

**PEACEFUL PROTEST**-About 400 students and faculty members at Western Maryland College gathered for a rally to protest the killing of four Ohio college students by National

Guardsmen and to protest against the United States move into Cambodia.

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Photo by Mike Morley

## Over 300 March Downtown

# WMC Marchers Protest Killings

By Christopher H. Bready

Slightly more than 300 Western Maryland College students, professors and their families marched through downtown Westminster Tuesday night carrying candles in protest of the killing of four Ohio students by National Guard troops the evening before.

Following a 90-minute gathering featuring protest songs and anti-war and anti-violence speeches on the steps of Baker Chapel on the college campus, the two-abreast column of protesters made the 70-minute march along Main street and Pennsylvania avenue.

A boycott of all classes Wednesday was also planned as a protest against the killings.

Practically all the marchers wore black arm bands, and many carried candles, in memory of the four slain students who were shot to death as National Guard troops fired into a crowd of student protesters at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio.

The Guard had been called to the Ohio campus after the university's Reserve Officers Training Corps building was burned down Saturday night in protest of President Nixon's ordering U.S. troops into Cambodia.

The route the marchers took went from the college, down Main street to the Post Office, and then back up Main street to Pennsylvania avenue before returning to the college campus.

A head count at one point placed the actual number of

marchers at 302. The crowd was about 100 persons larger than the marchers in the college-sponsored October Vietnam Moratorium march into Westminster. That march only went as far into town as the intersection of West Main street and Pennsylvania avenue.

Little resistance was encountered by the marchers, who were ushered through the town by eight Westminster policemen. Many bystanders stood in doorways or on porches staring at the line of protesters.

Before the march, about 400 persons gathered at the steps of the chapel to listen to protest songs and sit and meditate over the Ohio incident.

The mood of the crowd resembled a funeral wake, as many sat with their heads bowed or looking straight ahead, fashioning blank stares.

The crowd joined in singing several songs. A sample verse went: "Hey, people, smile on your brother, everybody get together, try to love one another right now."

Another requested: "Peace, I need, with you my friend."

As they sang, several red-jerseyed members of a college fraternity stood by oblivious to what was happening, tossing back and forth a lacrosse ball.

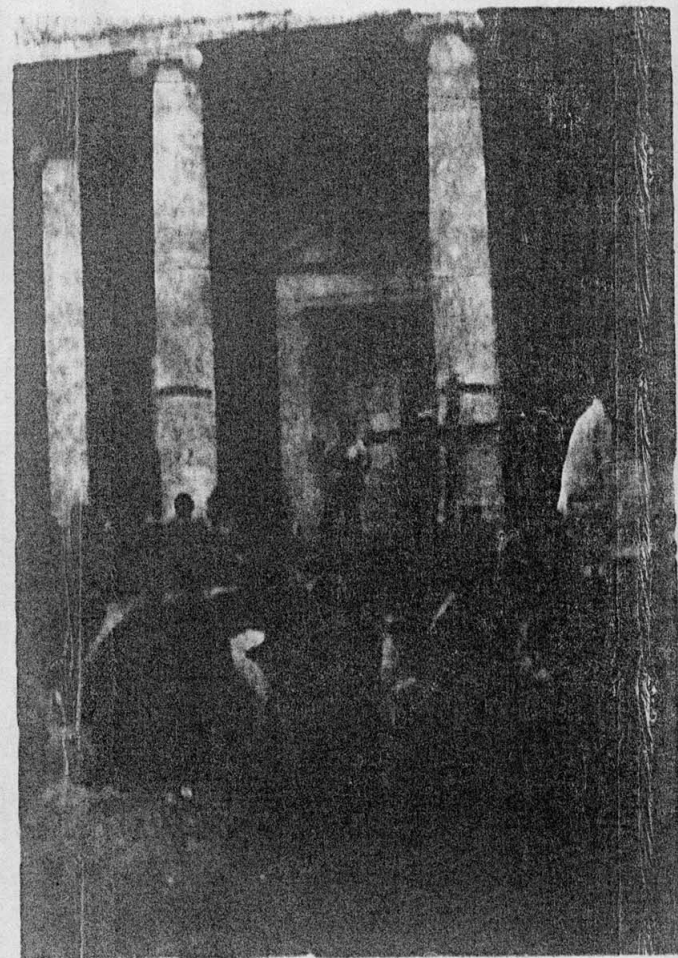
Short speeches followed the songs, and several speakers impressed upon the throng the need for non-violent protest. But the call also went out for protest and not idle concern.

"All students can unite against senseless killing," one speaker claimed.

Another said, "We can't af-

ford to be silent anymore."

Mike Rudman, who headed the college's march through (Please see MARCH, page 2A)



**CHAPEL ACT**-Students sit on stone patio of the Baker Memorial Chapel, listening to protest songs and meditating over Ohio students' deaths.

Times Staff Photo by Patricia A. Rouzer

acquisition of rights-of-way for the town's planned new sewerage treatment plant near Avondale is "just about settled." The city has had some trouble purchasing the 9 needed rights-of-way for the main sewer line to the plant.

## March

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Westminster in October in support of the Vietnam moratorium, said, "We've got to learn not to be afraid to be Americans."

Shortly before the march began, a prayer was offered to the crowd, ending with the wonder: "What's it going to take to pull a better future out of a sorry present."

The march itself was noticeably absent of any incidents. There was a report that some water had been dropped out of a window on Pennsylvania avenue, but none of the marchers reported being hit.

At one point, the line of marchers extended from the intersection of Railroad avenue and Main street to the burned-out shell of the State Theater building.

Many of those standing on the street watching the line of protesters said they were completely unaware of the purpose of the march.

"What's this?" asked one bystander, a comment to be uttered by many others interviewed along the march route.

Several of those watching the march were aware of the reason behind it, and questioned the protest's ultimate good.

"Why are they protesting something they don't understand?" asked one girl, who wondered aloud, "How do the guys over there (in Vietnam) feel about this?"

One auto mechanic, who declined to give his name, commented: "It would be much better to let 'em loose and burn everything down." He added,

"It would be much better to let 'em burn the universities down and work for a living."

A youth standing in front of a pool hall on Longwell avenue remarked: "If the others are obstructive, they ought to shoot more of them," a reference to the Ohio shootings.

Another youth standing next to him described the march as a "diagrace."

One lady, standing in the

doorway of a drugstore, said: "I don't like it. I don't care for it. I think it's silly for people to be parading around carrying candles."

One Westminster policeman said about some of the bystanders: "We've got some ignorant people here. The biggest thing we have to fight is ignorance."

The march route took the protesters across various intersections, and the police halted traffic until the marchers filed past, causing one non-protestor to remark: "They're holding up traffic. Is that right? When the light changes, they (the cars) should go. The cops are afraid."

"What do we elect officers for?" he questioned. "To uphold this kind of stuff?"

The police reported they had received several telephone calls during the day concerning the possibility of a march, but added that no threatening calls were received.

Plans for the protest and march were formulated by the students on Tuesday afternoon. Westminster Police Chief H. Letley Day and Sergeant Samuel Ilex met with college dean C. Wray Mowbray and student lead-

ers in the afternoon to discuss the march plans.

Mowbray said later Day had suggested that the march route not include the downtown area, but this idea was nixed by the students. Day then promised police help for the marchers.

During the march, Mowbray commented at one point: "They've got the whole force out to help us. It helps."

Shortly before the march began (around 9 p.m.), Westminster Mayor Joseph H. Hahn, Jr., drove by grim-faced in a police car. He said nothing and just waved to reporters.

