

'No Justification for Such an Act'

# Bombing Draws Angry Reactions From Area

News of a bomb which ripped through the Army Mathematics Research Center at the University of Wisconsin early Monday, killing one person and injuring others drew these reactions from people across southern Wisconsin:

**SAUK CITY** — "I'm not too happy about a man getting killed. I hope they get the criminal and hang him. It's just a dumb waste," said James Accola, 26, a businessman.

Tom Purmal, a University of Colorado student working in Sauk City said, "This sort of thing is uncalled for — there is no sensible reason behind it. I'm quite liberal in my views,

**LANCASTER** — O.C. Quarberg, a Lancaster banker called it a "premeditated, deliberate act of destruction with no regard for life or property."

"Terrible. A forerunner of what is to come. A complete disregard for others," was John Pink's reaction.

A Lancaster housewife said, "I fear this may mean more violence to come."

**PRAIRIE DU CHIEN** — "My first reaction was: Who did it and why did they do it? I would assume it might be a protest against the unwanted Vietnam war. I would say, unwanted by the people in this country," said Lyle Lipke, city assessor and commander of the Prairie du Chien VFW.

Michael Leary, a senior at the University of Notre Dame, said, "I'd like to know who did it. I would not immediately say it was done by political elements. There are a lot of people using this excuse.

"Violence is as American as apple pie and has been used by many political movements, in-

cluding labor unions in the '30s and the Ku Klux Klan. I don't feel violence solves any useful end. People can get excited about a bombing in the states yet say nothing about the bombing in Vietnam," he said.

**WHITEWATER** — Mary Watson, a sophomore at Whitewater State University said, "I think it was awful. Whoever did it, I hope they catch them."

A Whitewater businessman said, "I think Mayor (Richard)

Daley had the right idea. There is no justification for such an act."

"I was shocked. They better start cleaning house on so-called students," said Mrs. Arthur Houghton.

**MONROE** — Jeffrey Kohl, a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin said, "I was surprised that it happened before school started. We were expecting that the radicals would ac-

celerate their attempts. If they start the year this way, how will it end?"

Mrs. C. G. Hennager, who has a son that will start at the UW this fall, said, "I'm concerned because I have a son who will be going and had hoped things would simmer down and not be as bad as they were. I have a lot of faith in my son and hope that he can cope with it."

"Unfortunately these kind of incidents put the University in the worse possible light. It probably will result in measures being taken that will harm rather than help — academically, recruitment, financing, and faculty. This is the real harm of the bombing," said Atty. Joseph Viney.

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## UW Blast Heard 30 Miles Away

While many sound-sleeping Madison residents weren't awakened by the explosion which destroyed much of the Army Mathematics Research Center early Monday, persons as far away as 30 miles reported hearing the blast.

Ken Heding, police chief at Belleville, about 25 miles from Madison on the Green County line, said, "I heard it. My wife heard it, and several other people here heard it, too."

**HEDING SAID A MAN LIVING 7 miles south of Belleville also reported hearing the blast.**

Some Belleville residents awakened by the boom thought something had exploded in the village, Heding said. One man thought his water heater had exploded.

In McFarland, a worried resident called the Fire Department to report the explosion, which he thought was at the McFarland High School.

Firemen rushed to the school but found nothing there.

**A MONONA COUPLE AWAKENED** by the sound at about 3:45 a.m. argued over whether it was thunder or an explosion. They decided it probably was "those radical students raising hell again."

Several Middleton residents were roused by the blast, while the Verona, Sun Prairie, Deerfield, Stoughton, and Cottage Grove Police Departments said they received no reports from residents roused by the sound of the explosion.

**SPARTA** — "I think the University's connection with the military and industrial complex in the United States should and will be brought to the attention of the public. I do not agree with the tactics used in this instance," said Steve Krembs, a UW senior from Sparta.

Patrick Boltik, 19, who just returned from six months' active duty with the Army, said, "I believe the majority of students are losing out because of what the minority groups are doing to get recognized."

"I think it is a ridiculous act. The tactics are all wrong — violence should not be used to bring these things to the attention of the public," said David Johnson, a chemistry student at La Crosse State University.

Mrs. John Kress Jr., a housewife and UW graduate, said, "My first reaction was one of shock, then anger, then violence. I just wanted to go down there and wring their necks." She has twin sons who are high school seniors. "I'm glad they have just one more year out of college."

**PORTAGE** — Mayor Donald A. Murphy called the incident "terrible. A person would have to be sick to do such a thing. If they catch them, they ought to throw the book at them," he continued.

Mrs. James Bogrin, a Portage housewife said, "I don't understand the type of people who would do such a thing. It's about time something is done to stop them."

"All this violence scares me. Eventually it will make the police crack down, and that could lead to something resembling a police state," said Mike Cody, a student at Baraboo State University.

**BARABOO** — "I can't imagine anything as terrible as killing a fellow with a wife and three children. It's high time they start giving law enforcement officers more support and protection. I don't think the taxpayers are going to stand for this sort of thing much longer. Madison will be a ghost town at this rate," said L. H. Eckhardt, president of the First National Bank and Trust Co. here.

**BOSCOBEL** — "I am opposed to violence of all kinds, whether it involves war or the bombing of buildings. I believe this bombing shows that, if the Army wants to do research, it should not be at a university such as Wisconsin," said Philip Bohlman, Boscobel High School valedictorian.

Bohlman's brother, John, a sophomore at the UW added, "The bombing served no good

cause. It was the act of someone who had no direction or purpose and only will bring on more repression. I expect it will make it more difficult for the UW in getting more money."

**BELOIT** — Donald Barber, clothing store operator, termed the bombing "a discipline problem, lack of authority, and lack of punishment."

"I don't agree with this at all. People have started listening to youth the last few years, but something like this is bound to hurt — it's too far out," said Jeff Widmer, a Beloit student at La Crosse State University.

**PLATTEVILLE** — "Senseless bombings cannot be prevented by police action alone. We must attack the social ills that have given birth to a corps of disenfranchised radicals," said Craig Tiedemann, a sophomore at the UW.

"If the law had been enforced several years ago when university incidents in violation of the law began, this might not have happened," said Mrs. Jack Eversoll, a Platteville housewife.

**VIOLA** — "I feel sorry for the family of the man who was killed," said Sylvia Sanford, a freshman at Platteville State University who also is Miss Richland County.

