

Campaign to Elect Antiwar Congress

POLITICAL ACTION BY YOUTH IS GOAL

Reports Describe Progress
Already Made in East
and Future Plans

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Representatives of student and faculty organizations at 29 universities met here yesterday to plan strategy for electing antiwar candidates to Congress that they hope will provide "a new trend for college students to get back into the electoral process".

The group—the Movement for a New Congress—met as dissenters from the Nixon Administration's Asian policies, after a week of vocal, sometimes violent, demonstrations on campuses and street corners in the metropolitan area generally occupied themselves with the quieter pursuits of issuing statements, holding meetings and gathering petitions.

The Movement for a New Congress—which its sponsors say will pursue a program of practical politics—was formed earlier last week at Princeton University.

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Robert S. Powell, a Princeton University graduate student who is a spokesman for the group, said that reports to the meeting showed the following actions:

¶The formation late yesterday afternoon of an elected steering committee of 14 members, four of them faculty members, the rest, students. The delegates to the meeting agreed that the national headquarters of the group would be at Princeton and at least eight regional headquarters would be established throughout the country on college campuses.

¶The organization in Rhode Island of 10,000 students at-

tending Brown University, high schools and community colleges, to coordinate door-to-door canvasses urging people to send letters and telegrams in opposition to the President's policies on the Vietnam war and the presence of American troops in Cambodia.

¶The campaigning of about 1,000 students and faculty members of Princeton for peace candidates facing primaries in New Jersey. Mr. Powell said students were also working in Philadelphia for Nicholas Lamont, who is running in the Democratic primary against Representative James A. Byrne, a member of the House Armed Services Committee. In New Brunswick, N. J., the activists are supporting Lewis Kaden, a lawyer, in his attempt to defeat the Democratic incumbent, Edward Paten, in the primary.

¶Barbara Stoll, a student at Columbia, reported that students had been obtaining 20,000 signatures a day, opposing Mr. Nixon's policies. She said that so far they had collected more than 150,000 signatures.

¶A voter-registration drive in Connecticut in support of Joseph Duffey, a former chairman of Americans for Democratic Action, who is attempting to defeat the incumbent, Senator

Thomas Dodd, in the Democratic primary.

Another goal of the group, Mr. Powell said, is to compile computer data on the voting records of Senators and Representatives. Also, he said, to keep track of where students will be during the summer so "if you have a candidate running against a war hawk in Kansas you can call the national center, get a list of students in the area who are willing to canvass and organize by zip codes."

While opposition to the war was focused primarily on the rally in Washington yesterday, protests continued here.

The faculty of Queens College and the faculty, students and president of Staten Island Community College voted to curtail or suspend classes and exams for the remainder of the term. The action was taken despite a statement from the State Education Commissioner, Ewald B. Nyquist, criticizing such moves by administrators or students. Speaking for the Board of Regents, Mr. Nyquist said that while he was sympathetic to many of the demands of students and teachers, "Such action almost constitutes a contradiction of the very purpose of the university and its reason for being."

Students at the University of Bridgeport, in Connecticut, ended their occupation of four campus buildings that they had occupied since Thursday.

Stars of the Broadway stage followed yesterday's performances with a request to their audiences to observe a minute of silence in memory of the four slain Kent States students.

At Brooklyn College, 100 students continued to remain in the office of the president, John W. Kneller, in Boylan Hall, where they have been since the beginning of a student strike last Tuesday.

A fire on the Brooklyn campus of Long Island University Friday night caused damage estimated at \$100,000 to the Humanities Building. Twelve firemen were treated for smoke inhalation while fighting the fire. A Fire Department official said that the fire was "definitely arson."

The blaze followed the receipt of a letter by the president of the school, Dr. Alexander Aldrich, warning that "fires and firebombs" would be set off on the campus unless the school remained closed indefinitely. The letter was signed "The Stop The War Coalition."



COOLING IT: Demonstrators, who found Washington too warm, took to the reflecting pools between Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial, background, for comfort.

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