The students received formal backing by the college's chapter of the American Association of University Professors, who passed a motion on Tuesday giving "our support to the efforts of the Student Government Association of Western Maryland in its plans for mass meetings and peaceful demonstrations as they attempt to express their solidarity with fellow students of other institutions and their concern to preserve freedom of dissent for all students."

The marchers returned to the college campus shortly after 9 p.m., at which time a moment of silent prayer was observed for the slain Ohio students. After this, the students were asked to return to their dormitories. "Go in peace," one person requested.

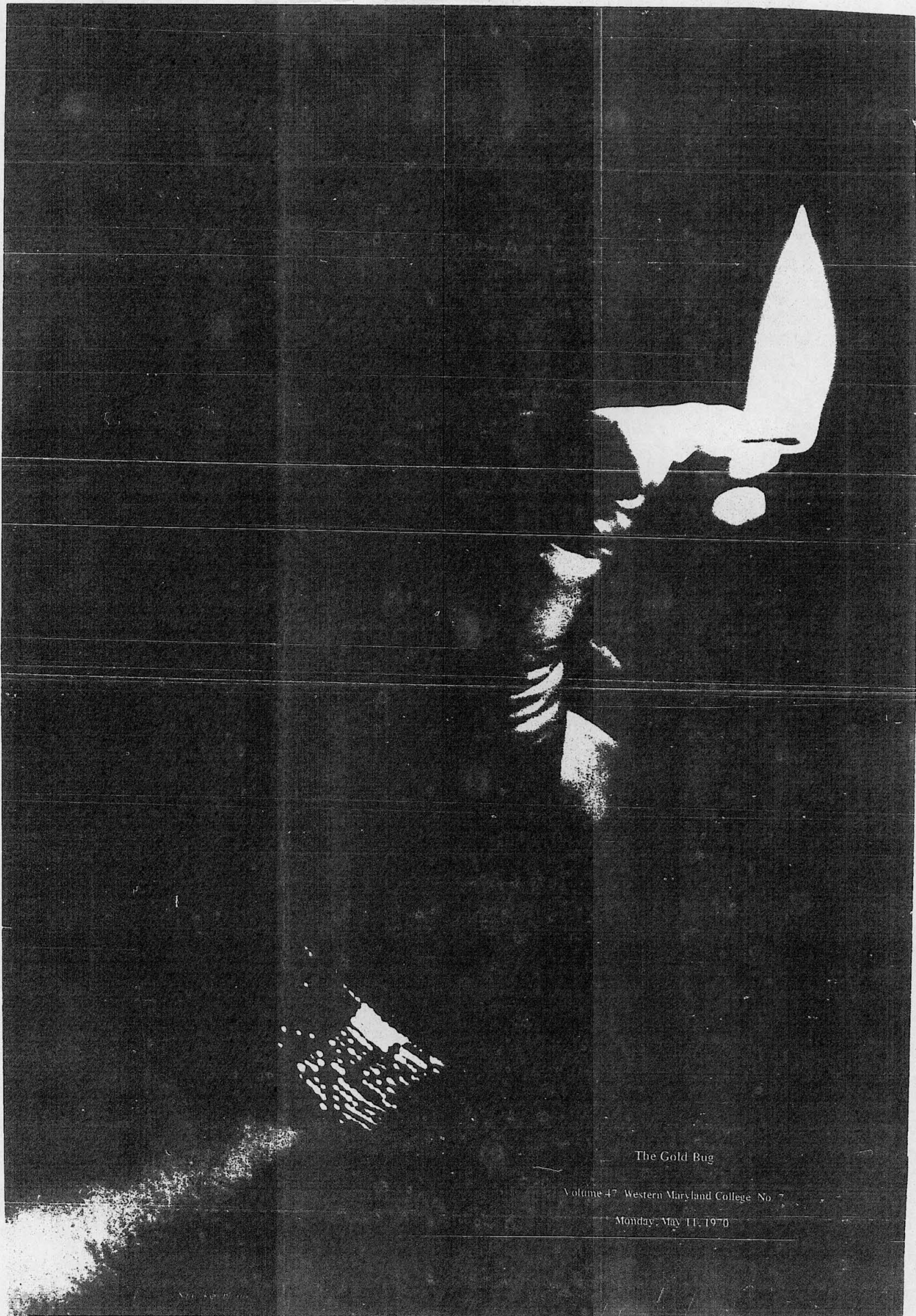
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### Days of quiet asking why

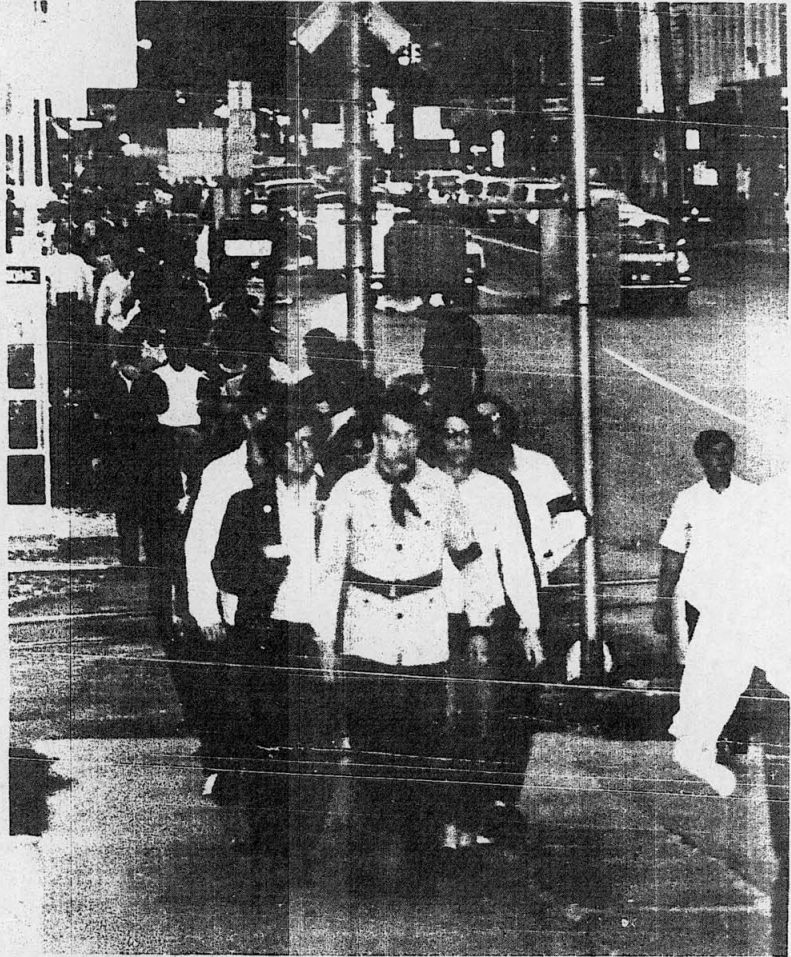
On Wednesday, the emotions which were expressed on Monday night in terms of rush organizational meetings and rallies on Tuesday changed their form of expression. The mood mellowed, and emphasis was shifted from the immediate facts of the Monday killings to a more introspective aspect on the part of the students to determine their own position in respect to recent national affairs. Those people who took part in the Wednesday strike of classes were for the most part not out in congregation, massing their protest against whatever. But rather, the time was spent primarily alone. Each person within themselves, trying to sort out some order in the mass of confused actions which had recently presented themselves. Just what was right or wrong, what to support or dissent and in either case, how to express these feelings. These were the questions which plagued the troubled minds of these concerned that solemn Wednesday.

