit for our achievements. Often these persons can be identified by such a characteristic as refusal to change the status quo even though a change would be beneficial to the students. This might be a lot of trouble and goodness knows the faculty has enough problems without having to worry about our grades!

Dr. Moyers has proposed a plan of grading which would fairly evaluate our achievements and which would therefore be beneficial to each of us. Find out about his proposal—then decide for yourself, but don't be swayed by the stand of someone who doesn't understand the issue.

Ann Vroon
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Problems and Answers

All material for "Problems and Answers" (letters to the editor) should be sent to David Mathis, box 42, campus mail.

All letters must be signed and the name will be printed except in unusual incidents. The names will be withheld only by the discretion of the editorial board or the editor-in-chief. In this case, the name will be kept on file, but will not be released to interested parties.

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pulsive requirement on the students.

Stand up for your rights — the law is in back of you and not in back of the university.

I have been classified 4F by the draft board of my home town. For this reason I cannot take this issue to court, but I can give financial aid to anyone who would like to take it to court.

Harry Temple III
P. O. Box 3430

Campus Thefts Anger Student

To The Editor:

Today I learned the hard way that problems never seem so bad until they hit close to home. As usual on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, I locked my car and went to class. When I returned I found my car still locked, but my purse, which had been inside, was gone. I was surprised to learn that the same thing had happened to the girl who had parked beside me.

The sad thing is that these are just two of the many incidents which occur on campus quite frequently. When I went to file a report, I was amazed to find such a stack of papers before mine.

I'm sure that others would feel the same as I do in that losing the money isn't the sad thing of it all — it is the more personal things such as pictures and letters that matter so much.

This letter is not intended for the majority of the students, but only to the very small percentage who would stoop to such a thing. I can only hope that the person or persons involved in this act could return personal belongings which have taken many years to acquire and which could not possibly be of any value to them.

Debby Hill

Coffman Decries Expulsion Rules

To the Editor:

It is a terrible shame that standards of honesty do not apply to some people on the MTSU campus and that a common book thief is not punished with expulsion, the usual punishment for such an offense.

It is inconceivable that a school as large as MTSU can allow a person caught (with no doubt as to his guilt) of pilfering another's book to continue to attend classes. What is even more amazing is that the thief, caught in the summer, was allowed to register and play football and not brought to trial until November.

The precedent set by this case is unfortunate, for now there is nothing to deter others from doing likewise.

One word to the wise—do not steal unless you have relatives working for the school because otherwise you will be punished.

Mrs. Coffman, Graduate
Research Assistant—Po-
litical Science Department

On To Victory In Vietnam

By Arthur Hoppe

Herewith is another unwritten chapter from that unpublished work, "A History of the World, 1950 to 1999." Its title: "Victory in Asia."
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The early refusals of the Saigon government to take part in the Paris peace talks—and its obvious lack of cooperation when at last it was forced to the negotiating table—caused a subtle shift of public opinion in the United States.

"Ungrateful wretches," was the kindest remark. "After all we've sacrificed for their freedom and independence."

"Let's pick up our marbles and go home," cried the Doves.

"Let's blow the whole lousy country to bits," cried the Hawks.

"Hold on," said the President. "A great nation like us cannot act out of spite nor out of rage. But I think I have a solution."

So he called a meeting of the National Security Council. "Gentlemen," he said, "What does a great nation like us do when another country threatens the peace? What did we do in Japan, in Germany, in the Dominican Republic?"

"Why," said the Secretary of State, "we sent a huge army to occupy them and bring them to their knees."

"Exactly," said the President with a smile. "And who now threatens the peace in Southeast Asia?"

"South Vietnam, sir. But... Good heavens!"

"Just a minute, sir," said the Defense Secretary, bewildered. "We can't send a huge army to occupy them and bring them to their knees, be-

cause... Well, because... I mean our huge army's already there."

"That," said the President beaming, "just shows our foresight."

It was, of course, the shortest war in American history. It was over before Life or Time could hit the streets with a 12-page supplement on "The Corrupt, War-Mad Saigon Generals."

It was over before the hit tune—"Let Bygones be Bygone (I'm Off to Capture Saigon)"—reached the Top Ten.

It was over before the Pentagon could revise its war maps showing "Enemy-held Territory."

South Vietnamese troops, who'd never showed much interest in getting killed, happily surrendered in droves. And U.S. troops, no longer having any allies to defend, happily took ship for home.

So peace came at last to Vietnam. And all factions in the U.S. were delighted with the outcome.
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"We always said that withdrawing was the only answer," said the Doves happily. "And now we have."

