McKenna explains separation

Student Body President Philip McKenna issued a letter to the Student Body today in which he explained the recent decision to divide the dorms.

McKenna stated in his letter that the plan did not result in the displacement of any present resident from these dorms. As to why he feels such a plan beneficial for the Notre Dame community, McKenna said, "This black man today is undergoing a deep search for his identity—an identification with its roots in a black culture and not solely in a white value system. The black student body feels related to other black culture, to discover those things peculiar to his culture he needs."

McKenna continued in his letter that the black student must not feel he is being "assimilated into a white value system," as McKenna says, "has done much to deprive his people of their own heritage."

The letter reasoned that a black concentration plan would be beneficial for the white students as well as the black students. It said that as a result of such a plan the white student would be able to contact not only with one black student, but with a black community.

The letter stressed that the concentration plan docs not propose to make the black man, understand yourself, hers include John Christian, Larry Lapham, chairman of the Brown, Yale, Cornell, Dartmouth, and Stanford programs, but that the method agree that a compromise where- the group decided not to take any united action against the presence of Mr. Manara on cam- pus. The consensus decision was reached on the basis that any concerted protest would only serve to divert the group's attention, abilities, and energies from their main focus of opening up the Trustees meetings.

The particular for the "mass get together" were revealed as being from 3 to 7 on the afternoon of Thursday, May 1. It was duly noted that not only The black group decided such protest was also the founder's day for the interna- tional worker's revolution. Communists, for example, Joe Malone, of Dow Chemical fame who has been a leader of more groups, and possibly repre- sentatives from the Progressive Labor, Socialist Workers, and Students for a Democratic Society.

The basic problem encountered by the Christian Radicals consists in how toimple- ment the power of the bill in time for Father's meeting of the Board of Trustees. It was empha- sized that the Board possessed no knowledge of the bill. Different Incumbent with the Board's lack of knowledge was the incre- ment to say that the bill is not on the agenda. The method determination to accomplish a similar task was a steering committee. The steering committee mem- bers named were Chuck Leoni, Fred Dedrick, and McKenna, who was chosen by the Senate to present the resolution. The committee will meet with Father Hesburgh on Thursday morning to ask his permission for McKenna to present the resolu- tion before the Board. If per- mission is not forthcoming, Fa- ther Hesburgh will be asked to forward the resolution before the Board.

If permission is granted, which is expected, McKenna will exprase the following rationale to the bill, "The Board has very little contact with students and this would provide an opportuni- ty for them to know what stu- dents are thinking and vice versa. He viewed the primary pur- pose of the meeting as being, "A hearing session to establish a dialogue with the Board of Trus- tees."

The group also arrived at the conclusion that the meeting, on the contrary, was to come to any use for force tactics. They're looking in terms of the end of direct action that would be taken if the Board refuses to budge. With the fear of a backlash movement in case of any force produced a Union variety of positions on the subject of what to do if the Board says no.

Away from the confusion of the meeting, Chuck Leoni feels that the group's main concern is that the woman's position in the university will continue to extend to complete floors or dorms, and that no present black student or her counterparts. hut will want to first semester when she will have their new constitu- tion, handley was persuaded to resign at the end of the night. Fense Robert Me Namara and Kelley said the Defense Department would be willing to make those compromises at col- leges where ROTC is considered a necessity.

Shift some of the military training from the campus to summer camps at mili- tary bases. Employ a greater number of civil instructors—instead of military officers—in ROTC programs. Eliminate some technical courses and make others more relevant by emphasizing certain impor- tants on military matters. However, Laird said, "We are not prepared to say that the ROTC program degraded in any way."

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Three seek to succeed DeGaulle

PARIS (UPI) — Former Premier Georges Pompidou, who favors rebuilding France's historic partnership with America, won unanimous acclaim yesterday as Gaullist party candidate to succeed Charles de Gaulle as president. Veteran Socialist contender Gaston Deferre also announced he would run.

For the record, a third candidate emerged, Georges Bidault, 69, de Gaulle's foreign minister in the postwar years before he went into a self-imposed exile of independence for Algeria. A 79-year-old news conference he, too, might run. But he was written off as no serious threat to Pompidou.

Cabinet ministers today conferred, seeking a middle of the road candidate, while the Communist party stepped up pressure on other left-wing groups to agree on a joint candidate. Deferre has traditionally been opposed to having the Communists take part in a left center coalition.

Campus disruptions spread to South

By United Press International

Anti-parents demonstrators Tuesday seized a second building at Voorhees College in Denmark, S.C. Negroes took over the science building, at Belmont Abbey College in North Carolina.

About 200 came to the campus at Voorhees, South Carolina, in the past couple days to protest against the Harvard Administration Building earlier this month.

Tulane University security police dragged more than a score of anti-ROTC demonstrators off the campus drill field at New Orleans and handcuffed them to a fire hydrant.

The black militants who took over the Voorhees College Administration Building on Monday raised the total to 1,607. They were prisoners in other cities were on the alert for new outbreaks of racial violence.

San Francisco was wary following a flareup between a police tactical squad and members of the Black Panthers party Monday. Hundreds of police moved into the Fillmore district to put down that disturbance.

A1 Washington, N.C., police kept to the lid on a Negro district which has undergone gunfire, fire and brick throwing. The situation was much the same at Linden, N.J., where helmeted police chased more than 200 black youths from the business section Monday night.

GOP leader disparages ABM critics

WASHINGTON (UPI) — House Republican leader Gerald R. Ford emerged from a meeting with a president Nixon yesterday and charged that the administration's policy on antiballistic missile programs sought a weak and disarmed America.