On two occasions, however, the students did get assembled in one place at two times on Wednesday. At 11:15 there was a memorial service in Baker Chapel. Both the size of those attending and the intensity of their feelings showed the deep state of feeling which all were experiencing. The service consisted of folk songs and moving dialogues, but the factor that made the service most meaningful was the atmosphere generated by those attending, they came and went silently, in thought.

At four o'clock, there was a poetry reading session in Memorial Hall. The proceedings were somber. It had been an informal meeting. Dr. Richwine of the English Dept. had said at the beginning that poetry by its very nature was quiet. It was not a medium of action. The group tried to explain the events of the last days to themselves.

Outside the campus was silent. Inside the words of Macleish, Milton, Dylan Thomas and Edna St. Vincent Millay were contributed by the group.

The last quiet words died out and the people solemnly left Memorial 106. The poetry reading session, last planned activity in the two day demonstrations that sprang from the Kent State killings, was over in form, but not in substance. The effect of the proceedings is sure to manifest itself in other forms before the crisis which is now present is resolved.



### Split develops over march purpose

The memorial demonstrations Wednesday for the Kent State students killed by the Ohio National Guard has spurred a wave of controversy among the students on the Western Maryland Campus.

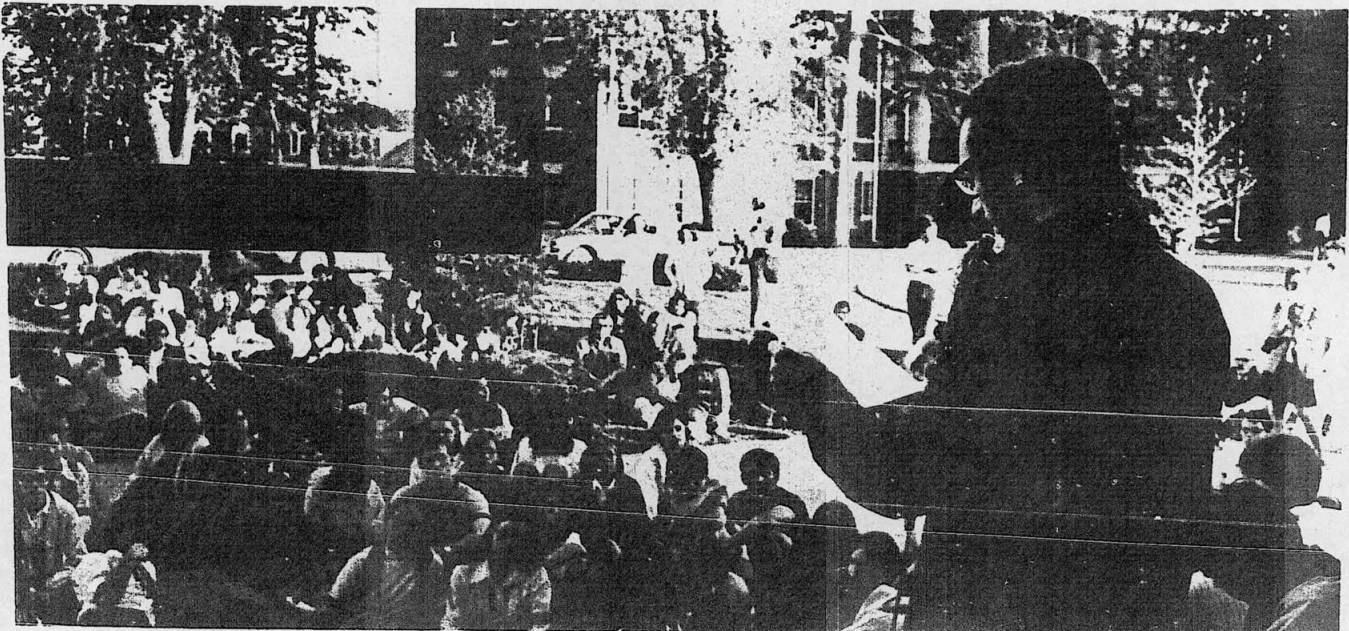
Basically the conflict is one of ideologies and springs from the basic meaning of the demonstrations. A large group of students feels that the march and rally should have been more heavily anti-war. Another group thinks the march should have been limited strictly to memorializing the four Kent Staters killed Monday.

The organizers of the march decided that in order to

get the largest group of students involved the march should be along the lines of a memorial service. At an organizational meeting Monday night in the grille several students said they felt that if the protest was too strongly anti-war not many students would participate. Roland Hill pointed out that one of the reasons the Kent staters were shot was because they were attending an anti-war protest. The decision to limit the activities to a memorial was a done from a purely nachievellan stand, according to the organizers.

One of the decisions that effected the nature of the

protest was a vote in a Tuesday planning meeting in the GOLD BUG office. At that meeting Chief Day of the Westminster police asked the group to change the plans they had made Monday night to march to the Armory and go instead to the War Memorial. Day felt that it would be easier to prevent trouble if the march did not go through the downtown section. After about fifteen minutes of heavy debate the group voted 33 to 29 to go all the way to the armory. Some of the organizers of the march felt that the march could have taken on a more definitely anti war tone if the march had gone to the war memorial instead.





**THE GOLD BUG**

It was a very quiet weekend compared to last week. The press people are saying that around a hundred-thousand people were in Washington to participate in the Peace Rally. The press made a big play about how there were not enough fountains to go around and that many people fainted. They told about the President's unprecedented trip to the Lincoln Memorial at five o'clock in the morning. Allen Ginsberg said "OM" and David Dellinger said that we should go "right on" and give "power to the people" and end the war. The loud-speakers were pointed at the White House. The President probably heard.

Last Friday the President told the nation that "when the action is hot the rhetoric should be cool" and that he intended to keep it cool in his administration. That night Vice-President Agnew made a speech from which he deleted the words hoodlums, villains and Jeremiahs. The epithets were references to demonstrators. He made it clear before the speech that although he was leaving the words out he still felt that the people were hoodlums, villains and Jeremiahs. President Nixon made it clear to newsmen at his press conference that he was not going to muzzle his vice-president.

And so even if the President was in Washington on Saturday and even if he did go to the Lincoln Memorial at five in the morning we feel that very little has changed. The president will go on talking and the troops will go on fighting. And all the time it seems as if he were on the defensive. He asks the public to have patience with a war that has already cost too many lives and ruined the hopes for any sound policy in the Far East. He pleads with demonstrators as if they were the hounds and he the fox. He is the one that is being violated. He is full of innocence and only needs a chance to prove his way. He is morally indignant. Every man should have a chance. It is the demonstrators fault that the war has not yet been won--"how do the boys over there feel," "unrest at home." It is the communists fault that we have had to invade Cambodia. It is their intolerable resistance and their behavior at the Peace Conference that has forced us into this furthering of action to protect American lives. Lives of our American boys. The strongest nation in the world. Never been defeated.

Let us remember that the President is not on the defensive. He is on the offensive in Cambodia and at home. It does not matter if he has sent out the word to keep the rhetoric cool. The fundamental thinking remains the same.

This is not a time for patience. There have been too many other "attempts to save American lives" and end the war sooner. Bombing the north, the Tonkin Resolution, and the initial commitment of advisors are three examples. The war has not ended sooner.

This is a time for action, whatever action it may take.

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Last week's rally and memorial service for the four Kent State students led to many cries of, "we're unified." Remarks made continually referred to the new faces which led the two day's activities. For the first time in a long, long while, various campus factions, traditionally diversely opposed, were united in a common goal and a common plan of action.

The unity and new faces are not that impressive if one thinks beyond one's initial reaction of pleasure and surprise. The unity doesn't necessarily symbolize a new awareness by WMC students. What it does represent is a somewhat indignant, somewhat fearful reaction to the murder of four white students.

