

Activity Stepped Up Here

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The tempo of student protest over United States involvement in Cambodia and the shootings at Kent State University quickened yesterday in the metropolitan area, and the scope of demonstrations broadened, moving off the campus and into the streets as the emphasis shifted from strikes at colleges to activities involving the nonacademic world.

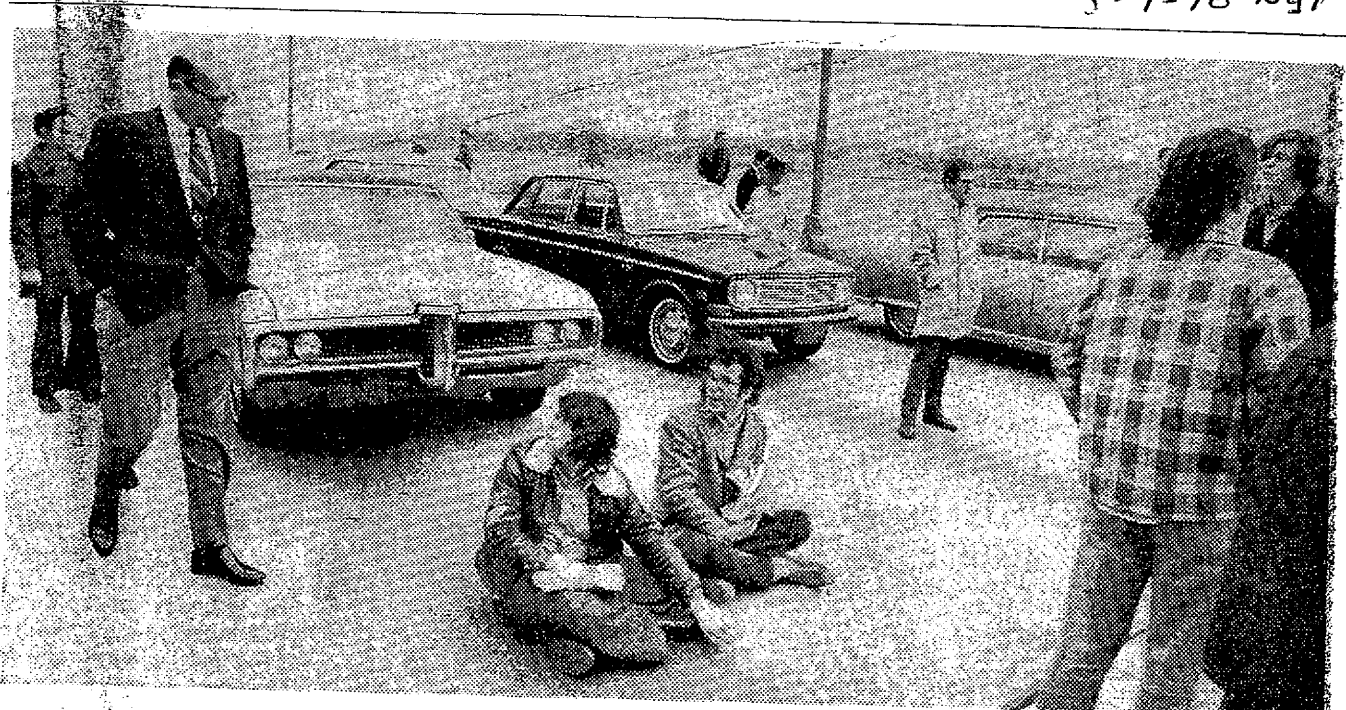
The narrow streets of lower Manhattan were crowded with protesters in the early afternoon after three demonstrations — one on each side of Battery Park and another at the corner of Broad and Wall Streets — gradually merged.

Plans were being made last night for students at various colleges to block traffic at major bridges, highways and tunnels leading into Manhattan during this morning's rush hour.

The college representatives met here early today on whether they should implement the plans.

A Police Department spokesman said the police had learned of the plan and would have sufficient manpower on hand

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WEST SIDE HIGHWAY: Youths blocking traffic yesterday after a large group of Columbia University students moved onto the nearby highway after an antiwar demonstration on campus. The police cleared them from the roadway.

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Students Move Off Campus to Widen Protest Here

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at the selected facilities, which include the Lincoln and Brooklyn-Battery Tunnels and the George Washington Bridge as well as the bridges over the East River. The facilities were listed in a student leaflet.

The students hope for an expansion of the kind of activities that occurred in the city yesterday.

A group of about 700 white-coated medical students gathered on one side of Battery Park with placards reading "Peace" and "Nixon and Agnew are sick men."

A number of workers from a nearby unfinished building noticed the demonstration, and there was some scuffling between the hard-hatted construction workers and the students.

After about 45 minutes, they joined a smaller group of black students and moved uptown, the chants of "Peace now!" mingling with the black protesters' cries of "When the war is gone our fight will still be on!"

