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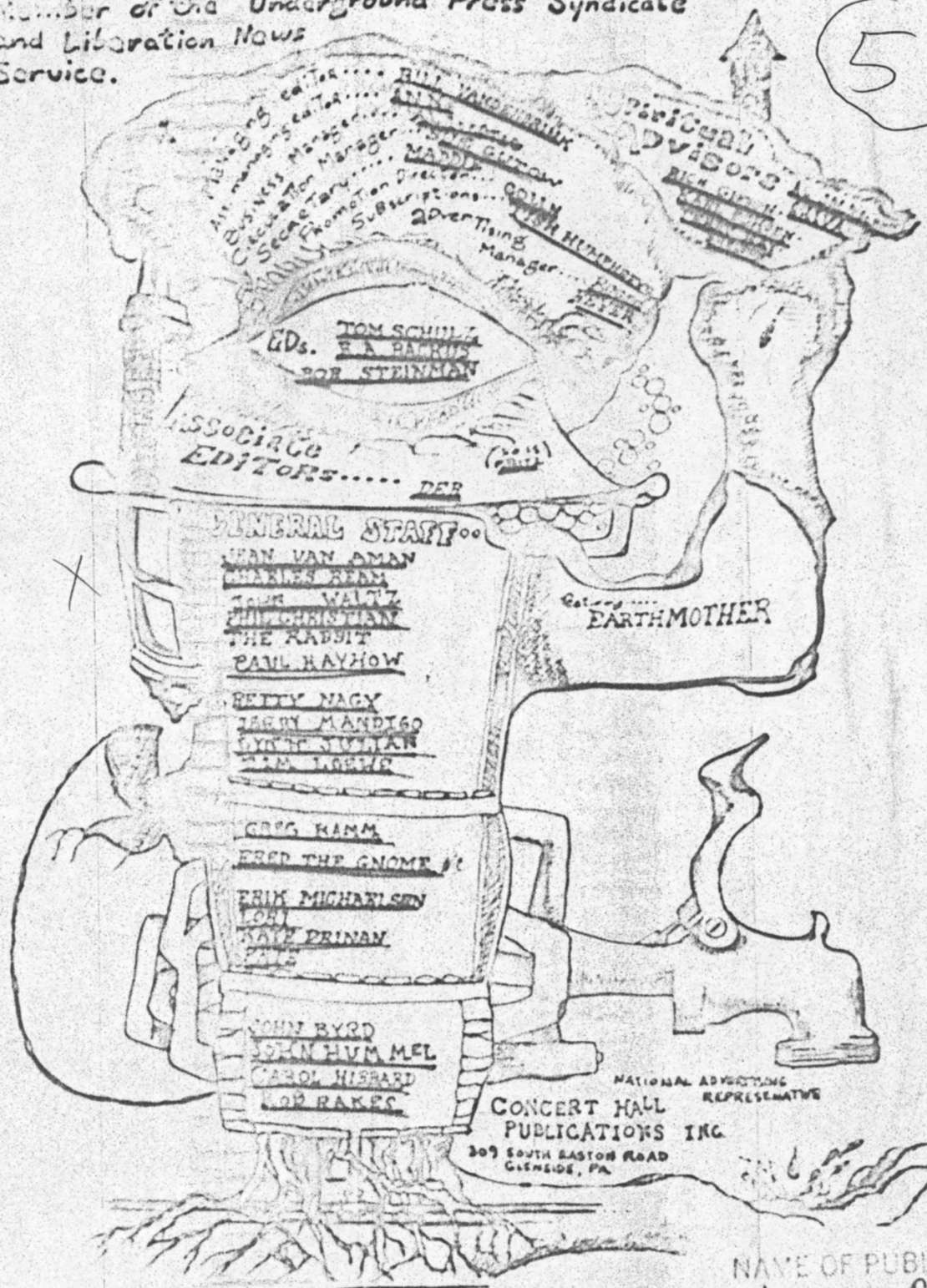
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Commentary

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To the Editor:

It has long been a strongly held belief of students fighting The War Machine, Racism and related issues that the conventional media distorts their activities, often beyond recognition. Now the students of WMU who have recently demonstrated their concern over the acquisition of some long overdue rights recognize that this distortion extends to the coverage of their activities as well.

Recounting the misrepresentations, omissions and outright falsity of the Kalamazoo Gazette (as well as much of the other city and state media) during the past week is impossible for me now for reasons of time. I will attempt however to reply to the editorial of Saturday, April 5, entitled "Loss of Control Inherent Demonstration Danger."

Your initial premise seems to be that (1) There were "leaders" and (2) That these leaders "lost control." Many people worked very hard to build the struggle for our rights. I authored many thousands of mimeographed leaflets, spoke a few times, gave some press releas-

es, spoke to President Miller when he confronted the students Tuesday night and thus might be tagged as a "leader." I feel, however, that I never led anyone or told other students to do anything. Issues relevant to the personal lives of students were presented plainly and simply and thousands responded. The function of the person holding the microphone was simply to give information and to present alternatives. For instance, during the confrontation with the administration in the Snack Bar on Wednesday morning the basic choice was whether to leave or face the police who would soon come charging in. People made up their own minds. Finally most left before a confrontation materialized.