Unity was easy because nothing was on the line. Who can condemn protesting and memorializing the deaths of four of "us," of four students? But did we protest the murder of Fred Hampton or the riots at Chicago and Baltimore? It's easy to protest when we, white students, start getting killed - that's close to home. But Black Panthers, "hippies" and political activists, and exploited, ghetto black people are another reality, only on the edge of our awareness.

Leaders of the memorial action avoided a protest of U. S. involvement in Cambodia. They said not as many students would support a Cambodian protest, that a bigger number of people would support the memorial. Big rallies are more impressive than small ones. Better to unite on a safe issue than to perpetuate the factionalism with a protest involving political and personal commitment.

Mourning brings people together. There was unity after the deaths of John and Robert Kennedy. Undoubtedly there is unity now on the Western Maryland campus. But it is improbable that the unity will continue for long. As soon as a real issue comes up, one that involves a more risky commitment and isn't as respectable as protesting the deaths of four kids, the factions will re-emerge with the student split will continue.

SDB



**Letters to the editor**

**the march**

To The Editor:

Since I am a terrible writer and the same goes for my speeches, I will keep this article short and simple. However, I think there is so much to be said about the students that attended the various events concerning the deaths of the four students at Kent, Ohio. For probably the first time students of different types united together to discuss, march, and mourn for the students that died for the cause of every American student and citizen. Much praise should be given to those students who, bothered by anger, fear of their friends (at the various campuses), disgust, and complete horror, managed to handle themselves in the best manner. I want to thank those students that took place in the events, for their cooperation and their concern. We can't afford to forget the outstanding job the marshalls did, the Westminster Police, the various speakers and singers. My special thanks go to Dr. Hartman, Dr. Palmer (and the English Department), Dr. Ridington, and the students that worked hand-in-hand to make this as successful as it was. Let me conclude by saying, that these past few days have proven that American students do care about their nation. Let us think about what has happened, and stop it before it happens again--thank you.

Stephen Sweet

**biased communication**

To The Editor:

On Tuesday, May 5, students of Western Maryland College conducted a Memorial March through the town of Westminster. This march was held in memory of the other students slain at Kent State University, and in support of "the right of Americans to assemble peacefully in protest of their government's policy." It received coverage by the local press, but not by the local radio station, WTTB.

We feel that the march was significant and should have received coverage from all media for several reasons. First, the march was not a protest. It was an affirmation of the ability of students to act peacefully and responsibly in their exercise of the constitutional right of assembly. Second, unlike many marches, it was organized and conducted in close cooperation with both the college administration and the local authorities. Third, it occurred without incident under the supervision of student marshalls.

Acknowledgement of this type of action demonstrates to the public and to the students that violence is not a prerequisite to recognition and that the right to peaceful assembly is still a viable part of the American political system. We recognize that the management chose--after conscious and deliberate consideration -- not to inform its public of the students' efforts. We take issue with the policy of the station because we feel that if the station includes reports of violent demonstrations on the nation's campuses they should, in keeping with their legal obligations as a licensed public servant also

report on local activities which seek to re-affirm the constitutional right jeopardized by actions on many campuses. Can we, as citizens -- whether in positions of leadership or postures of dissent -- no longer recognize the viability of peaceable assembly for redress of grievances?

Kenneth W. Humbert  
Lyle E. Wilson  
James E. Rimmer  
Joseph I. Donovan

**a graduate's view**

To the Editor:

As a WMC alumna I was interested in the Carroll County Times account of Tuesday's peaceful protest. I would like to voice my thoughts on the tragedy at Kent State that led to your march.

Speaking as a recent student, when I first heard the news I tended to place all blame on the National Guard Troops. The killings certainly were senseless. Worst--the victims probably had not instigated any of the violence but were simply members of the crowd. It now seems there was not even the provocation of a campus sniper firing at the troops.

Then I considered how I would have felt had "non-violent" protesters been assaulting my husband, a National Guardsman as a result of ROTC requirements, and my feeling of blame shifted. Missiles fired from guns can kill and injure people, yes. Are not hurled missiles also capable of injury? Why were non-violent people throwing bricks, bottles, etc.? Is burning the ROTC building non-violent?

I know the Guardsmen intended--wanted to keep peace, not to slaughter students, but someone among them lost control and the shots were fired. I know the students were demonstrating against senseless violence and killing. Yet, someone among them over-reacted and led them to burn and assault. I now find blame on both sides of the Kent State confrontation and can only believe that no particular position or age group is free from the sickness and hypocrisy rampant today. Student I.D. or uniforms--neither makes a man automatically a pig or a savior. Can we ever have a really decent world?

Mrs. Dianne Himler '66

**thank you**

To The Editor:

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the students who participated in the "Plant-In" on our farm last Wednesday, April 22. Projects like this make the public aware that we all must work together to conserve our air, water, and land if we wish to live in a healthy environment.

The trees have survived the hard rains we've had the last few days and look as if they are going to make it. Anyone wishing to stop out to visit with us and see how the trees are doing--we'd enjoy having you.

Sincerely,  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hunter

**unite, mobilize**

Dear Mike,

I didn't wear an armband to mourn the dead of Kent State this Wednesday as I did not see fit to glorify students that were responding to the war in a useless and harmful way. I disagreed with the symbolic goal of the candlelight march, The National Guard Armory, because I felt that this made the entire coercive power of the state guilty of the irresponsible acts of a few. I am horrified at the fatalities, but I can see no reason to self-righteously blame the other side. The only reason I marched at all is because I felt that the march would serve the anti-war movement.

I consider the 4 dead as much victims of the idealization of irrational and useless acts against the war by the anti-war movement, as they were of National Guard bullets. With the notable exception of the anti defense tax movement, war protests have rallied around symbolic but basically irrelevant situations. For example, the upsurge in demonstrations that followed the Mylai massacres was based on no real change in the situation. If you have a modern guerilla war, women and children are going to be killed. These civilian deaths should be included in any definition of guerilla war. So why the big deal over Mylai? After every change in the Vietnam war situation, there is a fresh outburst of demonstrations against the new event. I'm not saying that the accompanying publicity with the change of events should not be used to catalyze public opinion, but too often the event overshadows the basic injustice of the war itself. Too often the rising sense of frustration is vented against symbols of the "military-industrial establishment"; recruiters, Rand Corp, Dow Chemical and the like. This is smiled on by the liberal, non-violent majority of the anti-war movement. "See," they say, pointing to the busted heads of more radical types, "this is what happens when you alienate youth with an immoral war." So with their clean hands they point to the unconstitutional stifling of dissent and proceed to make political capital out of the more courageous, if misguided, members of the movement. The press cooperates nicely; the youth of America sees much of the crazies in the movement. A clubbing makes good copy, and all this good copy makes for culture heroes. The students at University of Maryland were understandably upset at the Cambodian business. A few of the 30,000 students decided to do something about it and block U. S. Rte. #1. It was a real picnic for them. Bands played, people danced and threw rocks at the cops. It was great sport, excitement; the police and National Guard kept things from getting dull and gave the students a tangible bad guy. I wonder how many were really upset to the point of doing something that required real self-sacrifice?