"We always said that we could lick those sawed-off gooks," said the Hawks happily. "And now we have."

"We always said we could win a land war in Asia," said the Military happily, "if we just picked the right enemy."

Of course, the world was somewhat confused. But the President gave assurance that there was no change in American foreign policy.

"The United States stands ready to fight for the freedom and independence of any people anywhere," he said, "as long as they do what they're told."

What Kind Of World?

by Robert M. Hutchins

Now Spiro T. Agnew and Strom Thurmond have come home to roost. The vote in the Negro ghettos ran about 90% against Richard Nixon. A President has been elected who has the almost unanimous hostility of the most disaffected section of the community.

He cannot complain; he planned it that way. The Southerners dominated the convention; no concessions were made at any point to the blacks.

The campaign showed that the candidate was perfectly prepared to get along without the Negro vote. He talked vaguely about how he was going to get free enterprise to make things brighter in the slums. Even as to this obviously inadequate program he supplied no details.

Now the President-elect comes forward as the Great Healer. He is going to bring us together again. If in this happy slogan he includes the blacks among "us," how does he propose to get them into the family circle?

He can do so only by abandoning the people who put him in power. Since his party does not control Congress, he will have trouble getting any legislation adopted. Anything he does to promote desegregation or to improve the lot of the blacks will have to be put through by the opposition party: his own most significant supporters will be against it.

I believe that all but a small minority of the American people think that the Negroes have a legitimate grievance and that they ought no longer to be treated as second-class citizens. Unfortunately, the tiny minority was the crucial factor in Nixon's nomination and election. They will resist to the last any attempt to bring the Negro to the same social,

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Tough Schedule Prepared For MTSU Freshman Team

"Our freshman basketball team lacks depth this year, but seems to be better equipped than last year's team," commented Coach Earle.

Coach Earle's possible starters come from four states. At center, Tommy Legg, 6'6", 210 lbs., hails from Dickson, Tennessee. He was Most Valuable Player for two years.

From Springfield, Illinois is Jim Drew, 6'3", 188 lbs. In his high school career, he broke the record for total points scored in one season. He will play guard.

The other guard is Ray Dennis from Gainsboro, Tennessee. He is 6'3", 180 lbs. He was hailed as All-Midstate in high school.

At forward will be Joe Barclay, from Clinton, Kentucky. At 6'6", 205 lbs., he ranked All-State in his high school career.

Sam McCamey rounds out the starting five. He is from Scottsboro, Alabama. In high school, the 6' 5-1/2", 194 lb. man placed All-Conference.

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

- Nov. 30—Murfreesboro Independents
- Dec. 5—Bethel
- Dec. 14—Belmont
- Dec. 16—Martin Junior College
- Dec. 18—Vanderbilt
- Jan. 2—David Lipscomb
- Jan. 4—Tennessee Tech
- Jan. 6—East Tennessee
- Jan. 9—Vanderbilt
- Jan. 11—Sewart Air Force Base
- Jan. 13—Martin Junior College
- Jan. 18—Murray State
- Jan. 25—Austin Peay
- Jan. 30—David Lipscomb
- Feb. 1—Western Kentucky
- Feb. 5—Murray State
- Feb. 8—Western Kentucky
- Feb. 12—Cumberland Junior College
- Feb. 15—Tennessee Tech
- Feb. 17—East Tennessee
- Feb. 26—Cumberland Junior College
- Feb. 27—Chattanooga
- Mar. 1—Austin Peay

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Other team members are Edward Watson, Shelbyville, Tennessee; Frank Stewart, Chicago, Illinois; and J. W. Harper, Shelbyville Tennessee. Compared with last year's schedule,

this year's has more games than ever before. Games that are scheduled here at MTSU will begin at 5:45.

When asked about the rigid schedule, Coach Earle said, "The boys would rather play the games than practice."

Harries Finish Ninth In OVC Meet

The cross-country team participated in the OVC meet over the weekend.

Charles Dahlgren finished ninth with a time of 19:46 over the 4-mile course. Bob McLeer finished 13, only thirteen seconds behind Dahlgren to put the Blue Raiders in seventh place.

Charles Bandy, Mike Bailey, and Steve Barrett finished well down the line to complete the Big Blue's running.

Dean Hayes said that the only remaining cross-country activity of the year is that "Bob McLeer will participate in the 5-mile run in Atlanta."

He said that his efforts are now directed toward track season, which will begin for the Blue Raiders in December. Hayes plans to take some of his top prospects to Chicago for an indoor invitational meet.

