

# Math Center a City Issue?

## Two Aldermen Want Contract Ended

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While *Karleton Armstrong* mitigation hearings go on, two Madison aldermen are doing what they can to keep the Mathematics Research Center issue alive.

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Ald. Michael Christopher, Sixth Dist., and Raymond Davis, Eighth Dist., have an anti-MRC resolution to come before the City Council tonight.

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The resolution asks the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents to sever its contract with the United States Army Research Center Office.

That would probably mean the closing of the center, since, as Christopher said Monday: "I don't think it would be possible for that center to exist without the support of the U.S. Army."

### Called City Issue

**BOTH ALDERMEN** argued that the Mathematics Research Center was as much a city issue as a university one, with Davis

calling it "a death machine in Madison."

"No one has the freedom to carry on murder," Davis said Monday. "That's not within the bounds of academic freedom."

Christopher contended "the

university has run the city for too long."

The council recently entered into another UW-related issue—the closing of ethnic student centers—with negligible results.

It recommended arbitration between the university administration and the students involved, but, after perfunctory talks between UW and city officials, the centers were closed officially.

This time, Christopher, who felt the measure had "a realistic chance of passage," said, "as representatives of the people of Madison, we would hope that the regents would listen to us."

### Action Not Condoned

**CHRISTOPHER** said he hoped that the merits of the resolution would be argued as far away from the fact of the August, 1970, bombing of the center as possible.

"I don't condone—or in any way attempt to rationalize Armstrong's actions," he said. "He acted then as he wished to and I'm acting now as I wish to."