

UCSD STRIKE DAILY

Berkeley Violence Recorded

The following article traces the Berkeley disturbances from Thursday May 14 through Tuesday May 19. News sources contributing to this article include: Dr. Frederick Tubuch, UCB German Dept., Mr. Ronald Muscovitz, Education Editor of the San Francisco Chronicle; Mr. Larry Speers, Education Editor of the Oakland Tribune; Walter Johnson, Mayor of Berkeley; Charles Palmer, President of the Berkeley Associated Students; and the Chief of Surgery at Merrick Memorial Hospital.

At 3 a.m. Thursday morning, Chancellor Heys ordered the "People's Park" cleared and this was accomplished. At a 10 a.m. rally that morning, Dan Seagl, President-elect of the Berkeley Associated Students, started a march toward the park from the Berkeley campus. His announced intention was to retake the disputed park.

The Segal march was met on Telegraph Avenue by the Alameda County Sheriffs. A confrontation ensued, during which the head of the Alameda County Sheriffs, Mr. Madigan, issued ammunition to his men. Madigan has since stated that only birdshot was issued from the ammunition truck, but conceded that buck shot was also carried by the truck.

The Sheriffs were equipped with bullet proof vests, helmets, faceguard designed to withstand the impact of a .38 caliber bullet, shoulder pads, shot guns, and gas masks. The Sheriffs had been instructed to fire only if their lives were threatened, and at the height of the confrontation they fired on the crowd.

Early reports indicated that many students were injured. The University of California Hospital reported receiving 17 people with gunshot wounds. Herrick Memorial Hospital reported receiving eight persons with metal pellet wounds, seven of which required further hospitalization. One of these suffered buckshot wounds in both eyes and is not expected to regain sight, while another has a bullet removed from his leg.

Also among the injured at Herrick was James Rector, a 25 year old non-student from San Jose, who

subsequently died at 10:03 p.m. Monday. Rector, riddled by a gunshot blast, had his spleen, pancreas, one kidney, and parts of his intestines removed. In addition, metal pellets were left in his liver and kidney.

The Alameda County Coroner's report listed cause of death as heart failure, with the contributing cause a gunshot wound from double ought buckshot. This is the type of buckshot carried in the ammunition truck. In addition, today's Oakland Tribune carried a story by a student who was standing next to the sheriff who shot Rector.

Further injuries were suffered by Daryle Lemecke of the Los Angeles Times and a reporter from the San Francisco Chronicle, Lemecke was shot in the leg, the other reporter in the back, and both of which were shot by Alameda County Sheriffs.

Thursday also brought out the National Guard, who had been on alert since February, and their troops used fixed bayonets and teargas to control the disturbances during the rest of the day. That night an 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. curfew was instituted.

Friday and Saturday passed calmly, with only minor disturbances and little teargas.

On Sunday at 1:00 a silent vigil was planned outside of Herrick Hospital. Surrounding the hospital were 2,000 National Guard Troops and sheriffs, with three helicopters circling above the building. The sheriffs and guardsmen then dispersed the crowd, driving it away from the hospital.

The crowd formed once again in a vacant lot at Hearst and Grove; the lot is to be used for the rapid system, but the crowd decided to make it a park. After planting trees on the lot, the crowd was driven away by the National Guard using fixed bayonets. Following this, the Alameda County Sheriffs pulled up all the newly-planted trees.

On Monday, a day of calm, James Rector died at Herrick Hospital.

On noon Tuesday, a rally was held on the Berkeley campus. The rally was illegal, as are all gatherings of more than three people in Berkeley. The rally broke up into a march, led by

faculty members, which snaked around the campus. The crowd was estimated at 5,000 people, which is one of the largest gatherings ever held at Berkeley.

Soon however, the police and National Guard broke up the march. Helicopters were used to "crop-dust" the marchers with CS gas. CS is a powder which burns the skin upon contact, but which increase in intensity when water is applied. Today's issue of the New York Times verifies the use of CS gas and its effects.

Further developments that day included Dan Segal's surrender to the police and a statement by UCB Vice-Chancellor Chite deploring the use of firearms on campus. 177 faculty members, including Nobel prize winner Irwin Chamberlin, voted unanimously to suspend classes. A campus coalition was also formed to demand that police leave the campus, members of which included the Oskile-dolls (ROTC little sisters), Inter-Fraternity Council, the Cheerleaders, Alpha Phi Omega and the Chairman of Big Game week.

There were further reports that members of the National Guard threw down their rifles and refused to fight. These guardsmen were immediately arrested by Alameda County Sheriffs. Guardsmen were also reported to have held flowers in one hand and their rifles in the other.

Statement of Intent

The people of the University of California at San Diego have met and have voted to strike. The University of California is now closed, and the People's Free University has been formed. The STRIKE DAILY, recognizing that communication among all the people must be maintained, dedicates itself to the aims of the strike and to the aims of the People's Free University, and declares its purpose to be the ad hoc journal of information and education for the people.

ON STRIKE!

SHUT IT DOWN

Professors Comment on Strike

These are the statements of several professors who attended the general meeting last night in Revelle Cafeteria.

Dr. Popkin:

I am horrified at the dreadful condition in Berkeley. I think the Academic Senate should go on strike until Berkeley is allowed to function.

Dr. Jackson:

I am opposed to the use of outside police and National Guard, and certainly understand how this would lead many among both students and faculty to escalate to a strike. I do not think that a strike of indefinite duration really makes sense. I would hate to see the entire life of the university, especially the momentum of implementing the LZC proposal, be lost in the emotional reaction, however understandable, to police brutality in Berkeley.