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Today In Football

By Kelly Sharbel

Every year about this time, right at the end of football season, everyone seems to get bowl fever. Those that do are coaches all across the nation. This fever has been cured for the most part as of Monday at noon.

As a result, three SEC teams are already lined for bowl appearances. Probably the biggest surprise was Georgia accepting a bid to play in the Sugar Bowl. Their opponent has not been determined but will probably be the runner-up in the Southwest Conference. The Bulldogs were being seriously sought after by Orange Bowl scouts but instead were better convinced by the folks in New Orleans.

The Orange Bowl had to settle for Penn State who is ranked third in the nation with a perfect record of eight victories and no losses. The Nittany Lions will be facing a Big Eight foe in Kansas who was beaten by Oklahoma two weeks ago. The Jayhawks are ranked seventh nationally.

Tennessee will appear in their fourth straight bowl game as they will journey to the Cotton Bowl in Dallas. The Vols' opponent will probably be Texas. At present, the Longhorns are tied with Arkansas for the Southwest championship but Texas won the regular season game between the two and will get the nod if they beat Texas A&M this Saturday.

Sixth ranked Missouri will appear in the Cator Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla. Their opponent will probably be Alabama. Both have identical 7-2 records with Missouri ranked sixth nationally and the Crimson Tide polling sixteenth place.

Southern California will be the host in the Rose Bowl Classic with a big game this weekend being played to decide their opponent. Ohio State is playing Michigan this Saturday for the big Ten championship. The Big Ten champion will play the Trojans in Pasadena New Years Day.

In minor bowl games, Oklahoma will face Southern Methodist University in the Bluebonnet Bowl; Auburn will play an unpicked team in the Sun Bowl; and the Liberty Bowl hasn't picked any contestants yet. Those under consideration for the Liberty Bowl are L.S.U., Mississippi, and Florida State.

Even though the teams have been chosen, there are still some big games left to be played. The Biggest is probably the Ohio State-Michigan game. The Buckeyes are number two nationally with Michigan holding down fourth place. The Southwest champion also will be decided this weekend. Arkansas will take on Texas Tech and Texas will play Texas A&M. A loss by both teams could throw the whole conference into mass confusion. Southern Cal also has to play Notre Dame yet.

Around The OVC

By Sue Porter

OVC action this past weekend was slight. Only a few teams played in OVC contention.

East Tennessee broke their jinx against MTSU, by beating them 24-21 here. Doug Linebarger, ETSU's junior linebacker won OVC defensive honors for his work in the game with MTSU.

He made 11 tackles, 2 assists, and broke up 2 passes and intercepted one, which put the Bucs in position to score the winning touchdown.

Western Kentucky was almost beaten by Akron, who seems to be a tough team to play with 2:08 remaining, the Toppers scored two times leaving the final score 14-14. Akron is in definite contention for a bowl bid. They have beaten Eastern Kentucky 31-20 and tied Western.

In a big upset at Clarksville, Tech stomped Austin Peay 10-0. Tech ended their nine game losing streak. The last win recorded by the Eagles was last year when they beat the Gov's 38-13.

Harold Roberts of Austin Peay, leads the OVC in pass receiving with 55 catches good for 886 yards.

Murray State who nipped Evansville 58-22. Jim Brown and Bill Hess were on the receiving end of Tillman's heaves. Jack Wolf and Gerald Young hauled in Haug's scoring aeriels. Bill Hess of Murray is top scorer in the OVC with 13 touchdowns and 78 points. Morehead beat Kentucky State 46-0.

Larry Schreiber, Tenn. Tech's ace, rolled up enough yardage to give him top OVC offensive player honors for the week.

Tillman, Murray's ace, held his lead in passing. He has thrown for 1,903 yards with 137 completions on 266 aerial attempts.

Ron Taylor of MTSU is top punter with an average of 41.9 yards on 58 punts.

Murray took the lead over Eastern Kentucky for total team offense in OVC.

Western remains the top defensive team in the conference, yielding only 188 yards a game to opponents.

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What Color Belt Do You Wear?

By Sue Porter

White, yellow, blue, green, purple, brown, and black belts—any one have an idea what this is about? If you do then you know more than this writer did when she began the interview for this story.

These colors represent belts which one may obtain in Karate.

Karate is one of the most dangerous sports around. If learned correctly it can be deadly. In fact, those who have earned the black belt must register with the federal government because their hands are considered lethal weapons.

Four nations practice karate; China, Korea, Okinawa, and Japan. Japan has 30 systems of karate being taught. But of these only four are recognized as true arts of karate. These are Shotokan, Goju-ryu, Shito-ryu, and Wado-ryu. Wado-ryu is the most powerful and popular.

