

'Attica 1,200'

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Draw Support Of 2 Rallies

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Demonstrators in two cities have rallied in support of the inmates at New York's Attica State Prison as reaction continues to the bloody end of its prisoner rebellion.

About 150 persons paraded through the midday, 90-degree heat in Los Angeles yesterday to show support for what they called the "Attica 1,200" and to voice demands for nationwide prison reform.

In an orderly rally attended by many members of the Black Panthers and the Angela Davis Defense Committee, one speaker described the Attica inmates as "heroic brothers . . . laying down their lives to human dignity."

At the University of Oklahoma in Norman, about 75 black students blockaded a one-way street for about two hours to show sympathy. About 85 per cent of the Attica inmates are black or Puerto Rican.

"There is one way . . . the right way . . . but it ain't the white way," the protesters chanted. They posted a sign reading: "30 brothers dead, and things go on as usual."

University police blocked all entrances to the area during the protest "to help insure peaceful demonstration and prevent cars from confronting the black students."

White students passing through the area were told they would not cross demonstration lines but were welcome to observe the rally if they liked. Some heated words were exchanged.