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Antiwar Strike Plans in the Colleges Pick Up Student and Faculty Support

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Student sentiment in favor of shutting colleges to protest the United States role in Southeast Asia gained strength—and increasing faculty support—in the New York metropolitan area yesterday.

At Columbia University, where class attendance was voluntary yesterday, about 3,000 students met in Wollman Auditorium and voted to strike through the end of the term. Also The University Senate, made up of faculty, student and administration representatives, voted to recommend that all classes be suspended until Thursday.

Support of an indefinite strike was also voted at Sarah Lawrence College and Rutgers University, where more or less unofficial strikes were already under way yesterday.

On many campuses, yesterday was a day of planning for strikes to start today or tomorrow. These ranged from a one-day undertaking at Pace College in Mount Pleasant, N. Y., where some students were planning to boycott classes today, to a long-term plan at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where the Student Senate voted to close the school for the rest of the semester.

At Princeton University, an estimated 90 per cent of the 3,300 undergraduates and more than 50 per cent of the 1,000 faculty members met to consider a series of resolutions that would allow students to boycott the rest of the semester's activities while still completing the academic year. The students have just started the two-week reading, or study, period that precedes final examinations.

Another resolution under consideration at Princeton calls for a two-week "vacation" next fall to allow students to work for the election of antiwar candidates in November.

Faculty support was in evidence at the uptown campus of New York University and at Cornell University, where about 10 per cent of the university's 1,300 faculty members voted to strike for the remainder of the week.

Student strikes starting today or late yesterday were also

1,200 students voted to strike over a mixed bag of issues, including demands for United States withdrawal from Southeast Asia, the immediate release of all "political prisoners" and an immediate halt of war-related research work by the university.

Support for the protest strike came also from a college president. Mason W. Gross, head of Rutgers, said in an address to a student rally that he felt the movement of American troops into Cambodia was "so serious that I believe the faculties should indicate their support of the strike, too." The students gave him a prolonged ovation.

YALE

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NEW HAVEN, May 4—The popularity of Yale's president, Kingman Brewster Jr., who has emerged as a hero to youthful demonstrators on his own campus, will be tested tomorrow on the issue of whether Yale should join the national student strike against intervention in Cambodia.

Mr. Brewster has urged Yale students to ignore the strike call and return to classes. The students had been boycotting classes for the last two weeks to demand a fair trial here for eight Black Panthers accused of murder and conspiracy.

Yale students are sharply divided. The undergraduate newspaper The Yale Daily News, came out this morning against involvement in the national strike.

The News thus became the only Ivy League newspaper to oppose the walkout of university college and high school students.

This afternoon the offices of the newspaper were visited by a group of 50 pro-strike demonstrators who cried "Fascist pigs" at the editorial staff.

Mr. Brewster who has denounced as "dreadful" President Nixon's recent moves in the Southeast Asian war and whose resignation has been demanded by Vice President Agnew, explained at a news conference yesterday that a national student strike would merely be a symbol of frustration. He hoped the students would find "a better way to demonstrate our distress."

Mr. Brewster attended the annual awards ceremony of the Reserve Officers Training Corps while demonstrators outside Becton Hall chanted, "R.O.T.C. kills students."

Because of campus hostility against the military, the ceremony was almost clandestine. It was held in a small auditorium and attended by about 200 people, most of them members

voted by Brooklyn College, Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y., Syracuse University, the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut, the State University at Stony Brook, L. I., and the Brooklyn and Long Island campuses of Long Island University.

At the Loeb Student Center on the Washington Square campus of N.Y.U. last night, about

of the Army and Navy R.O.T.C. classes.

Mr. Brewster told the cadets and midshipmen that their enlistment was likely to be applauded or attacked as an endorsement of the national security policy. He said he rejected that implication, because these cadets and midshipmen were Yale students and "can count on the fact that you disagree with each other on this and many other matters."

"Precisely because of the depth of the disagreement which divides us so sorely," the Yale president went on, "I wish to honor you for undertaking a national service whose necessity is not dependent upon the rights and wrongs of a given policy."

"Because you are free and conscientious men, your enlistment gives promise of a wiser military policy and more humane execution of it in the future."

The Yale Daily News, in its editorial opposing the student strike, warned that radical rhetoric and sporadic violence, such as marked the weekend demonstrations at Yale, only added fuel to the "demagoguery of Richard Nixon, Spiro Agnew, John Mitchell and the other hyenas of the right."

New Haven, meanwhile, returned to normal with the departure of the last of the 15,000 demonstrators and the 3,000 National Guard men brought in to help the police curb any violence.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