They gradually merged with the demonstrators who had taken up positions on the steps of the Federal Hall National Memorial at Wall and Nassau Streets at noon, some clinging to the statue of George Washington and displaying signs that

read "No more money, no more men to Southeast Asia" and "Stop the killing in Cambodia and Kent."

Petitions Circulated

On Wall Street, as at many other places in the city, students solicited signatures on petitions asking Congress to bar the appropriation of any more funds for military activity in Southeast Asia.

At the same time, more colleges—from Wells and Siena upstate to Manhattanville in Westchester County and Hofstra on Long Island—joined the growing list of schools whose students, generally with at least tacit support from faculty members and administrators, decided to boycott classes for

at least the remainder of the week to express their anger.

There was increasing evidence of solidarity between the students and college officials.

At Monmouth College in West Long Branch, N. J., where students called a strike in Tuesday night, William Van Note, the president of the college, drew cheers with a statement deploring President Nixon's decision to send troops into Cambodia and saying: "I am sympathetic with the students in their strong convictions and urge them to do everything possible to end the war, and I

particularly recognize their right to strike."

Even at colleges where students and administrators have recently been at odds, such as Hunter College, there was increasing agreement on this issue. Mrs. Jacqueline G. Wexler, the president of Hunter, canceled classes through the end of the week in response to student demands.

The new solidarity took many forms. At the New York State College at Plattsburgh, the president, George Angell, gave students the use of his office for strike-coordinating activities. At Trinity College and the University of Hartford, flags were lowered to half staff on orders of the college administrations.

While officials at many colleges and universities agreed not to penalize students for boycotting classes during the next few days, the Princeton University faculty yesterday went further than most, voting to cancel or postpone final examinations and term papers and to allow a two-week recess before the November elections to allow student to work in political campaigns.

Even when student demonstrations were aggressive, the response from college officials was often muted. At Brooklyn College, where 150 students took over the office of the president, John W. Kneller, he responded with a statement announcing the cancellation of

classes today and tomorrow "to signify the university community's solidarity in opposition to American involvement in Cambodia and the insensitive disregard for human life evidenced by the incidents at Kent State University."

Mayor Lindsay, after meeting at City Hall with two students from Kent State, which is near Akron, Ohio, issued a proclamation designating tomorrow "a day of reflection" and urged New Yorkers "to reflect solemnly on the numbing events at Kent State University and their implications for the future and the fate of America."

The largest demonstration of the day was a 4 P.M. rally at Columbia University that drew 3,000 students, including sizable contingents from Hunter and City Colleges. Much of the activity on the Columbia campus, however, was decentralized, with 500 students at work circulating petitions and the Student Peace Action Committee already at work listing students by their home states to make their services available to peace candidates.

Highway Blocked

At 6 P.M., after the rally, 2,000 students marched into Riverside Park and onto the northbound lanes of the Henry Hudson Parkway, halting rush-hour traffic for about 20 minutes. Six students were arrested when a scuffle broke out between policemen and marchers leaving the campus, but police activity appeared to have been at a minimum.

In a few places last night, student protest and police reaction took a violent turn. Several hundred students at the State University of New York at Buffalo gathered outside the main entrance and rocks were thrown at the police for the second night in a row. The police responded with tear gas in a scene resembling the confrontation there the previous night.

Rutgers University students marched yesterday down New-

ark streets chanting "No more war!" and students in Trenton massed outside the State House for an hour-long peaceful demonstration.

Traffic was blocked for about 30 minutes when about 300 students from the Jamaica, Queens, campus of St. John's University sat at the intersection of Union Turnpike and Utopia Parkway.

In a similar demonstration early this morning, more than 500 students from the State University at Stony Brook sat down and blocked traffic on Routes 25 and 25A in Smithtown, L.I., for about an hour. One of two drivers who drove their cars into the crowd was arrested.

There was also some violence at Seton Hall University in South Orange, N. J., where student militants seized the administration building after a brawl with policemen in which two persons were hospitalized with injuries and more than 20 others hurt.

At Syracuse University last night, a two-alarm fire destroyed construction equipment at the site of a geology building under construction. A prefabricated structure containing classrooms was also destroyed. The blaze occurred while 2,500 students were ending a rally nearby.

Shortly after 1 o'clock this morning a fire was discovered in the basement of the Fordham University Student Lounge East Fordham Road and Crotona Avenue, the Bronx.

A second alarm was sounded at about 2 A.M. Fire officials said there was heavy smoke damage in the building, which is behind Fordham Hospital.

Not all students were acting yesterday to close their colleges. A group of students at Nassau Community College in Garden City, L.I., said they would seek a court order today to force the school to reopen. The junior college was closed down Tuesday as part of the protest and is scheduled to resume classes Monday.