

Jordan Bail Terms Criticized

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Editor, New Era: The arrest of Samuel Jordan was, in my humble opinion, given proper and excellent coverage in your edition of Friday, May 10. As you so carefully state, "The bombing of the Selective Service office occurred at 3:07 a.m., about 10 minutes after Jordan was taken into custody."

With this in mind, I should like to call public attention to the terms of Mr. Jordan's bail. Permit me the liberty of comparing the terms of his bail with the terms of bail for H. Rap Brown, in order that the public may see the different ways in which bail is handled.

First, Mr. Jordan has been charged, essentially, with only possession of certain illegal explosives and armaments — not with actually doing anything with them. H. Rap Brown, on the other hand, has been charged with doing a great deal to actively incite a civil disorder in Cambridge, Maryland, in July, 1967.

Second, Mr. Jordan is simply an obscure college student whose name was not known to the general public until May 10. On the other hand, H. Rap Brown is a widely known individual who is regarded in many quarters as an agitator and trouble-maker.

Third, Mr. Jordan does not have other charges pending against him in other judicial jurisdictions so far as is known. H. Rap Brown, on the other hand, has serious charges pending against him in addition to those in Cambridge.

Fourth, H. Rap Brown gained his freedom on Thursday, April 18, 1968, when he posted \$10,000 bail in Cambridge on charges of arson, rioting, and inciting to riot brought by the state of Maryland.

Meanwhile, Mr. Jordan remains in Lancaster County Prison. Based on information which was not available when the May 10 NEW ERA was printed, the May 11 INTELLIGENCER JOURNAL reports, "Alderman John K. Shenk said he set Jordan's bail at \$32,000 on the advice of District Attorney Clarence Newcomer."

Indeed, there are different ways of handling bail, as this case of a Franklin and Marshall College student who is approaching examination time so clearly shows.

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