It is very hard to achieve high rank in Wado-ryu. Learning karate takes quite a bit of time and practice. Three things to strive for are speed, proper form and power.

Wado is a term meaning "way of peace." The symbol for karate is a black dove with its wings encompassing a closed fist. This means "peace contains strength."

On MTSU's campus there are two boys who hold black belts. They are Joe Rippey and David Deaton.

Rippey's school is located at 129 S. Church and Vine. Joe holds the first degree black belt.

He studied under William Forewright, who is the second highest ranking caucasian in Wado. Rippey can not teach above his rank but can teach as high as third degree brown belt.

In his second more space is available. The class meets eight times a month. Pupils now include: Newton Harris, Tony Webster, Kenneth Wilson, David Huddleston, Bill Herzer, Hayden Stevens, Jenny Tenpenny, Mary Ann Dickerson and Sarah Dickerson. Uniforms are furnished through the fee for the course.

Deaton comes from the Bushido School of Judo and Karate in Nashville. Patterson, the instructor there, is the highest ranking caucasian in Wado-ryu.

Deaton's classes are held in the



Karate takes time and practice.

dance studio in the gym on Monday and Thursday nights at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Most instructors will teach the same basic techniques, but with different styles. (A person is usually taught to stop their blows within an inch of his opponent.)

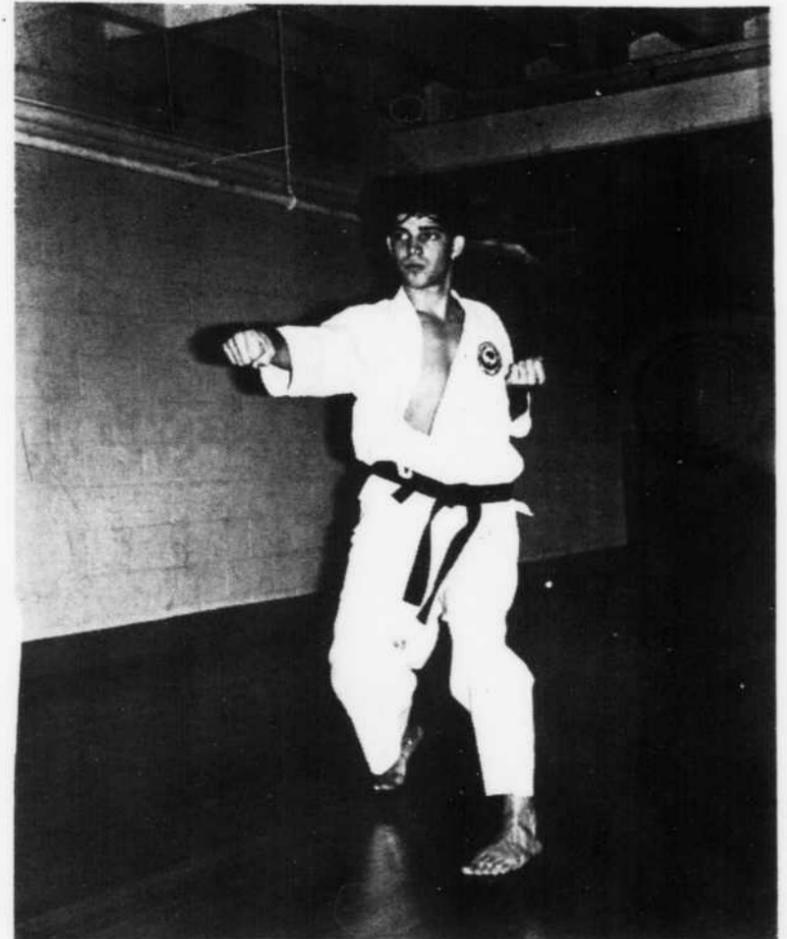
Members of Deaton's class are Joe Gilmore, John Gilmore, Larry Jernigan, Wayne Tyler, and John Coats.

Belts are usually hard to get. The first belt you receive is a white

belt. The others, in order of reception, are yellow, blue, green, purple, brown and black. There are three degrees of brown belts.

To get belts one must pass written and practical tests. Ability changes with an increase of knowledge of karate.

When asked about karate, both Deaton and Rippey agreed that it is a physically demanding lifetime proposition, and is the ultimate in scientific fighting.



