

(The following is a copy of the statement Dr. Soucek suggested we make to the press.)

Rev. Dunnington is using us for purposes of sensationalism against our will, by misrepresenting isolated, informal statements of fragmentary information, and by crediting to our group data in statements which none of us ever made, he is presenting to the public a false picture of conditions at the Mt. Pleasant State Hospital. In our opinion as a group, his criticisms of the administration, conditions and regular employed personnel of the Mt. Pleasant State Hospital is not justified. We have been fairly treated by the administration and regular employees of the hospital; we do not consider ourselves competent to publicly judge their actions nor do we desire Rev. Dunnington to do this for us.

(Although the statement is quite true, we did not care to make any reference to Rev. Dunnington, and above all not to make such a statement of the Press.)