The mass media covers these disturbances and thus sanctifies them. The level-headed Sam Browne types do not receive the sensational coverage. All this glorifies and makes acceptable to many youth the personal confrontation with the problem. They grapple with the symbols of the military-industrial establishment. What better way to relieve your sense of helplessness and frustration than by throwing a rock at a cop? People actually look forward to violent confrontations with the police. The students that occupied Skinner building at the U. of Md. a few weeks ago told the press that they had no idea that the police would be called in to evict them. Hogwash! My sister was in attendance at the sit-in. As soon as the group assembled inside the building, signs were placed in the windows. They contained references to the police. One of them said, "Fuck the Pigs". She said that the occupants of the building delighted in anticipation of the "pigs" arrival. Excited references were made to the titillating probability of busted heads, and to the chance of striking back at "the pig." The police arrived, and either they showed much restraint, or the students showed little heart, for no heads were busted. Last Friday, Maryland students decided to block Route #1 to protest the Cambodia trouble. Surely they would have been sorely disappointed if the police hadn't shown up. How can you rid yourself of helplessness and frustration, and at the same time provide the liberals with martyrs if the police don't come? I'm sure the "demonstration" at Kent University was the same sort of thing. Provoke and confront; be a hero; be a martyr. Well do-gooders, you have enough martyrs now. Glorify them. Maybe more of our disaffected youth will go and do likewise--and meet the same stupid fate. Personally, I have had my own martyrs for a long time. Some of my buddies have purple hearts. One in my graduation class is killed in action in Viet-Nam. They were mis-guided, too. These, to me, are the real martyrs, not some self-indulgent student. I wonder how many of the students that participated in confrontation tactics this past week regularly read the newspaper? Dr. Panek says that Kent students are much like whimsee students. If this is so, they died betrayed, as innocent pawns of a self-serving movement.

I don't mean for one moment to condone the actions of the Ohio National Guard, but they alone are not to blame. It should be pointed out that the anti-war movement has to take a long, hard look at its tactics and philosophy.

Too often, the only use campus anti-war activities have is as a safety-valve for frustrations. People that basically agree with each other talk. Maybe they have their peaceful rallies. Anyway, most activities come across as mere orgies of self-righteousness and the purging of guilt feelings. After the activities are over, we feel vaguely reassured that we have done our part. Now we feel badly about the senseless deaths of our fellow students. We feel a sense of solidarity with the cause once again. So we will talk to ourselves and tell ourselves what a shame it all is. Maybe we will say or do a few things that symbolically represent our sorrow. Big deal. Already we have lost sight of the goal to pull out now. The idea of Tuesday night's march was to commemorate the dead and maybe make some capital out of the riot casualties. The way the march was conceived, I thought that it would be something that only students and some faculty could relate to. I had only the faintest of hopes that the march would be something that middle-class America could appreciate. All this silent majority has seen is the largest leisure class in the country, the college students, participate in self-righteous condemnations of the older generation that caused the war. These are the people that spend most of their time working to support this leisure class; and they get repaid for their efforts with what seems to be insults and rejection. No wonder this silent majority has found a spokesman and culture-hero in Spiro Agnew.

However, I was amazed and gratified to see our WMC march draw the attention and respect of some of the local citizenry. People took their children outside to watch. The silence and purposefulness of the participants seemed to impress the majority of the onlookers. This march didn't appear to be an obnoxious, placard-waving version of Woodstock. I am sure the college community's concern with the war was communicated to these people. This was the anti-war activity that I have participated in that made me feel like something practically positive was accomplished. At Western Maryland, at least, these useless and senseless deaths served as a reminder and a spur to turn the anti-war movement into something more than a generational and cultural conflict. I can only hope that other campuses, the centers of anti-war activity, will follow our example. I cannot feel upset over four students while this anti-war movement is not aiming to mobilize and unify the population to end what has become the Indo-Chinese war.

Greg Barnes

**scared to death**

To The Editor:

I've seen both sides, and that's strange because when you look at it they are really the same side, and God I hope it's the right side. I, assume, a lot of people are calling the Ohio N.G.'s murderers. Wow, how can I show you in print what it means to be afraid? If you know me, you know I'm an arrogant ass, if you don't ask someone; but believe this, I can't ever remember being so frightened in all of my 21 years as I was last Monday night at 8 p.m. I was worried by the thought, "Will I die tonight on the Md. U. campus?" How the N. G.'s at Kent felt I can only speculate, and yet I'm certain each and every one was frightened for his life. There is no way I can explain away death. Life is too important to me, but there are a certain few lives that individually have more importance to me than the sum of all others, eg. my own and my loved ones. The Ohio N. G.'s, as well as everyone else, I assume, feel this way, and believe me the Ohio N. G.'s were scared, scared they were going to die.

Who shot first? Who cares? People died because of a frightening confrontation, not because of murderers. Why was the N. G. on campus? Now there is a question that needs an answer.

I'm still afraid, afraid Md. U. isn't over and I might still have to die there. Please help me, don't waste time mourning for the dead and pitying their killers, find a better way, work for peace and understanding.

John Seaman

**congratulations**

Dear Editor:

Sure enough the French receive your newspaper and are happy to know the life, and the atmosphere at an American college. A French professor once told me: "Students have a very good foundation, they are not over-excited as in their environment." But I think that, without being over-excited, students would still be able to render the campus more lively.

I liked the photographs very much in the last issue. Who was the artist? They would gain much by being in color...

I would like to know what the students who attended the personal interview of Sargent Shriver thought. This young, dynamic man represented to the government of France the image of "the generous American."

The article on the film "Z" interested me, I had the same impressions as Mr. Thurlow in seeing it. It's really incredible and frightening; assassinations as this for poli-

tical ends exist still today in the 20th century. This same method of obtaining silence was used by the sophist against Socrates. Civilization has changed nothing.

What a successful Idea Earth Day was! Decidedly, this newspaper pleases me, and I wish it a long life.

Signed,  
Corinne Coutem  
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**what was it all about**

To the Editor:

I have a question. What was Tuesday's rally for? Was it a sound happening on the chapel steps followed by a few speeches on how to keep peace with the people of Westminster and how to carry on a "non-violent" march through Westminster? This is what the majority of the rally seemed to be about. I heard a few speeches about students' rights to protest and how we were all together to protect that right, but I heard much more talk about marshals, keeping quiet, policemen, obscene gestures, and how cool it was that we could all get together.

All this definitely should have been part of the rally but not 95% of it. There were many more things on my mind at this time. A flier that came to my room as an editorial stated: "We feel it is time we expressed our dissatisfaction in our involvement in Southeast Asia and in the President's neglect of Congress. The American people are by tradition a patient people. But the patience is wearing thin. Violent demonstrations have not gotten anywhere--people have died and the country is polarized. Non-violent protest is equally dead ended."

"We support an immediate withdrawal from Cambodia and a continued pullout from Vietnam. We want the President to listen to his people. We want the President to use the 'system' of government that represents the people as he has told demonstrators they must do."

"Tonight, Tuesday, May 5, there will be rally in front of the chapel to support withdrawal from Southeast Asia, NOW! We hope that the students and faculty will participate. MLS"

What happened to this aspect of the rally? It was a stated purpose of the gathering!

I think the march and rally on the whole was a good thing, but I also think that many other issues could have been discussed. The four people who died at Kent were demonstrating against U. S. involvement in the Southeast Asian war. This should have been a bigger part of the rally. It's sad that it took the death of four college students to bring any kind of gathering at W.M.C. What about the hundreds of men who will be killed in Cambodia?

The rally proved that the students of Western Maryland College could gather together and march quietly and peacefully through the streets of Westminster. (Was this really doubtful?) To my mind, much was left out, the issue of the right of students to demonstrate was only partially covered, and the fact that the President's foreign policy is not endorsed by the majority of W.M.C. students was not covered at all!

Ron Pettinato

Any student who will be a junior or a senior next year and would like to serve on the Advisory Committee on College Policies submit an application to any S.G.A. officer before 6:30 p.m. this evening.