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"Don't play cool," said Big Al Brodax, producer of the new animated Beatle motion picture "Yellow Submarine." "How many lousy little Yale professors get to meet the Beatles?" Erich Segal, professor of classics could have replied, "How many college professors are writing a screenplay for the Beatles?"

One of the most unlikely new members of the screenwriting fraternity, Erich Segal, a 32-year-old assistant professor of classics at Yale, the son of a Brooklyn rabbi, has several prior claims to fame. He finished 151st in a field of 750 runners at the 1966 Boston marathon, he was both class poet and salutary speaker at his graduation from Harvard, he has authored several scholarly works and has his Doctorate degree.

All that has changed. His fame now rests on his recent success as a screenwriter and for having played the piano for Ringo Starr . . . the Harvard fight song, of course.

It began with Brodax's request that Segal hop a jet to London to collaborate on the script for "Yellow Submarine," Segal and co-authors Brodax, Jack Mendelsohn and Lee Minoff, whipped up a screenplay.

Digging deep into his classical background, Segal supplied the story's imagery inspired by the mythical voyages of Greek and Roman adventurers, complete with weird monsters and strange places. These were blended with current satire to provide a mod-Odyssey.

The Beatles themselves made script contributions. John Lennon once called Segal at 3 in the morning to suggest, "wouldn't it be great if Ringo were followed down the street by a yellow submarine." The scene was put into the script.

While Segal himself discounts the significance of his contributions, saying, "what I did for the movie is nothing really . . . the verbal is completely subservient to the visual," others do not. It has been cited for its verbal inventiveness and the creative use of the standard pun.

This assignment has since proven a starting point for a barrage of Segal authored plays, movies and articles. The list includes: "In Someone Else's Sandals," a musical, another musical, "You Can't Get There From Here," written with composer Richard Rodgers, and the screenplay for the upcoming Norman Jewison film, "The Landlord," for United artists.

Segal himself has some ambivalent feelings toward his growing film reputation; "An unfortunate side effect of writing "Yellow Submarine" is that it gave some of my students the impression that I care more about the Beatles than about Euripides. They're more swayed by my having had a drink with Ringo than by my lectures."

Although Segal has achieved the enviable distinction of having one of his lyrics accepted by the Beatles for their new film song, "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds," he still remains very much a member of the academic community.

"If I had to choose one life or the other it would be the university." And his students are grateful for this decision.

Enthusiasm for Erich Segal and his professorial approach is indicated by enrollment in a course on Greek Tragedy which jumped from 60 to 300 since he took over the class. Moreover, this upswing began before Erich Segal met a single Beatle.

Though some of the more scholarly types on the faculty have difficulty understanding his venture into screenwriting, both the chairman of the department, Professor Havelock, and Segal himself, think that this sideline may actually improve his work as a scholar.

Says Havelock, "I think that it has helped him acquire the gift of approaching a classical work as one might approach any modern one. He sees Plautus as you might see a contemporary playwright. Hence, he's always able to ask fresh and provocative questions."

"Yellow Submarine" starring Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Heart's Club Band, is produced by Al Brodax and presented by Apple Films as a King Features Production. The film was directed by George Dunning and designed by Heinz Edelmann. It is in Color by Deluxe.

The original story by Lee Minoff, based on the song "The Yellow Submarine" by John Lennon and Paul McCartney, was written for the screen by Minoff, Al Brodax, Jack Mendelsohn and Erich Segal.

Hutchins...

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economic and political level' as, themselves.

Hence, the blacks cannot look at the federal government under Nixon with much hope for the immediate future. And even before the election the word was "Freedom Now." Unless something happens somehow, we are going to see the rapid spread of extremism and violence. This will be accentuated by the return of troops from Vietnam. The thousands of black soldiers, accustomed to desegregation and accosted of having done as well as whites under combat conditions, are not going to accept readily the place in society that the Republican Dixiecrats have prepared for them.

Something has to be done, and the federal government is not likely to do it. If Nixon alters the Supreme Court so that it starts ruling that the rights of Negroes can be determined by the states, it will be impossible to preserve the gains that have been made since 1954. Think of Thurmond or Sen. John Tower of Texas as chief justice!

Since something has to be done and the federal government is not likely to do it, the states and municipalities will have to move in. They are in the habit of relying on federal support, which they probably will not get. They will have to go ahead, anyway. And private enterprise, if only to preserve the fabric of the community in which it operates, will now be forced to get into the ghettos, even though no profits are to be made. It looks like a long, bleak winter.

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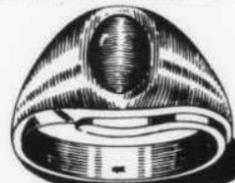
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