

Priest Calls Ransacking An 'Act of Violence'

Whatever its motivation, the ransacking of the Federal Building in Rochester Sept. 6 was "an act of violence," a Rochester priest contended last week.

Nor did the end justify the means, according to Father Louis J. Hohman, rector of Becket Hall, the diocesan residence for minor seminarians.

Father Hohman's declarations were made in a statement he read Oct. 14 at a forum sponsored by the Rochester Association of Catholic Laymen at the First Universalist Church.

Nearly 300 persons attended the meeting, which featured talks by three members of the "Flower City Conspiracy" charged with the Federal Building incident, and by Father Edward McGowan, S.J., a former teacher at McQuaid Jesuit High School and now with the Center for Nonviolence in New York City.

The "conspirators" drew a distinction between violence against people and property, a point with which Father Hohman took issue.

"Property," he declared, "has always been regarded as an ex-

ension of persons, and to commit violence against the property is to commit it indirectly against the person."

Father Hohman called "the destruction of draft files to be an evil act," and stated:

"If it is moral for you to break up a draft office, in the name of peace it is permissible for me to bomb a college because it is perverting youth, or a theater on 42nd Street in New York because it is peddling filth.

"It would also be permissible," he continued, "for the poor to launch a massive campaign of theft and shoplifting to illustrate the inequalities in our society. It would be permissible for me to go outside this hall and smash every window in your cars to demonstrate that I think you are polarizing our society and, in the name of wiping out violence, are producing more."

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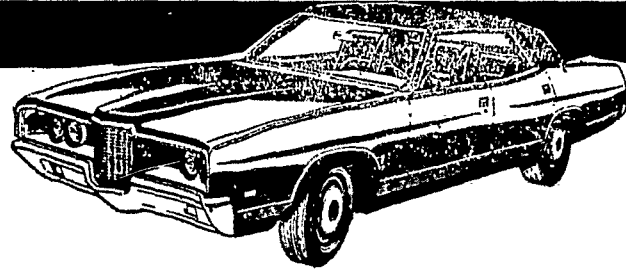
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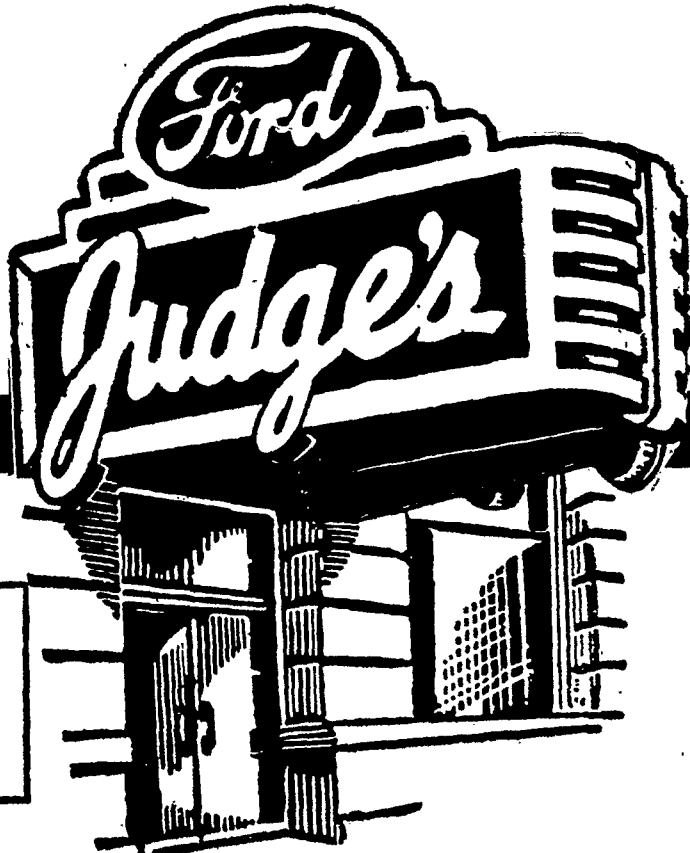
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