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## Strikes And Cambodia

To the Editor:

As a resident of the town of Westminster and as a college student and participant in the National Student's Association nationwide strike for the purpose of expressing dissent with President Nixon's recent re-escalation of the war in Indo-China, I believe it necessary to explain my position and defend N. S. A.'s action, in view of the recent public criticism concerning the irresponsibility and ineffectuality of these campus strikes.

The NSA called for this nationwide university strike on May 4, 1970 in an attempt to "mobilize public opinion and build a national consensus against the expanding Indo-China war." I would like to emphasize that the strike is a peaceful means of obtaining unity on a college campus in order that effective action can be taken in achieving a desired goal. This desired goal is two fold:

(1) to demonstrate the solidarity of the dissent within the academic community and (2) to organize campus and communities to exert all necessary pressure on the Congress to assume its constitutionally delegated duties by checking Nixon's blatant abuse of his presidential powers. Here at Newton College, as well as at many educational institutions across the country, the strike is a concerted effort on the part of a great majority of the students, faculty and administration. With the time given us by the suspension of classes, many of us have scheduled speakers and teach-ins concerning the history of the Southeast Asian War and its legal and moral implications. We have collected information concerning Congressional legislation relating to the Cambodian crisis so that our elected representative will be notified of our sentiments and

so that petitions supporting anti-war and anti-escalation bills will be drawn up and sent to state legislatures and to Washington.

The purpose of this concerted effort is to effectively apply pressure on our elected representatives, especially President Nixon, and also to organize public opinion to the extent that the general public itself will vocally support the objectives of the student strike, in particular the unilateral withdrawal of troops from Southeast Asia. It is a fact of Constitutional law that the President can lawfully direct troops to intervene abroad and thus involve the nation in war, albeit undeclared war. But it is also true that only Congress can appropriate the funds necessary for the maintenance of such a politically unwarranted war as that which is presently raging in Cambodia and Viet-Nam. There can be no doubt that the VietNam "conflict" is now and has been for some years, a war in the strictest sense of the word. Since Congress only has the power to declare war, President Nixon's recent escalatory action in Cambodia raises some pressing questions concerning the constitutionality of the recently taken action and the limits of the President's war powers.

In conclusion, I am stating my support of the student strike and am asking your support of this peaceful student initiative. The Congress cannot appropriate the money for such a military venture as that of Cambodia and VietNam if they are not supported by their constituents, if they are bombarded with anti-war letters, and if they are not reelected to office. Actions such as these will not be effective unless people like the people of Carroll County decide to become an active part of a truly representative democracy. We must make known our opinions while they still may be heeded by our elected representatives. Today is 1970, today the Cambodian and Viet-

Nam war rages on; the time for responsible action is now.  
Linda Dange  
Newton College  
Newton, Massachusetts

To The Editor:

Tuesday evening I stood in a double line of marchers from WMC. It was the first time I had felt the need to participate in such a demonstration, and I was not the only first time participant. There was the usual number of long hair "hippie" types, but there was also an abundance of athletes, ROTC students, "silent majority" types, older conservative professors, and younger liberal ones. We marched because of an incident at Kent

State University in Ohio.

On Saturday, a mob of students set fire to the ROTC building on the Kent campus. On Sunday, an unruly mob of students charged the National Guardsmen who had been called in to keep order. The mob began to pelt the guardsmen with rocks. After using all their tear gas, the guardsmen began to withdraw as best they could. Then for some unknown reason approximately twenty guardsmen turned and fired numerous rounds over and into the rock-armed students. When the shooting ceased four students lay dead. It is known for a fact that at least one of the four had nothing to do with the rock throwing.

When I was passing the fire-house, I heard a man ask, "What's this all about?" I can not begin to explain each individual's reasons for participating, but I would like to climb on the soap box long enough to explain why I marched.

I marched because I think something must be done to prevent a repeat performance of such a shooting, and because I realized that only a voting public can actually bring about such a change. I marched to try and arouse one such voting public in Westminster.

The only way to avoid another shooting of the Kent State type is through stricter law

enforcement. There are three purposes of law enforcement in a demonstration situation; 1) protect the lives and property of everyone, whether they are involved in the protest or not; 2) protect the rights of non-protestors; and 3) protect the rights of demonstrators who want to peacefully demonstrate, from non-demonstrators and from radical demonstrators who seek to change peaceful protests into acts of destruction. None of these principles were successfully undertaken at Kent State. The students

who set fire to the ROTC building should have been arrested, and more guardsmen called out with ample equipment (tear gas) and with the intent to adhere strictly to the three principles stated above. It is too late for anyone to prevent what has already transpired, but you, the responsible voters, can prevent such an occurrence in Maryland. Anyone who witnessed the superb work of the Westminster Police during our march knows that those three principles, which I have stated, were carried through very well. This should be the case in all demonstrations, not just a few. The local, state, and federal governments should work together to establish effective training programs in riot control for police, guardsmen and federal troops who may be called upon to keep peace during a demonstration. These trained men must then enforce all the laws, but at the same time act within the laws themselves. When a demonstration becomes destructive, those committing the destruction should be immediately arrested. Because, demonstrations become destructive only when the police trample the rights of the demonstrators, or allow the demonstrators to trample the rights of others.

I marched in an attempt to arouse you, the intelligent voters, to bring pressure to bear upon your representatives -- local, state, and federal -- to insure that demonstrations will be peaceful in Maryland and across the nation. I can only hope that I and my fellow students had some degree of success in accomplishing that purpose.

Andrew C. Mitchell, Jr.  
Western Maryland College  
Westminster



### A Soldier's Complaint

To The Editor:

I am presently training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, and live in Westminster, Maryland. I would like to know what the hell the people all over the country and our city are trying to prove, by demonstrating and protesting the Cambodian involvement.

Being a soldier in the United States Army, I'm proud to serve under my flag and feel that anyone living in America should be. These students protesting the war, have nothing to say about. They should keep their noses in their books, before they find themselves in the Army. By marching around carrying picket signs, they're not getting very much education. They are also the one's who want to run my country. I'll be damned if I want anyone with a B.S. or B.A. in demonstrating.

Instead of all this noise they are making, they should try and build the men in Vietnam and Cambodia's moral up. Instead of chopping it off at the trunk. I hate to see my country falling apart. I promised to obey my Commander-in-Chief orders when I was sworn into the armed forces. I think everyone should do the same. They may not always be right, but who is to say whether they are wrong.

Pvt. Vince Battaglini  
Rt. # 4  
Westminster

### Patriotism And Dissent

To The Editor:

I read and heard a lot of derogatory remarks about the peaceful march from Western Maryland College and the demonstrations in Washington by mostly young. Keep in mind the average age of the men dying in Vietnam is 20 years, they had nothing to do with making our laws or setting our country's policies.

Suppose we make a switch, suppose we have a 20 year old president with a loose tongued vice president. Just suppose they are the law of the land and make our policies. You must agree with them or you are not patriotic, accept whatever they say without question.

We tell them they have not lived long enough to vote, make any laws or set our policies. SWITCH. They tell us we have lived too long under a system that will budget 80 billion for War and only 28 billion for combined Health, Education, and Welfare. They say we have learned too many loop-holes in our present laws, too many have learned to accept bribes and put up with things they know are wrong, too many value the dollar above anything else. They, therefore, say you are too old to vote or have anything to do with running the country.

Now these young say when you become a certain age, you must register for the draft, of course, your employer will look at you a little different, but we are the law now. We believe in peace, we are not going to declare war and go all out to win, but you older men must go to Vietnam or protest and go to prison, take your choice.