Thursday's gathering had (if possible) even less organization and "leadership" than Tuesday. Thousands turned out to hear the speaking, to hear the music and demonstrate their unity. Police were poised to move at 11. Far from fomenting trouble the "leaders" had a difficult time convincing many students that they had better get out of their Union or their heads would be split. People were mad about the ejection. They quickly changed their minds about going over to the Canterbury Center. Instead they massed in Michigan Avenue. Hundreds charged the home of university President James Miller. At this time the "leaders" were trying to get the band out of the Union and make ready a place for them to set up their equipment in another building. Personally, I was surprised and nearly speechless (but very happy) when I left the Union and saw thousands of my brothers and sisters demonstrating their commitment in the street. No one "lost control" simply because no one was trying to control any-

body. People who decide they are free make their own decisions and as long as no harm results to anyone else their right to make decisions should not be impeded by busloads of armed police. If the band had been allowed to continue playing nobody would have been in the street at all.

The Gazette is worried about the arrests and "record" of the young students arrested and its effects on their future lives. It is hard for older people to understand that today an arrest often carries a certain nobility, a sacrifice for a just cause, rather than a social stigma. It is gaining momentum every day and will not stop until its goals are achieved. The basic aims are simple. A) we want a strong student government, B) students should control the campus newspaper, C) restrictions on student freedom which are unnecessary to the functioning of the university should be abolished.

At most other large universities these rights have been obtained long ago and are now taken for granted. WMU had better catch up, in fact, it had better catch up fast. If "establishment" intransigence continues new, more effective, and possibly more unpleasant tactics will have to be employed!

(signed) Charles Ream

P.S.—To dispell any images about campus activists being "no good bums" I will list my "tags." 1) WMU senior, 2) Waldo-Sangren Scholarship recipient, 3) Two term student senator, 4) Phi Eta Sigma honorary fraternity, 5) Honors College, 6) Dormitory Council Vice-President, 7) WMU Undergraduate Assistantship recipient, 8) 3.9 Grade point average, and 9) Member, Students for a Democratic Society.

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Demonstration at the Detroit House of Correction on Saturday, October 16, 1971. DeMoCo is located on Five Mile Rd. between Beck and Ridge Aves., in Plymouth Twp. The main buildings of DeMoCo are on the south side of Five Mile and the Women's Division is on the north side of Five Mile Rd.

Information from a press release put out by the demonstrators before the demonstration. The Prisoner's Solidarity Committee and the Mayday Coalition, a group of organizations from Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, and Detroit have called for a state wide rally and march at the Detroit House of Correction on Sat., Oct 16, at 2:00 PM. DeMoCo was chosen because it was in late August when 300 women inmates staged a sit-down strike to protest the inhuman conditions at the jail. Speaking at the rally will be TOM SOTO, from New York's Prisoner's Solidarity Committee, Attica Negotiator, also speaking will be representatives from the Black Panther Party, The Malcolm X Center of Inkster, and a member of the National Welfare Rights Organization.

Most of the demonstrators parked their cars on Five Mi. just W. of Sheldon Rd. and walked or were shuttled to the rally point at the NW corner of Five Mile and Beck where the speakers talked before marching to in front of the Womens Division for a time then they marched to in front of the main buildings. They marched in circles there along with shouting and chanting to the inmate trustees in the rear area of the buildings. They started leaving area at 4:15 PM. No incidents, no arrests.

Identified amongst the demonstrators and speakers:

- DAVID CARR
- RICK FELLMAN
- DAVE GORDON
- MICKEY GORDON
- CINDY HARGRAVE
- TOVA KLEIN

- WILLIAM KAHN SACKS
- DAVID SINCLAIR
- LENNI SINCLAIR
- TOM SOTO
- DARRELL SUGERS
- PETER WERSE

Further identifications probably can be made when photos are received from E.Lansing.

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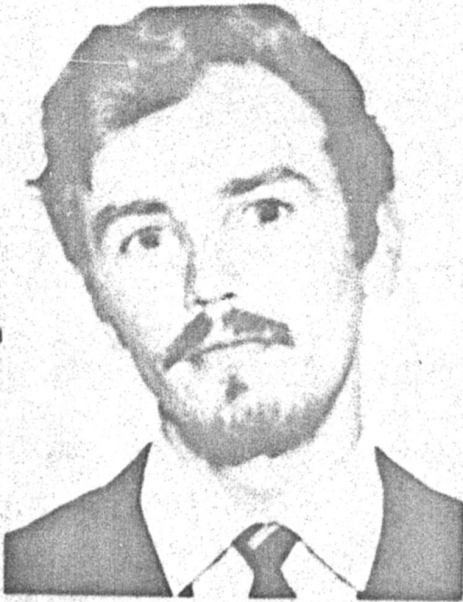
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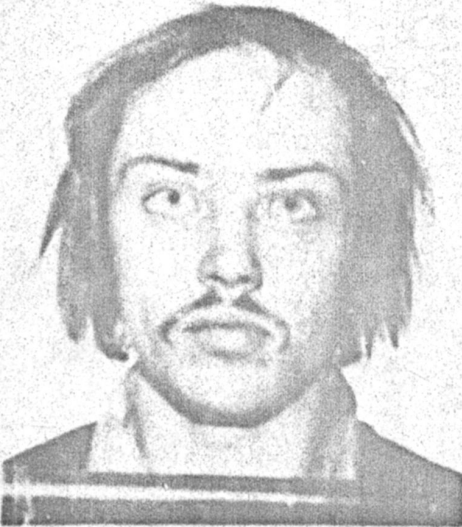
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