

American Association of University Professors Resolution

Dated May 18, 1970 and mailed to President Richard Nixon, the Governor of Maryland, the Maryland US Senators and the Congressman representing the local Congressional District:

At its meeting on May 5, the Western Maryland College Chapter of the American Association of University Professors, without dissenting vote, asked that the following statement be sent to you:

We, the members of the Western Maryland College Chapter of the American Association of University Professors wish to express our concern over the killing of four students at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. We deplore violence either in the expression of dissent or the attempt to suppress it. We wish to give our support to all attempts on the part of students or fellow faculty members to express peacefully their opposition to the military policies being pursued by the Nixon administration. The right to dissent is a historic right in the democratic process without which democracy itself cannot survive.

We likewise wish to give our support to the efforts of the Student Government Association of Western Maryland in its plans for mass meetings and peaceful demonstrations as they attempt to express their solidarity with fellow students of other institutions and their concern to preserve freedom of dissent for all students.

Note: The Resolution was authored by Prof. Charles Crain, and the letters were signed by Mr. Edmund E. Makosky, Secretary, AAUP. (Edmund Makosky is the son of Dean John Makosky and was a member of the Physics Department at the time.)