This new president tells us we are the strongest, most powerful nation in the world, just look at our record. Starting with Operation Sunrise in March 1968, we sent ground troops into battle in South Vietnam, remember all of Vietnam

is 1/20th our size, after 8 years 8 months look what we have accomplished. It was absolutely necessary for us to continually bomb North Vietnam until just before our presidential election, then suddenly it was not necessary. We had to take Hamburger Hill at any cost, American lives meant nothing, this hill was so important, of course after 8 days we moved off, did not want it then. Now we must go into Cambodia, the enemy is there with lots of supplies. We are going to destroy the enemy and his supplies, we already have it figured that with the rainy season and all, it will take them 10 months to build back up again. We know it is going to cost a lot of lives, helicopters, and equipment but we will be out of Cambodia by July and just think, it will take the enemy 10 months to build back up again. Now don't you older people be unpatriotic enough to question our methods or you might get called Bums.

Some people think we should withdraw and let them fight among themselves, some think, just plainly tell Hanoi to withdraw all troops from South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos or Hanoi will be wiped off the map entirely, let them make the choice, but our president says we are only fighting for one purpose, "To Assure the South Vietnamese of a Free election, regardless of whether they go Communist or not."

Now keep in mind, the situation has switched, your young president says this is the way it is to be, you older people do not have any vote, you can not make laws, we young ones make the policies so don't be unpatriotic.

I am sure, not one of you older people would disagree with any of the above, or even become a little disturbed, because after all, we do have the Paris Peace Talks.

Charles L. Gattrell  
Route #3  
Sykesville

MAY 9, 1970

## World War I Barracks Opposing Statements

The Veterans of World War I, Barracks 2539, Westminster, Wednesday evening adopted a resolution disapproving of statements made by Ray Phillips, a member of the faculty at Western Maryland College, at the Carroll County School Board Nominating Federation Tuesday night. Phillips is a candidate for the school board post.

The resolution, signed by Roger Peeling, commander of Barracks, 2539, noted that Phillips had, just before the meeting, led a protest march of students through the Westminster streets.

The resolution added:

"That this body disapproves of Professor Ray Phillips as a candidate for any public office and for all such other's who would use his position of authority, such as a teacher of our youth, to push, pull, prod or influence the gullible ones into public demonstrations which are leading to violence, destruction of property, death and the rending of the very vitals of The United States Of America and for all that our great Nation stands for.

"This body goes on record as viewing Professor Phillips' actions in the streets and his statements at a public meeting on education in the hall of our Carroll County schools as a type of threat to the very peace, safety and the patriotic feelings of the citizens of Westminster. We further express sincere disapproval of the candidacy of any activist-type speaker of any calibre as a candidate for public education office or for any other office in Carroll County.

An appeal by Glenn Miller Quartermaster was made to members of World War I living in the Westminster area to become members of the local Barracks. Those interested may write or call Miller at his home, 22 Dunrovin Avenue, Westminster.

There was a discussion on the ways of how to make a suitable memorial for deceased veterans. It was decided that dog wood trees be planted on each side of the new Memorial drive, not yet completed, leading to the Carroll County Hospital. Details for financing the project are being worked out.



# Letters to the Editor

## Shriver's Entrance

I have decided to write this article because I feel that it is high time that the people of Maryland point themselves in a new direction and create a new design for living not for exploitation of each other, but for living together in peace and prosperity.

Sargent Shriver has been out of the country for some time and I acknowledge this; but he had displayed a candor for the issues that shows that he has kept abreast of the issues and concerns of our great state. France is away from where the action is in Maryland, but so is Cambodia.

The important thing about the primary for the Democratic party is the direction that the party is taking in this state. Will it be stirring up the emotions of our people, take a mediocre position or will it become a leader of events and regain the prominence that the party needs nationally. Mere political appointments is not enough to run a state or to keep the people in a flux over the issues. Shriver could lead the Democratic party of our state to new heights and national prominence and also will demonstrate to the general populace that he will do what he says and not just talk about an issue. He will act.

As an educator, I feel he will take the lead in providing responsible leadership in this field, for our educational system here is in a confused mess. Funds are not the only answer to our educational crisis, but the quality of education has taken a beating due to international events and other national priorities like law and order and the environmental campaigns, both being items of emergency, but both of which have been overplayed. It is long overdue for the tide to turn in a new direction.

If Shriver is using the governor's race as a springboard to the presidency, then all the more power to him, because most politicians would like to be placed in that kind of position anyway. Notice, for instance, the changed tune of Spiro Agnew as vice-president. Shriver has no time to change his positions, for he knows what he believes.

Finally, I urge all Democrats to vote in the primary for it could decide for some time the type of people who will operate the party as well as the state. The Democratic party should remain a viable instrument and not one for any one philosophy or machine apparatus.

Larry Caple  
Patapsco.

## Opposes Barracks Stand

This concerns the recent statement of opposition to Raymond Phillips made by the Westminster Barracks of World War I veterans. The comment that Dr. Phillips led a protest march is totally false. He did not participate in the march. Further, the purpose of the march was to memorialize the four students killed by the Ohio National Guard. The Barracks statement linked the march to violence, the destruction of property, etc.

The march was neither violent or destructive. It was remarkably well restrained considering the heinous nature of the circumstances prompting it. Such lies cannot do anything but gain attention for Dr. Phillips. Anyone hated by such groups has to be pretty good. I am a veteran of four years' honorable service. I support Dr. Phillips. Dr. Phillips himself is a veteran.

Melvin D. Palmer  
Westminster R. D. 4

## Letters to the Editor

### Did Not Participate

On April 2, 1917, when President Wilson declared war, he stated that the nation was fighting to preserve democracy and "the right of those who submit to authority to have a voice in their own Governments." Apparently, some of the men who fought for this notion of democracy have switched sides and now wish to destroy it. Why else would the Westminster Barracks of the Veterans of World War I be driven to distortion and lies? Why else would these men endorse a statement which degrades everything that America stands for?

On May 9, the Hanover Sun reported that the Westminster Barracks of the Veterans of World War I opposed the candidacy of Dr. Raymond Phillips for the Carroll County Board of Education. Their reasons for this action were 1) that Dr. Phillips "led" a protest march through the streets of Westminster; 2) that this march threatened the "peace, safety and patriotic feelings" of Westminster residents, and 3) that "activists" should not run for office in Carroll County.

If the Veterans of World War I cared about the education of Carroll County's children, they should have been at the meeting of the nominating

convention on the evening of May 5. Here they would have observed that Dr. Phillips was present with the other candidates for the school board; he was not leading a protest march. In fact, Dr. Phillips did not participate in the peaceful demonstration held by Western Maryland College students on May 5.

If the Veterans of World War I cared about the "peace, safety and patriotic feelings" of the citizens of Westminster, they might have consulted other descriptions of the students' march. All of the sources note the peaceful and dignified nature of the march. The only threat to peace and safety came from the drunken obscenities muttered by the hangers-on at a downtown establishment.

If the Veterans of World War I suffered mustard gas, and mud, and filth for democracy, they should not try so frantically to kill it now. What is democracy but the right of everyone to express his opinion in a peaceful manner? Where will democracy go if only one sort of people are "allowed" to run for office? Veterans should know this.

LeRoy L. Panek  
539 Old Baltimore Rd.  
Westminster



# Letters to the Editor

## 'Inaccurate' Statements

The resolution passed by Barracks 2539 of the Veterans of World War I, disapproving of statements made by Professor Raymond C. Phillips to the Carroll County School Board

Independence, no American Revolution, and no United States of America.  
William T. Achor  
64 Ridge Road  
Westminster.

Nominating Federation, contains statements which are grossly inaccurate. Since I am a member both of the Western Maryland College faculty and of the School Board Nominating Federation, I feel qualified to comment on the statements contained in this resolution.