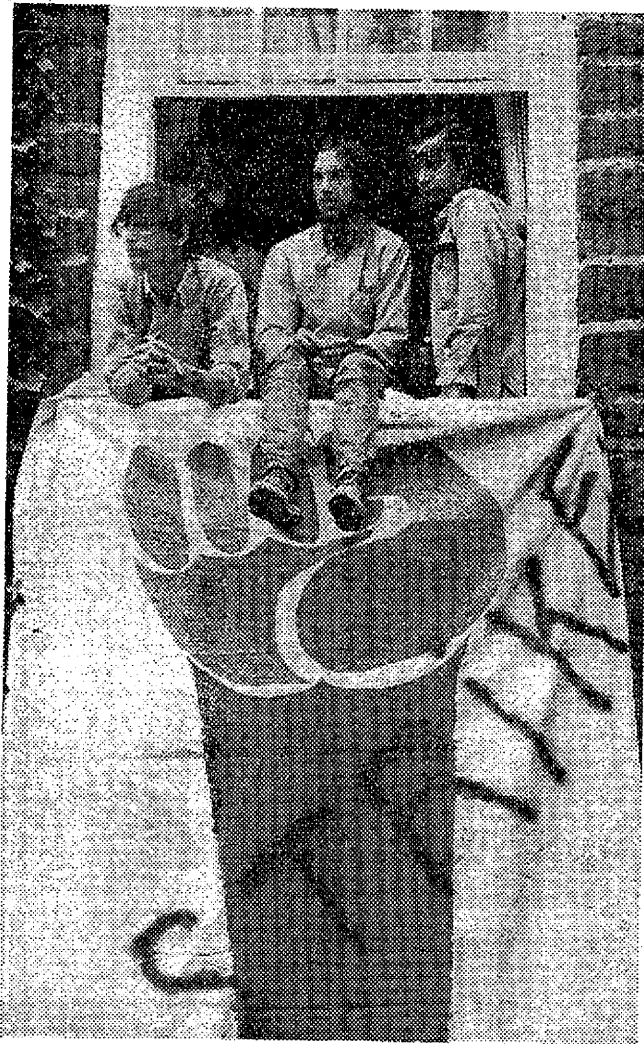
At New York University the faculty of the College of Arts and Science at the uptown University Heights campus voted yesterday 64 to 41 to cancel all classes until the end of the week in support of the nationwide student strike protesting the expanding Vietnam war.

Their unexpected decision came several hours after thousands of students on the campus, which also includes the College of Engineering, concluded a long debate on the conflicting priorities of education and protest and voted to go on strike.

At the downtown Washington Square campus students at the Law School decided to participate in the strike action on a day-to-day basis.

During the day the student councils at 10 of the 14 schools nationwide movement opposing registered their support for the President Nixon's latest actions in Indochina, but did not call a strike.

All classes were held as normal on both campuses yesterday except for the time set aside between 12 and 2 p.m. by



The New York Times (by William E. Sauro)

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY: Students occupying the administration building at the university in New Brunswick, N.J.

the University Senate on the Bronx campus for "discussions" on the nationwide strike.

During this time thousands of students crowded into lecture rooms and on the front lawn strenuously debating whether they should sacrifice their education in order to participate in what one student called "an ineffective strike."

"Schools aren't the right place to conduct a protest," argued Richard Travis, a senior in the engineering college, as he he campaigned unsuccessfully a strike vote.

"We want to close this school down for the rest of the year to demonstrate to white, middle class Americans and President Nixon that we oppose any action in Vietnam," Kenneth Teitelbaum, a junior at the arts college yelled into an outdoor microphone.

CITY UNIVERSITY

The call for a nationwide university strike came at a time when many of the 17 colleges in the City University system are embroiled in protests over proposed fee increases and demands for student participation in the governing of the colleges. Many students are boycotting classes, and rallies at some schools yesterday were poorly

attended and only touched on the Cambodian issue.

At Hunter College 300 students attended a meeting protesting the invasion of Cambodia, but only 20 voted to man picket lines at 7:30 A.M. today to bring the issue to the attention of students. So-called liberation classes will be held to discuss the war in Southeast Asia. Shortly after the rally, at about 2 P.M., the college was evacuated when a tear gas canister was set off on the ninth floor of the 16-story building.

At Brooklyn College the student government voted to stage a strike tomorrow. A noon rally was attended by 300 students and the topics discussed included the "failure of open admission," the Black Panthers, the fee structure and the war.

At City College, a strike to protest the war has been called for this morning. However, a strategy meeting of about 200 students yesterday bogged down on local issues.

At Queens College there will be a rally this afternoon, but the issue is the proposed fee increase.

At Bernard M. Baruch College, classes were poorly attended as students continued their boycott. The Cambodian issue re-

ceived only brief comment during a rally of about 1,000 students.

There are a number of activities planned at Herbert H. Lehman College, where today has been billed as a "Day of Outrage." Issues to be discussed include Cambodia as well as unrest at universities throughout the country.

COLUMBIA

Some 1,200 Columbia University students voted at a mass rally today to join the national students strike centered on three demands—ending repression at home, withdrawing armed forces from Southeast Asia and abolishing campus links with the Defense Department.

The vote was one of the few shows of solidarity during a day in which factional squabbles threatened to disrupt many of the meetings held through-

out the campus to mark the moratorium proclaimed by the president, Andrew W. Cordier. The 69-year-old president opened a noon rally with a speech critical of Presidential policies in Southeast Asia.	calls itself the Department of Defense.”
“These steps are more likely to lead to a still further American involvement in the conflict as well as an increase in the number of participating parties,” Dr. Cordier said.	But then representatives of Youth Against War and Fascism and the Third World Coalition seized the platform. Speakers from these organizations and a member of the Black Panther party spoke of the need to connect developments in Southeast Asia with what they called the racist nature of local institutions including Columbia. There were many cries of “speak about Cambodia,” and when a member of Columbia’s radical December Fourth Movement took the microphone, many in the crowd left.
One faculty member said that it was an act of courage for Dr. Cordier to address the rally since rumors of disruption by student groups had been heard during the morning.	The campus unit of Students for a Democratic Society were calling for a strike against the university. Other voices were being raised for a strike of the entire university against the war.
However, he was able to finish his remarks uninterrupted and received a long ovation. The speech was followed by another given by Seymour Melman, professor of industrial engineering, who called for “disengaging of the university from the American war machine that	