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Some Protests Heckled; Fires Reported at Colleges

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The surge of protest resulting from the United States military action in Cambodia and the student deaths at Kent State swept up a growing number of New York metropolitan area residents yesterday, both on and off the campuses.

The city's 1.1 million pupils in the public-school system were given the day off and in most colleges normal classroom activity was suspended. This was to allow students and faculty members to work on projects connected with the issues that sparked a new student activism this week.

For many, the focus of activity was beginning to shift to Washington, where thousands of people were planning to gather today either for the mass rally near the White House or for individual action, such as seeking to meet with members of Congress.

Some Candidates Going

A number of political figures—including Howard J. Samuels who is seeking the Democratic nomination for Governor, and Representative Richard L. Ottinger and Paul O'Dwyer, senatorial contenders—are expected to make the trip.

A demonstration in lower Manhattan flared into a series of running street battles, but there were other demonstrations here that remained peaceful. These included a two-hour demonstration on 55th Street from Fifth Avenue to the Avenue of the Americas, formed by the confluence of several groups of demonstrators.

The midtown rally was planned to take place near the city office of Governor Rockefeller at 22 West 55th Street, with the goal of inducing the Governor to speak out on the Cambodian issue. It drew a

lunchtime crowd of about 1,000 people.

Another group, members of Women Strike for Peace, picketed outside Senator Jacob K. Javits's office on East 45th Street at noon, and marched west and north where, on Fifth Avenue they met a northbound group of 50 dental students from New York University.

The two groups joined and marched together to 55th Street, the students carrying signs that read, "Fight Decay in Government." En route, they passed a southbound group of City College architecture students whose signs read "Design for Peace."

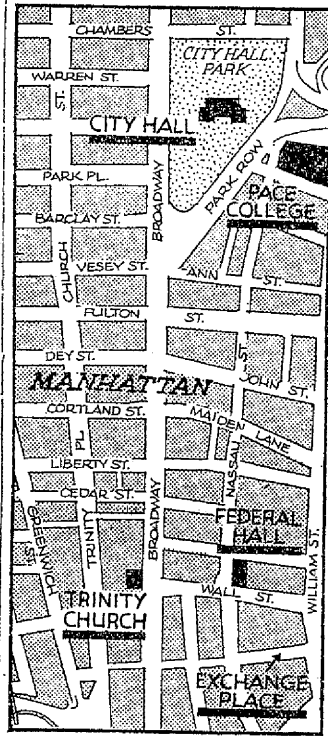
Last night, 2,000 people gathered at Hammarckjold Plaza at the United Nations, where they were addressed by several Kent State University students and observed a minute's silence for the dead on that campus.

Then, as heavy rain fell, hundreds began marching toward Times Square. The main body of about 1,000 broke up in the Times Square area about 11:15, but some groups of demonstrators continued walking through the theater district.

At many colleges, students and teachers were working on what Prof. William L. Blackwell, an associate professor of history at New York University, described as "practical, productive work to bring the war to an end."

In his department, Professor Blackwell said, this included the writing of a brief history of the Southeast Asian conflict to be used by other students in canvassing neighborhoods for support. "The whole university is in a state of cooperation between students and faculty," he said.

At others, however, student militance was not so peaceful. About a dozen students were reported to have been wounded slightly with



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birdshot after the third successive night of battles with police on the campus of the State University at Buffalo.

The police used tear gas at one dormitory, and some students were armed with blasting caps and fire bombs. Some reports said the birdshot was fired by student demonstrators aiming at the police lines; others said the pellets were fired by the police.

Fire damaged a two-story building at the State University branch at New Paltz, and a fraternity house at Colgate University in Hamilton, N. Y., was evacuated when a fire broke out.

Two suspicious fires were reported on Long Island University's campus in Brooklyn.

The Queensboro Community College faculty voted to stay open for "normal activities" over the weekend and for classes Monday, and the general faculty of Bridgeport University in Connecticut voted to resume classes Monday.