(Editor's Note: The entire resolution, as received by The Evening Sun, follows)

6 May 1970

### RESOLUTION

The resolution stated that Professor Phillips had, just before the Nominating Federation meeting of May 5, led a protest march of students through the Westminster streets. While it is true that Professor Phillips did attend the mass meeting which preceded the march, he neither led nor participated in the latter. Indeed, he was at the Nominating Federation meeting (as was I) during the entire period of the march.

BE IT RESOLVED that the World War I Veterans of Carroll County, Barracks 2539, does hereby unanimously disapprove of the public utterances of one Professor Ray Phillips, a member of the faculty of Western Maryland College, at the Westminster Junior High School when he addressed a public meeting held at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 1970.

Furthermore, according to students and faculty who did participate in the march, Professor Phillips was in no way involved in the planning or execution of this peaceful protest. Thus there is no basis for the resolution's statements (1) that he used "his position of authority...to influence the gullible ones into public demonstrations", or (2) that he participated in any "actions in the streets".

Using the vehicle of a question made to him as to his feelings about the Reserve Officers Training Corps at Western Maryland College (the 5th oldest ROTC unit in the United States) he stated in substance:

The resolution further states that Barracks 2539 views Professor Phillips' "statements at a public meeting in the hall of our Carroll County schools as a type of threat to the very peace, safety, and the patriotic feelings of the citizens of Westminster". It is unfortunate that the full text of the resolution was not carried in the newspaper report. As the report stands, the reader has no knowledge of which of Professor Phillips' statements are viewed as a threat. I respectfully request The Evening Sun to print the entire text of the resolution passed by Barracks 2539; until a clear and complete statement is forthcoming, the thoughtful citizen must reject this portion of the resolution as meaningless innuendo.

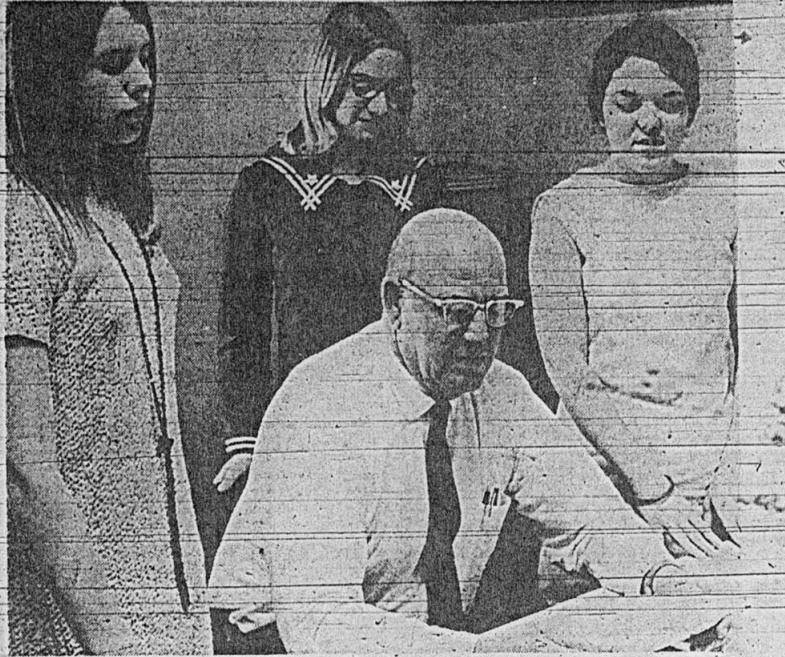
1st: That he had just left leading a student protest march through the streets of Westminster prior to coming to the public meeting, in protest of the death of rioting students at another college in the U.S.  
2nd: That he was violently opposed to the United States presence in Vietnam and that he would lead a protest at any and in front of anyone's house.

While my primary purpose has been to correct the errors contained in the resolution, I feel compelled to question the disapproval by Barracks 2539 of "any activist-type speaker as a candidate for public office in Carroll County". Without such activists as John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and Thomas Carroll of Carrollton (for whom this county is named), there might have been no Declaration of

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body disapproves of Professor Ray Phillips as a candidate for any public office and for all such other's who would use his position of authority, such as a teacher of our youth, to push, pull, prod or influence the gullible ones into public demonstrations which are leading to violence, destruction of property, death and the rending of the very vitals of The United States Of America and for all that our great Nation stands for.

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Roger Peeling  
Commander  
Barracks 2539  
Veterans of World War I  
U.S.A. Inc.



POLICE PAPERWORK — Chief Leroy Day shows some of the routine paperwork involved in law enforcement. Diane Terry, Marlon Shaw and Barb Dollinger.

## Students Find Out Police Officers Not Really 'Pigs'

By DEAN MINNICH  
Staff Reporter

In the junior English class of Mrs. Marsha Scott, grammar has its place, but communication and discovery is what's happening.

Words like "relevant", "involvement" and "Meaningful dialogue" have been shelved with other fadish cliches by a lot of social thinkers who have grown weary of those who demand changes but have no practical alternatives to offer.

But Westminster High School students are dusting off those words and ideas, and using them constructively as important tools in their education.

MRS. SCOTT'S English class is different. Even the arrangement of students' desks is designed to provoke participation. Her teaching philosophy is based on communication, so the desks are arranged in a circle. Classes are often a roundtable rap, instead of a lecture session. No one sits in the back of the room, because there is no back, no front. There is, instead, education-in-the-round, as compelling as theater in the round, and apparently just as entertaining.

Using the logic that English is communication, and communication is involvement, the youths have been taking part in community activities outside the classroom. On Earth Day last week, some students helped Western Maryland College students plant trees on a farm near Manchester.

WHEN THEY heard that parents' attendance at PTA meetings was dropping to the point that PTA officers were considering disbanding, the kids approached the PTA president with an idea: Let the kids get into the act,

providing the legwork to make personal, door-to-door pleas for renewed interest in the PTA, or in a Student-Parent-Teachers Association.

With this extension of the classroom work, a certain amount of discovery about the world outside is inevitable. When eight youths spent the day with officers of the Westminster Police Department Thursday, the result was more than discovery: It was revelation.

"I don't think 'overwhelmed' is too strong a word," said one educator.

THE YOUTHS got a look at a small-town police force that they did not suspect existed. Within two hours, the kids admitted that they were awe-

struck.

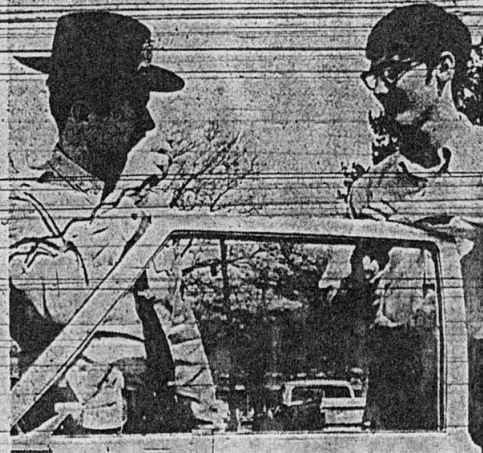
"I always thought of the city police as, you know, small-townish," said one girl Thursday.

In classroom evaluation of the visit the next day, every one of the eight students said the local police are being sold short.

Rick Jimenez said he has lived in communities where some policemen might deserve the derogatory "pig" label applied by radicals. He says it doesn't fit Sgt. Gilbert Abbott, in whose patrol car he spent a major portion of the day.

"HE TALKED about one teenager who gets boozed-up every once in a while, and he was really concerned about the kid. He really cared," said Jimenez.

Roger Joneckis, who (Continued on Page M-2)



ON PATROL — Roger Joneckis cruises the city of Westminster in Cpl. Sam Leppo's patrol car to get a better understanding of the role of the local police force.