

Nationwide College Protest Continues

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The collegiate protest against United States military operations in Southeast Asia generated rallies and demonstrations in many cities yesterday, but only scattered incidents of violence were reported.

As the focus of protest shifted to the mass gathering in Washington, relative calm returned to most campuses and the disorders that had racked many schools in the last week appeared to be ebbing.

At the vast majority of colleges and universities, antiwar activities took on constructive forms, with students engaging in discussion seminars on the war, circulating petitions for a military withdrawal and drumming up support to reopen schools that had been shut by strikes.

Governors Get Briefings

A number of Governors met with university presidents in their states for briefings on their campus situations in preparation for the meeting of the nation's Governors with President Nixon tomorrow.

At New Haven, Army and Navy withdrew from the 36th annual Heptagonal outdoor track and field championships, saying that a protest statement by representatives of the eight Ivy League schools, would have made their participation "inappropriate." Eight crews withdrew from the Eastern College sprint championships on Lake Quinsigamon in Massachusetts as an antiwar protest. [Details in Sports Section.]

While peace prevailed on most campuses, there were exceptions.

At the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, 11 persons suffered what were described as bayonet wounds when National Guard troops advanced on 200 demonstrators.

That confrontation followed the arrest of 140 sit-in demon-

strators, who had offered no resistance.

The Virginia state police swarmed onto the University of Virginia campus at Charlottesville, breaking up a chanting, jeering crowd of students and arresting nearly 100.

The Illinois state police again used tear gas to disperse an unruly crowd of students at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, who had thrown rocks at firemen responding to a campus blaze. About 75 students were arrested.

Old Building Destroyed

A fire believed started by arsonists destroyed the oldest building on the Colorado State University campus at Fort Collins. The loss of Old Main, a classroom building, was set at \$500,000.

About 100 students helped firemen fight the flames, and 200 other students formed a volunteer group afterward to help patrol the campus through the night.

Fire also destroyed a classroom building on the University of Iowa campus at Iowa City. National Guard forces were sent onto the campus to keep order.

Guardsmen were also placed on standby alert for a rally at the Capitol in Montpelier, Vt.

In Lexington, Ky., guardsmen and state troopers began a slow withdrawal from the University of Kentucky campus, where violent demonstrations occurred earlier in the week.

The National Student Association, which had called for the nationwide university strike last Monday following the fatal shooting of four Kent State University students by guardsmen, listed 437 of the nation's 2,500 higher academic institutions as closed or affected by strikes in support of the protest.

Classes were being curtailed by demonstrations and antiwar

activities at hundreds of other schools.

About 15,000 young people marched peacefully through Chicago's downtown Loop and heard antiwar speakers in a rally at Grant Park. Nearly 10,000 persons, most of them young, gathered for a peaceful rally in downtown Denver. Smaller demonstrations were held in many cities.

At Wellesley College in Massachusetts, students were engaged in discussion workshops on the United States push into Cambodia, the Black Panthers and "political repression." Other students were circulating petitions in the town of Wellesley to get the Vietnam issue on the November ballot as a referendum. Efforts were also being made to organize high school students for antiwar activities.

A fraternity at Iowa State University at Ames scrapped plans to enter a float in a spring parade yesterday and instead took more than 50 poor youngsters on a picnic.

About 100 students of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology took brooms and cleaned up the Central Square area in Cambridge, hoping, through goodwill, to win supporters for the antiwar campaign.

In Boston, a group of mothers announced plans for a Mother's Day rally at the Massachusetts State House to protest expansion of the Indochina war.

National Health Unit Urged

CHARLESTON, S. C., May 9 (AP)—The Southern branch of the American Public Health Association has recommended establishment of a Cabinet-level national department of health. The group also recommended, as it ended its annual meeting yesterday, that efforts be made to unify what it called fragmented local public health efforts.