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the elements which are in Protestantism. A necessity this arose on the night led to the emphasis upon those features which were ~~more~~ opposed. In the case of Catholics, this necessarily meant that the Protestant Church, the post-Reformation was the truly Catholic one.

Also, if Prot. relied on the creptures, both must not. If the Prot. concept of the Ch. stressed the community of believers, the Cath. must the hierarchy & the institution of Prot. based on ~~other~~ private interp democratic organization. The Cath. Ch. must be unity, authority and hierarchy.

Prot. Today, apparently the necessity of returning to traditions which go beyond the Reformation, seek beyond the Medieval Ch. & increasingly of evidence. As genuine, genuine Christian tradition neither the Prot. nor the Cath. impulse can be seen in its fullness if it is viewed only in a negative, only as the opposite of the other, only in juxtaposition.

Yesterday the twenty black students at Iowa walked into an administrative office building, evicted the staff and staged a sit-in. The reason, as the administration had failed to provide a black culture house.

On the surface this appears to be an extreme, unreasonable demand. The Iowa College does not have a student union, hence none of the students have a satisfactory place for recreation on the campus. Likewise, there only 23 black at Iowa.

Still, when put into the framework of situation of the black man in the United States, and especially in white, racist Dubuque, the black student's request is not out of line.

Objection might also be made to the methods, but since violence was not involved I am not certain this is legitimate either.

Such issues of course bring the race to problem to the front for each of us. For most whites, of course, it is a simple matter. The negroes are out of line, extreme, and almost entirely beyond understanding.

Indeed, a group of white students

were prepared to evict the blacks by force. The majority of the faculty were in general unsympathetic, in as far as I can judge. I suppose their reaction is the white men's reaction to pressure by blacks. Most are not for shooting them down, but the difference is one of degree not of kind. In other words, some kind of force to keep them in line is what is needed.

Fortunately Paul Noonan is a sensible, Christian, unprejudiced person. Since he is in the administration his influence is all for the best. As a result, the police were not called in, although, so he told me, the members of Regents were on campus that day, advised it.

Personally, I can feel great sympathy for these black students, aside from the issues of the Cullum House. The burden of their race weighs heavily on them, not simply because of white prejudice but because of the pressure of them to resist, to attack. The leader of the blacks is a very fine basketball player. As a senior he should

be having a great year, enjoying his triumphs. He may, indeed, be able to establish a career through his ability here. But instead of enjoyment he has a heavy load placed on him.

Nov. 23, 1969.

The contemporary work for arrival at Loras College Saturday evening, Nov. 21st (or 22nd), when a race riot nearly exploded on the campus. The vehicle for the transportation of this riot was the ineptitude, if not the vindictiveness of the Loras President. The violence was avoided only when the President gave into the pressure of a black sit-in and the insistence of neighboring colleges, the students of which were involved, that he do so.

Generally, I was a bystander to all of this. Thursday night one of the black students asked me to testify on their behalf before the Discipline Committee. I left this hearing virtually convinced that no strong penalties would be imposed.

Saturday noon, while getting my mail, I met one of the black students, ~~with~~. He showed me a letter suspending him indefinitely.

I was terribly upset. Angry, perhaps, more than anything, ~~not at all~~ uncertain as to staying at Texas since the blacks would have been forced out.

Throughout Saturday numerous faculty called me, most of them upset, although not as much as I.

What I couldn't comprehend was how the discipline committee could have been so severe. I knew several were quite liberal in on the race question. Furthermore, I felt that the defense made by myself, Bud Houser, and the blacks was strong.

Sunday morning, [redacted], a younger man in physics, called. We decided to get call a number of faculty to a meeting ~~etc.~~ My ~~indication~~ We had learned Saturday night that the blacks had refused to leave and ~~we~~ were hourly increasing in number as black students from other campuses arrived.

My intention Sunday was to make clear to the President how strongly I disagreed with his decision. I hoped to get a number of faculty members to sign a statement to this effect with me.

Unfortunatly, [redacted] called a

number of faculty so with quite different views. As a consequence the meeting degenerated into a shouting match.

At this the President showed, announcing that under great pressure, he had changed the penalty to disciplinary probation.

After some further sharp exchanges by faculty members, we all went home. ~~At~~

Although Sunday & Monday ~~was~~ <sup>it</sup> became clear the the President had actually over-ruled the discipline committee. One letter had brought clemency, but the President had been as harsh as possible.

At the Monday night faculty meeting all was peace & light except for Father Wilkie's continued attacks on the President.

I was aware that someone could really put ~~the~~ the Presed. on the spot. Furthermore, I remained terribly disturbed not only over his decision but over the reaction of many faculty members who regretted only that he had changed his mind.

Tuesday morning my discussions with faculty members convinced me I <sup>must</sup> attack the President. The tone of the last meeting was such that



he was apparently getting a vote of confidence. Also, Bud Norman informed me that Deucoll had insisted that no more black students from the Chicago ghetto be admitted. All in all, he was getting white-washed & the black students were the villains. ~~for him the~~

Tom Huram, of my dept, was on the discipline committee & he was very upset with the President.

As I decided to attack at the faculty meeting Thursday afternoon, not so the mass weight of the attack was to be directed against his consistent refusal to follow a faculty committee's recommendation, in this case the discipline committee.

So I took over the floor at 4:00 o'clock to give my point of view. Apparently I talked too long, although I was not emotional or vindictive about it. I received very little support, partly because the meeting had to end at 5:30.

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Several factors led to this. One, it is difficult for me to not feel not so sorry for Deucoll, even though I feel him to be incompetent. Secondly, for several days, I received little public support, so that I began to wonder if I had not made it necessary for me to leave Loras.

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~~presence of my actions~~

~~of the~~  
Finally, I am not particularly a tough man. I know what is right & generally have spoken out, but I have little serenity, little inward peace.

Thus, as a Christian, I must learn I must be less impulsive, less quick to speak. When I speak out, I must be clearly prepared to accept the consequences.

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