

# 37 COLLEGE CHIEFS URGE NIXON MOVE FOR PROMPT PEACE

Warn Invasion of Cambodia  
Poses New Alienation Peril  
—Student Strikes Begin

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The presidents of 37 colleges and universities urged President Nixon yesterday to "demonstrate unequivocally your determination" to end promptly the United States military involvement in Southeast Asia.

In a letter to Mr. Nixon, the presidents said that "the American invasion of Cambodia" and the weekend bombing of North Vietnam had generated "severe and widespread apprehensions on our campuses."

"We share these apprehensions," the presidents said, adding:

"We implore you to consider the incalculable dangers of an unprecedented alienation of America's youth and to take immediate action to demonstrate unequivocally your determination to end the war quickly."

The signers, representing many of the nation's leading academic institutions, "urgently" requested a meeting with Mr. Nixon.

The letter was drafted by Dr. James M. Hester, the president of New York University, and bore the signatures, among others, of the presidents of Princeton University, Columbia University, the University of Notre Dame, Dartmouth College, the University of Pennsylvania and Johns Hopkins University.

## Nationwide Strike Urged

In Washington, the leaders of the National Student Association and the former Vietnam Moratorium Committee called for a nationwide university strike of indefinite duration, starting today, to protest the war and to mobilize public opinion for a withdrawal of United States forces from Indochina. It would involve students, faculty members and administrators.

Antiwar groups at dozens of colleges and universities across the nation, meanwhile, began demonstrations and rallies to protest the Administration's policies.

There were strike pledges from at least 100 colleges and universities, and at some schools the strike began yesterday. Support for the strike was expressed in the editorials of many campus newspapers, along with a condemnation of what some called President Nixon's "illegitimate" decision to send troops into Cambodia.

At many schools, the strike was officially approved by college administrations. Most of

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the campus demonstrations yesterday were peaceful, with some notable exceptions.

At College Park, Md., hundreds of policemen used tear gas last night to quell disorders on the University of Maryland campus and National Guardsmen were moved into the area on orders from Gov. Marvin Mandel.

The police, who had allowed students to block a section of U.S. 1, a major highway, for six hours, waded into and pushed back a crowd of 1,000 demonstrators and used the gas to disperse them.

Last night, Governor Mandel declared a state of emergency on the University of Maryland campus and ordered a curfew imposed from 8:30 P.M. to 6 A.M. Four injuries and more than 100 arrests were reported.

What was termed the largest disruption in Stanford University's history was marked yesterday by a strike that involved students and faculty members. Whole departments, including the School of Law, voted to discontinue classes.

Strikes were also reported under way yesterday at the University of Notre Dame and its sister school, St. Mary's College; the University of Rhode Island; Rutgers, Drew and Fairleigh Dickinson in New Jersey; Wooster College in Ohio, and at Princeton University, where the boycott was said to have been 95 per cent effective.

Strikes were being planned at the University of Pennsylvania, Sarah Lawrence and Bryn Mawr Colleges, Brandeis University, the University of Virginia, Georgetown University, Harvard University and others.

At Berkeley, Calif., demon-

strators burned an Army truck and raised a blazing American flag on a pole at the University of California. President Nixon was burned in effigy by students on the Austin campus of the University of Texas. Two buildings were firebombed at the University of Wisconsin.

In their letter to Mr. Nixon yesterday, the 37 university presidents said:

"As college and university presidents in contact with large numbers of concerned Americans, we must advise you that among a major part of our students and faculty members the desire for a prompt end of American military involvement in Southeast Asia is extremely intense."

In addition to Dr. Hester, the letter was signed by: John R. Coleman, Haverford College; Robert D. Gross, Swarthmore College; Robert F. Goheen, Princeton University; Andrew W. Cordier, Columbia University; Gaylord P. Harnwell, University of Pennsylvania; Theodore H. Hesburgh, University of Notre Dame; John W. Nason, Carleton College; Mary I. Bunting, Radcliffe College.

Also, Luther H. Foster, Tuskegee Institute; Jacqueline G. Wexler, Hunter College; Katherine E. McBride, Bryn Mawr College; Harris Wofford Jr., Old Westbury Street College; the Rev. Michael T. Walsh, Fordham University; Calvin H. Plimpton, Amherst College; Albert H. Bowker, City University of New York; Samuel B. Gould, State University of New York; Lincoln Gordon, Johns Hopkins University.

Also, Joseph Palamountain, Skidmore College; John Kemeny, Dartmouth College; James I. Armstrong, Middlebury College; Alan Simpson, Vassar College; Harold C. Martin, Union College; John W. Chandler,

Hamilton College; Frank P. Piskor, St. Lawrence University; Howard Billingham, Ithaca College; Elizabeth J. McCormack, Manhattanville College; Brother Gregory Nugent, Manhattan College, and John H. Niemeyer, Bank Street College.

Also Dale R. Corson, Cornell University; John Corbally, Syracuse University; John Everett, the New School for Social Research; Thomas Bartlett, Colgate University; Roger Howell Jr., Bowdoin College; James Dixon, Antioch College; John Elmendorf, New College, and Kenneth Pitzer, Stanford University.

## Wide Strike Scheduled

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WASHINGTON, May 4 —

Leaders of student movements said today that a "university strike" was scheduled to begin tomorrow. Students, some faculty members and administrative personnel will leave campuses "to mobilize public opinion and to build a national consensus against the expanding Indochina war," they said.

By noon today, student leaders had received confirmation from more than 100 colleges and universities that their students would take part in the strike.

The strike of indefinite duration was announced this morning by Charles Palmer, president of the National Student Association, and David Hawk, former Vietnam Moratorium Committee coordinator.

The strike was said to have received the support of all the major antiwar groups, including the Student Mobilization Committee to end the War in Vietnam, which will assist in the national coordination.

## **...and the Home Front**

The tragic nature of the division of this country, exacerbated by escalation of the war, was underscored yesterday when four students were killed during a confrontation with National Guardsmen and police at Kent State University in Ohio.

Whoever was responsible for the fatal shots must be brought to justice promptly and steps must be taken to make sure that the forces of "law and order" do not themselves become the instruments of further anarchy. Whether or not the fatal shootings were triggered by snipers, it is evident from the eyewitness account of this newspaper's correspondent (who saw and heard no sniper fire) that the National Guardsmen shot at the students without warning in an unconscionable act of military panic. "The troops had run out of tear gas," said the commanding general by way of explanation.

Student provocation through arson, rioting and rock-throwing was great and was also unpardonable. The violence instigated by some antiwar protesters is in no way justified by the violence practiced by their Government overseas.

But more violent self-destruction at home will be the inescapable fate of this great nation unless an Administration elected to uphold the law at home and to bring peace abroad lives up to its commitments—or is held to its promises by the representatives of the people in Congress. At home, as in Indochina, responsible political action is the only sane solution to a dual crisis that is threatening to get out of hand.