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Student's Rights Violated

Radicals attempt to try CIA

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On April 6th, 60 people, mostly UMass students, will be on trial in Hampden District Court in Northampton. They were arrested while protesting CIA recruitment on campus. After being locked out of the Whitmore Administration Building last semester, the protesters took over Munson Hall

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and were subsequently charged with trespassing.

Termed the "Munson-60", the group will be represented by Len Weinglass and others for no charge. They will use a "necessity defense" which states that a minor crime may be committed in order to prevent a more serious crime from taking place. In this case, they will say that trespassing is permissible to prevent alleged CIA violations of domestic and

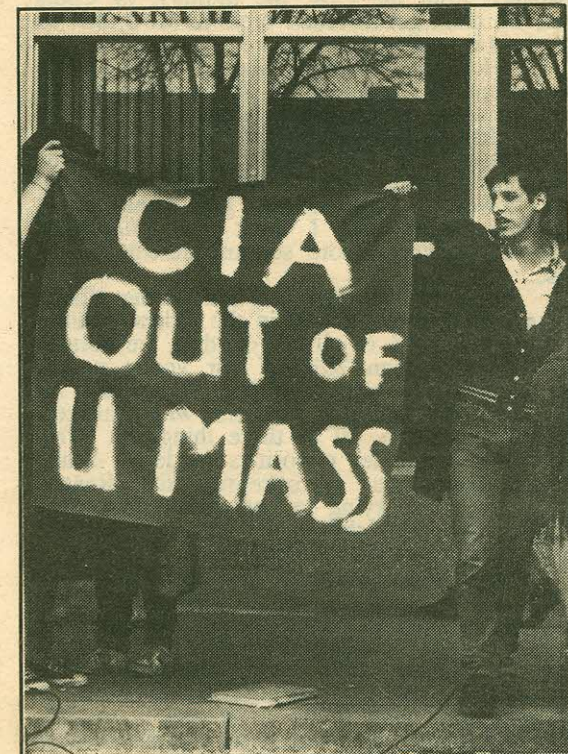
international law.

To prove these allegations, witnesses will be brought in to testify. Among those slated to appear are John Stockwell, former consultant to Kissinger and Miguel D'Escoto, foreign minister of the Sandinista regime in Nicaragua.

The protesters are fairly confident that they will be found not guilty. Although a pro-CIA demonstration will be taking place outside the Northampton courthouse at the time of the trial, the "Munson-60" thinks that the public opinion supports their cause.

Since such public figures as Abbie Hoffman and Amy Carter are indicted as part of the Munson-60, reporters from national and local media are expected.

On April 16th, another group of protesters will be arraigned. This bunch, calling themselves the "moral bullies" after a comment made by Chancellor Joseph Duffy, occupied the affirmative action office in Whitmore. They are charged with disturbing the peace by obstructing the working of the office. The defendants claim that their rights were abridged because they were barred from seeing a public official, chancellor Duffy. One protester added, "The affirmative action office hasn't done much lately anyway."



Students gathered at Nov. protest

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