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FRATERNITY LOSES COLGATE CHARTER

School Acts as Protesters
Charge Discrimination

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HAMILTON, N. Y., April 12 —Dr. Vincent M. Barnett Jr., president of Colgate University, revoked the charter of Phi Delta Theta fraternity early today, agreeing to the bulk of demands of more than 450 student and faculty protesters against discrimination.

The protesters have occupied and controlled the school's administration building since 2 P.M. Wednesday, and it appeared that they would remain over the weekend.

All administrative offices were closed, and the dean of admissions, Guy V. Martin, who left his office Wednesday "in sympathy with the protest," said he would not return until the demonstration had ended.

William Robinson, chairman of the Association of Black Collegians, which is leading the demonstration, said the protesters would not leave the building until all their demands had been satisfied.

The demonstrators called on the university to revoke the charter of the fraternity and demanded that the fraternity cease all activities and that members, except for a skeleton maintenance crew, move out of the house immediately.

Negroes Were Barred

The fraternity has never admitted a Negro, and when it barred a Jewish student this year the student senate sus-

ended the fraternity from the student governing body and called for the revocation of its charter. The faculty also censured the house.

Dr. Barnett issued his revocation statement at 2:30 A.M. The statement, however, did not order the members of the fraternity to leave immediately.

"In view of the fact that an impasse has apparently been reached on the other issues in dispute," the statement read, "I have asked that a special panel of the board of trustees be constituted at once to explore those questions in consultation with such organizations as the American Civil Liberties Union and the New York State Commission on Human Rights."

Dr. Barnett's statement went on to say that action was not taken on the removal of the students because "there are questions of human rights involved on both sides of the remaining issues."

Mr. Robinson said at 4:30 P.M.: "The president has informed me that the board of trustees wishes to act through a special panel which will be here Monday. I responded, 'So will we?'"

About 400 of the university's 1,800 students are participating in the demonstration, together with about 35 of the 150 faculty members.

The faculty demonstrators today issued a statement urging "every Colgate faculty member seriously committed to justice for the black students at Colgate to demonstrate this by coming immediately to the administration building; entering the building, and staying here until justice is done."

The demonstrating faculty are holding duplicate classes for the demonstrating students, or their classes only for the demonstrators.

Last Sunday, Sigma Nu, another of the 15 fraternities, was closed by Dr. Barnett after an incident in which two Negro students said they were fired upon from the Sigma Nu house.