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Students Declare University Closed

Motion Passed By Students At Meeting in Revelle Cafeteria, Tuesday Night May 20th, 1969:

The Murderous overreaction of the so-called force of law and order in Berkeley has resulted in a new series of atrocities: Beatings, gassing, bayonetting, gunshot wounds and finally, murder.

The immediate responsibility for this escalation of violence lies with the administration of the University of California. Once again the university has demonstrated its cowardice in the face of pressure

from the oppressive forces in this state. Once again the university has demonstrated its complicity in support of the national policy of the United States, the greatest purveyor of violence in the world.

We support all the actions taken by the students at Berkeley to rid their campus of oppression.

We therefore declare this university closed until the oppression at Berkeley is ended.

We constitute by this act the Peoples Free University of San Diego. We urge the faculty to join with us by cancelling classes for the duration of the strike.

ACTION at UCSD Precipitates Strike

UCSD was declared closed last night by a group of 700 students and faculty meeting in the Revelle Cafeteria in response to the violence at Berkeley.

A convocation was called by Tom Shepard and Dr. Munk for noon today to discuss further possible demands or actions.

By a vote of over 80%, the groups supported the actions taken by the students at Berkeley and declared the closing of the university until the oppression is ended.

The move to strike was initiated by reports of beatings, gassings, bayonetting, gunshot wounds and the death of James Rector at the UC Berkeley campus.

Earlier in the day a group of about 50 students lowered the flag to half mast in mourning of the death. At Muir, they were met with resistance from the campus police until Chancellor McGill authorized the lowering.

A confrontation followed in which the group demanded that the Chancellor cancel classes and that a telegram deploring the violence be sent to Berkeley Chancellor Heyns. McGill

Committee Organized

The Strike Committee has set up its temporary headquarters in the Blake Hall Lounge. For the purposes of organization and coordination during the strike, also and Executive Committee has been formed, with three sub-committees.

The Executive Committee is composed of 28 persons -- 5 Revelle and Muir undergraduates, 9 faculty members, 7 graduate students, and 2 commuter students (representatives of the outside community).

The three sub-committees deal with Communications, Contacts with Berkeley, and Money; and each consists of three or four members. Members of all committees and sub-committees were chosen last night from among volunteers on the Blake Hall Lounge.

At the open meeting of the Strike Committee last night it was decided that the support of the AS Senate was desired, but that their meeting would not be interfered with. The Senate met Tuesday morning, and probably will hold an emergency session today.

No decisions will be made as to specific demands until today's convocation, but the committees are currently formulating a list of possible demands for presentation at that time.

replied that he did not know the facts of the situation and that the group did not represent a substantial number of the academic community.

The Academic Senate meeting that afternoon adjourned early because student observers were in violation of conduct rules. (more than 28 students) It was questioned whether the students were a responsible enough group. Marcuse asked if it would be in order to change the rules in view of the fact that someone had been killed at Berkeley.

In the informal meeting of the senate that followed, it was pointed out by Prof. Paul Brach that the majority of the faculty would rather call off business than be under pressure.

The 8:00 p.m. meeting in the cafeteria was initiated by reports of the situation. Prof. Popkin said that in Berkeley it is illegal for three or more people to hold any meeting. A general Berkeley faculty meeting voted 133-20 demanding a resignation of Chancellor Heyns and a censure of the administration. Popkin pointed out that a strike didn't have to be considered because it was practically impossible to get on that campus anyway. "Some people have already cancelled their classes for the rest of the quarter in view of the present situation." Popkin then said,

"We're in the process of seeing one of the great universities of America being destroyed by this sort of police activity."

Paul Emus reported of a phone interview with a Daily Cal editor in which a crowd of over 5000 people marched in silent vigil for Rector's death. There were reports of helicopter dropping CS gas, used in Vietnam and illegal according to international law. Since a state of emergency prevailed and the conditions were so intolerable, the T.A.'s of Berkeley voted unanimously for a work stoppage.

In the discussion that followed, it was pointed out that what's happening at Berkeley is not one rotten apple in the whole barrel, but a symptom of a disease, "The university is no longer that ivory tower. The Regents and Reagan have made us a political football." It was pointed out that it can happen here in San Diego today or tomorrow and that it must be made clear that the whole university system will not allow the students to be stepped on, gassed and killed.

The issue of using coercion or persuasion as a tactic in closing classes was raised but most were in favor of legitimate action through the convocation.

Prof. Kirby then chaired remainder of the meeting. He demanded self-deter-

mination for the university, and that the "police and the national guard and helicopters and gas get the hell out of there."

Discussion turned to the side issues of the Marines and Lumuba-Zapata but objections called for the single solid support of what's happening at Berkeley. "Get the pigs off then discuss the demands."

Several Professors then voiced their support of the cancellation of classes, however, there were some who cancelled classes for discussions instead while other specified that they were cancelling classes over the Berkeley issue only.

Someone in the audience then shouted that the "bullshit about Vietnam" was not the issue. Whereupon, Marcuse responded that what is happening in Vietnam is exactly the same violence as Berkeley's.

The vote on the strike came after two hours of discussion, in which over thirty speakers representing a substantial range of political opinion were heard.

Professors Comment

Dr. Schultz:

I understand a convocation has been called for tomorrow between 12:00 and 1:00. The "strike" is an informal action on the part of certain students of which I am not a part. I need more information before I can make a decision.

Dr. Baron:

I have two questions. (1) I need to know more about the circumstances surrounding the tragic death. (2) I have serious doubts about the effectiveness of the strike as a means of affecting these goals.

Brach:

As chairman of the Visual Arts Department I am suggesting to the members of my department that if any students choose to go on strike there will be no penalties in regards to grades. Classes will meet however because I feel each student should have the right to make up his own mind freely I am against the use of force by troops or police on campus. We should support the students.



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