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Ole Miss Faculty Protests University News Release

By ILENE H. STRELITZ
Editor

The University of Mississippi Chapter of the American Association of University Professors recently sent a letter to the Chancellor of the University deploring and challenging a release from the University News Service which minimized the effect of racial strife upon the school.

The letter has not been made public, but the Daily has been given access to it. The news service article in question was reprinted in the Monday, October 14 Daily, under the headline "Ole Miss Enjoys

Productive Year despite Racial Troubles."

THE ARTICLE stated "Most of the Northern Press launched an anti-Ole Miss campaign. . . ." The letter states that little if any evidence was seen of this by the members of the chapter. The chapter felt that a condemnation of injustice is not to be interpreted as a campaign against the institution at which it occurs.

The article stated that "news media continued to pounce on every insignificant mistake made by a student." The chapter alleged that its members had noted wide play in the press only of unlawful and intolerant acts on the part of the wide students, certainly something beyond the sphere of pranks.

The author of the article stated "almost all of the rioters were outsiders. . . ." The reply of the AAUP at Mississippi was that the personal knowledge of the members, eye-witnesses at the riot, deemed this statement simply untrue, and that its untruth is widely known.

The Chapter deplored the omission of all negative details: losses of students and faculty members, and the seriousness of these losses.

THE CHAPTER felt that those faculty members who had left were slurred in the article, that it was insinuated that they felt for personal gain. The article noted "the vast majority of Ole Miss' Professors have refused more lucrative jobs. . . ." Both this statement and the allegation that faculty members left for personal gain were labeled false by the AAUP group.

The article was given the Daily by a Stanford student after the Daily had requested an analysis of the theory that the University of Mississippi had been killed by racial strife. The article was identified in the Daily as being a release of the University of Mississippi News Service.