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Dear Folks,

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Enclosed is a local paper with several articles related to the
current disturbances, ^{and a couple of other clippings.} I sent different clippings to James and Warren
earlier this week. The Friend's Center on Brooks St. has been ^{somewhat} involved
in the disturbances because of being near the center of action on
several occasions. One night a mob bombarded 2 or 3 cars on University
Ave., half a block from the house, with rocks and then barricaded the
street with fence posts, pieces of cement, etc. Police have used tear
gas in the area on a number of occasions and some inevitably got in the
house although we closed all the windows. We have been luckier than our
neighbors. Police use of gas tended to become less responsible as the
~~xxx~~ violence continued day after day. Nearby buildings which have had
tear gas thrown inside include the Univ. YMCA, the girls dorm of the
Baptist Community of Life and Faith and the Afro-American Center. The
YMCA served as strike headquarter for a while. The Baptist Center was
guilty only of offering first aid to victims of gas, etc. The gas
cannister was in their case thrown through a (closed) window into
the basement where the graduate student with cerebral palsy who you
met, who lives at the Friend's Center, has set up an office. Bob had
just left his office about 5 minutes earlier. Since the gas was thrown
near the stairs, he felt that he could have been trapped and ^{possibly} killed.
The Friend's Center has so far suffered only a couple of ^{windows} broken
with rocks. Perhaps someone doesn't like us because we don't support
the violence. Two houses owned by the University on the same block
and in view from my bedroom window have been firebombed.

I was interested to hear that Mom's brother Kearlo has been
elected President of the University of Turku. As you probably know
the president of the Univ. of Wisconsin has just announced his resignation.

He was disliked by students because he was so quick to bring national guard and police on campus to _____ try to cope with disturbances, thus sometimes causing more violence than would have otherwise occurred. As strange as it may seem, he was attacked by right wingers in the state legislature for being too lax with the students. I hope Kaarlo never has to face problems of the scope indicated by the enclosed articles on the 1,200 treated for tear gas and more serious injuries and on the 50 cases of arson in one night. The 1,200 figure does not include those treated for tear gas here at the Friend's Center and other places which have put up a red cross to indicate a willingness to help but which are not "certified" medical centers as part of the Hillel system. One of these centers was set up in the basement of St. Francis House across the street from us when the violence in this area was at its worst. The tear gas aggravated a soar throat which was the beginning of a bad _____ cold which I have had now for several days. The cold and the disruptions have brought progress on my thesis to a virtual halt the latter part of this week. However things have been pretty quiet the last couple of days. The surprisingly strong stand taken yesterday by the faculty against the war has probably helped to quell the mob action. Nonviolent students appear to be the ones who are most active now with a variety of projects including a campaign to turn in 15,000 draft cards to president Nixon next week, a letter writing campaign sponsored by the Dept. of Communicative Disorders which has a house on our block (one of their tables is shown in the newsphoto at the bottom of the enclosed newspaper page) and a continuing peace vigil on Bascom Hill (the center of the campus) which can be seen in the background of the same photo.

Where is Warren's new location? I assume that means he has a new mailing address.

The last major chapter of my thesis is now ready for the typist. This leaves only about 25 more pages to work on but I expect the proofreading, reproduction and other busy work to take about 6 more weeks,

after which the examining committee is supposed to have at least 2 weeks to read it. Hence I will not graduate in June as I had expected. The exam will probably be rescheduled this summer if we can't get it done by then.

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