Means enters innocent plea

SIOUX FALLS, S.D (AP)— American Indian Movement leader Russell Means pleaded innocent Friday to two charges resulting from an April 30 melee at the Minnehaha County Courthose in Sioux Falls

Means, 34, a native of Porcupine, entered the pleas to charges of rioting to obstruct public officers and injuring a public building.

Means and several others were arrested following a fight between authorities and AIM supporters, which erupted in a courtroom where defendants charged in connection with a 1973 riot at Custer were being tried The courthouse was heavily damaged during the club-swinging battle between AIM members and members of the South Dakota Tactical Squad

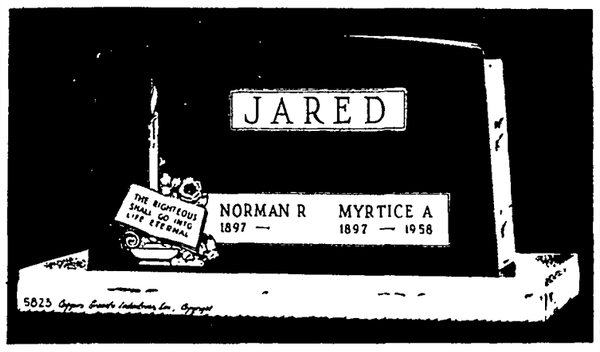
Judge Richard Braithwaite accepted the pleas pending a demurrer which will be filed to both charges A demurrer is a claim that the defendant has not been charged with a crime A hearing on the demurrers has been set for Jan 20 During that hearing, Braithwaite also will consider any other motions by means, including a motion to dismiss the riot charge

Means faces maximum sentences of 2-10 years on the riot charge and five years on the other charge

No trial date has been set

The South — "hush puppies," served with fried fish dinners, traditionally originated at a fish fry when someone dropped the corn bread batter into the kettle

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The Buck Ends Here

By IVAN D E BEAUMONT

The Christmas mail

Tom and Mickey Weathers and daughters from East Alton, Ill ,send their best to Nebraska City friends Tom was the parks and recreation director here and has a similar job in East Alton They write that they enjoy their new home, but miss their Nebraska City friends

Dr and Mrs M D McKenney are now living at Dodge City, Kans ,where Mac is a principal in the secondary school. Mac was the former NCHS band director and Senior High principal The family lived in Vermillion S D ,prior to moving to Dodge City Mac now has his doctorate

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One of our favorite cards came again this year from Al Holmes, one of the WWI Company B guardsmen Allen makes his own cards in watercolors We think they're precious

He has his own thoughts

"First let me say my attempt at art leaves much to be desired After retirement I joined the ranks of the elderly frustrated artists My works have not caused a national sensation but strange as it may seem several have even spent their money to purchase them The income is neither awesome nor particularly needed, but the acceptance of my efforts is very rewarding to my ego

"Any rate, it is better than cutting out paper dolls "

Mr Holmes said he hopes that Company B guardsmen will hold their reunion again this spring and promises that as soon as a decision is made he will write the News-Press

His address is·
Allen Holmes
3808 Sixth Avenue Apt 7
Des Moines, Ia., 50313

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One upon a time. . .

Among the many things of which I am an expert, addressing Christmas cards happens to be the easiest

Oh, I am good. I find it very easy to jot down those little personal words with the grace of an eagle soaring in the sky In fact, my cursive style of handwriting would even raise the eyebrows of Mrs Elmer Conkling of the Greggsport school days

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I've tried many things over the years I've sailed the high seas, taken the controls of airplanes, climbed a mountain (in Disneyland), swam Mill creek in Kansas, chewed Beechnut tobacco, drank four bottles of beer on my 18th birthday, and broke a sorrel stud

But of all my adventures, I've found penmanship to be my mark in life (It's also a lot easier on the stomach)

You understand, of course, that Millie doesn't agree with this, but then the ship was heaving and I was shaking so much that my overseas letter writing control was limited

This year was the year I was really going to show my old chums how well I could dash over the cards with such neat characters and I was all set to show Millie

"Not tonight," she said

"Whattya mean? Give me a stack of cards woman, I'm going to write some notes "

"Go watch television, or something," she snorted

"Now listen here, girl Hand me a fountain pen and a stack of cards "

"Ivan," she said, (I can always tell she's getting puffy when she calls me by my first name) "We haven't had a fountain pen in this house for 10 years "

"So?"

"So, that's only one reason. You haven't written to your old Navy buddies in that many years or more."

"So?"

"So, Christmas is only three days away. .you've got to send Christmas cards a little earlier."

"Oh?"

"Uh huh .anything else?" she asked

"Yeah is there any cake and milk left?"

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Really and truly, I just plain like Christmas

Santa is always pretty good to me. I get new ties, shirts, socks and underwear. You know, those staple items

Someone in the family will give me a can of lighter fluid, another a can of pipe tobacco. My mother will send a shirt too large and whatever my mother-in-law will give me I'll tell her that she gave one better to her other son-in-law

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Among my favorites at Christmastime are all the goodies. That means I can eat all the peanut clusters I want It also means that everyplace we go, someone will have a try of cookies and they will offer me a snack and I shall do the polite thing by eating one or two, or three of four, or more.

I hulled a box of walnuts last week while watching television so Millie has a supply for her cookie trays

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And speaking of families, Mr and Mrs Harry Eacret 1223 South Third Street, will have an empty house soon

The couple has a married daughter, Mrs Jim (Linda) Cozette, Omaha, and three children at home, Richard, Rose and Joe, all seniors at Nebraska City Senior High There's also a granddaughter, Jennifer Cozette

Guess what? Rose is a mid-term graduate and was married Saturday Richard and Joe will graduate in May

A family of four can get away pretty fast, as the Eacrets are experiencing

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Heya dads. . . .the kids ever call you a sagging-chest dad?

Well, they don't say that around my house .not since a couple of hotshot teen-age athletes forgot their belts and had to borrow mine

"I hope you guys didn't stretch those belts," I said when they were returned

"Stretch them!" they exclaimed, "We had to tighten them to the last hole

That's okay boys when you're my age, I want to see your sons fitted so well Ha!

Meyer's name is removed from door

LINCOLN, Neb (AP)—State Atty Gen Clarence Meyer still has a few more weeks before his elected term expires, but that fact apparently did not have much weight with Capitol workmen earlier this week.

The workmen removed the lettered door to Meyer's office Wednesday A bare wooden panel was used as a replacement

In the meantime, the old door will be restenciled with the name of Atty Gen -elect Paul Douglas

Game department asks state control

LINCOLN, Neb (AP) — The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Friday added its opposition to federal control of Platte River development

At the suggestion of Jack Obbink, Lincoln commissioner, a resolution was approved favoring state rather than federal control over the Platte

The U S Army Corps of Engineers is attempting to take jurisdiction over Platte River land and water use by declaring the Platte a navigable river The corps has reasoned that the shallow Platte was once used by fur traders and hence is navigable

All construction between the Platte's highwater marks would require a permit from the corps Permits could be denied for environmental and esthetic reasons, as well as others

Commissioner Don O Bridge said the corps could divert water from the Platte to the dry cattle country of west Texas if the corps gains jurisdiction

"The state should look strongly before we give the corps a foothold," Bridge said

State employes vote for labor

LINCOLN, Neb (AP) — Employes of the Nebraska Department of Public Institutions apparently have decided they want the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employes as their exclusive bargaining agent

Final, unofficial tabulations from Friday's election showed that 1,215 ballots had been cast for AFSCME representation, and 499 had been cast against

More than 2,000 DPI employes were eligible to vote

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