

3,500 Columbia Protesters March to City College

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Some 3,500 Columbia University students attended a rally on campus last night that wound up with a march along Amsterdam Avenue to join students who had occupied the South Campus of City College.

About 1,500 students jammed McMillan Auditorium at Columbia for the rally, while 2,000 more listened the proceedings in adjacent rooms.

The speakers included William M. Kunstler and Gerald Lefcourt, the civil rights lawyers. They stressed the need for nonviolence on the march that was to follow. One speaker declared that anyone provoking violence would be considered "an agent-provocateur or a pig" and would be "dealt with accordingly."

The rally came after a dozy of caucuses rather than classes on the Columbia campus. And it brought out some divisions among three organizations that are calling for an extended student strike.

The university has suspended classes until tomorrow, on the recommendation of the Univer-

sity Senate, composed of students and faculty members.

Nearly everyone on the campus wore red armbands yesterday.

A speaker for one group, the Third World Coalition, emphasized that his organization supported the national student strike demands.

"But you can't isolate what's going on in Cambodia and Laos from what's going on here," he said.

He called, among other things, for the dropping of charges against the Panther 21, a group of Black Panther members who face trial here on charges of conspiring to bomb public buildings.

The division of the students at the rally was apparent when about a fifth of them stood with raised fists and cheered the speaker, while the rest sat silent.

Mr. Kunstler urged the students "first to declare a national strike and then encourage the entire economy to strike."

"We have the greatest issues in the world," he said. "We cannot wait here and yet wonder

how Germans sat doing nothing two decades ago."

After Mr. Kunstler's remarks, a student from City College showed up and asked the gathering to join students at City College who had taken over the South Campus.

He said they planned to hold the area throughout the summer and start a day-care and free-breakfast program for the children of Harlem.

The Columbia students then filed out of the auditorium, and in a straggly cordon marched north along Amsterdam Avenue to City College, chanting slogans. They were accompanied by Mr. Lefcourt and Mr. Kunstler.

Two police cars were at the held of the line of march, but there was no police interference.

The students held a brief rally at City College. The Columbia contingent then marched back to their own campus.

There, about 250 students stormed Low Memorial Library at about midnight in an effort to seize the building. Two large wooden doors were battered panes in inner doors were broken.

The students were then confronted by helmeted security guards carrying nightsticks, and fell back.

Squads of city police were posted outside several campus entrances at 12:30 A.M. By 12:45, the campus was generally quiet.

Earlier in the day leaflets were distributed on all campus paths by both the Third World Coalition and two other groups, the Radical Caucus and the broad-based Strike Steering Committee.

There was some organizing being done among the faculty. Forty-nine teachers banded in a faculty peace committee and drafted a statement supporting the national demands.