After Ford made his accusation, Deputy Defense Secretary David S. Packard—facing stiff Congressional opposition to the ABM program hinted at a willingness to slow down spending on the multimillion dollar defense system.

Packard met for two and a half hours with Republican senators, then told newsmen that acquisition of 10 of the 12 proposed ABM sites "should be foregone for a year or two. I don't think the national security would be jeopardized."

He estimated only a fraction of the $900 million sought to get the system up this year would be saved by the delay. Most of the money it is to be used for radar and missiles for the two sites near North Dakota and Montana—whose acquisition would not be postponed.

PBK keys awarded to 27

For the second year, a group of Notre Dame students has been awarded the PBK-Phi-Kappa award. Twenty-six seniors and one junior have recently been chosen to receive this national honor. The honor is given to members of the school for excellence in a liberal education, and concludes the student's role of participation and involvement in non-academic affairs. Nineteen of the students will be given the award at a special celebration in the Arts and Letters program, while eight are students are studying in the area of Science.

The practice of honoring students with the Phi-Beta-Kappa award began in 1776 at the College of William and Mary. Since then, the tradition has expanded to numerous colleges across the country. Notre Dame received a charter into the national society last year.

Thomas Fielder, Assoc. Prof. of Chemistry and Secretary of the Notre Dame chapter, said that the award is for "recognition of a certain type of achievement." He added that though there is a grade point requirement for the award, it is "not too restrictive."

Students awarded the Phi-Beta-Kappa award are chosen by the members of the national society. Eighty are present at the university and who were on the faculty when the charter was granted.

The students chosen are:


Three get scholarships

Two seniors and a graduate student in the University of Notre Dame's department of mechanical engineering have received scholarships in national competition.

The students and their awards are: Steven L. Kast, a senior from Middleton, Ohio, an National Science Foundation scholarship and an Atomic Energy Commission science and engineering award; Francis P. Cardile, a senior from Socuoye, N.Y., an NFC science and engineering award, and John Z. Birmingham, Richmond, Mich., a doctorial student, Office of Civil Defense scholarship.

Author to argue role of modern nun

Leon Joseph Cardinal Suenens, the acknowledged leader in the current renewal of Catholic Church women's activities in Belgium, will participate in a Nun in the World debate to be held at Saint Mary's College, Indiana, May 11-14.

Over 500 sisters and representatives of many major orders in the United States were on the alert for new outbreaks of racial violence.

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The talk by Cardinal Suenens will address the conference on June 13 and is expected to enter into debate on the role of the "new nun" in discussions throughout the world. The theologian, who traveled throughout the U.S. in 1963 as a chief interpreter of the Pope John XXIII encyclical "Pacem in Terris," stimulated much interest toward changing the patterns of women's religious vocations following the publication of his widely-read book.

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Toward a united cultural front

By David Kahn

The struggle for liberation by the black community within America, which is fast becoming a war, gave birth to the cry in the white community for freedom. (Eldridge Cleaver for President Placard, Summer, 1968)

It is the April 25 teach-in on the main quad, and nothing offends my modest, white-radical consciousness more than to witness Phil McKenna with a gust of sober liberality ask, as a point of discussion, why Notre Dame cannot tolerate the Black Panthers

Separation as a concept is an ambiguous, ingenious term, and it is misrepresentational if not anachronistic for McKenna to suggest that separatism is a monolithic or even a pre-eminent trend in the black movement. The Black Panther Party, indeed the revolutionary vanguard of the black struggle, has stated clearly that the black movement cannot survive in isolation. A proletariat Panther says it loud:

The white leader who advocates dissociation of his movement from the liberation struggle in the black community, is as big an asshole, as the black militant who derides the whites who take up picket signs to demonstrate against police brutality in the ghetto... get rid of this type of mad self-flagellating confusion. (Summer Placard, 1968)

The conduits between the white and black movement must be maintained, for white-radical consciousness has received most of its content and impetus from the black movement. The ascendency of the black intellect has exhumed at last the instantaneously distinguish the blatant male supremacy, the inflated elitism of painful shortcomings of white existence. A Panther at Notre Dame could establish life-styles. Thus, to know ourselves as white people, we depend upon any assertion of black autonomy. Blacks at all cost must sustain their culture. It is not my intention to deny the viability of a black sub-economy, or condemn the black-white dream has divested peoples of their respective cultures and substituted the glamorous bounty of the almighty greenback. But History has demonstrated, as in the case of the Indians and the Spanish, that nationalism (black capitalism) may shred his daishiki, but the stoned soul philosophy is everyday's philosophy. And it is the integrity of the black revolutionary that serves to teach America of the practicality of communal love. At present, the Chicago Panthers' main project is to establish a breakfast program for black ghetto school children. The Panther guerrilla dons an apron, and at five thirty in the morning serves a hot breakfast to a starving brother. Soul Brother, Soul Brother. Does a white man call a fellow white a brother? White man must learn!

Eldridge Cleaver, although in a white man's prison, still last year stressed the necessity of a black-white alliance.

The Black Panther Party through its coalition with the (white) Peace and Freedom Party and its merger with SNCC has been the vector of communication between the most important vortexes of black and white radicalism in America. Any black leadership in our era, with national ambitions has to embody this functional flexibility without sacrificing its integrity or its rock-bottom allegiance to the black masses.

Renewal for America begins with the emergence of the black identity, and we as whites should join the movement as enlightened functionaries but never as manipulative thinkers. For reason is in possession of the black intellect, they are our sages, our prophets, our philosophers. Separatism as a permanent philosophy will never effect a total cultural revolution. The white man must go to school with the black revolutionary. And separatist Ron Karenga with his pork-chop nationalism (black capitalism) may shred his daishiki, but the stoned soul picnic will remain for everybody.