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Moves on Cox and Tapes
Revive Campus Protests

The dismissal of Archibald Cox and the dispute over the White House Watergate tapes has sparked a number of hastily organized protest actions on campuses across the country, just as observers and commentators had begun to declare that campus activism was dead.

Although there has been nothing approaching the protests and disorders that followed escalations in the Indochina war or the shootings at Kent State University, the reaction by students and faculty members appears to have been wholly critical of the President's actions, and apparently undiminished by Mr. Nixon's decision to comply with a court order demanding the tapes.

Most of the protest actions stressed the circulations of a petition calling on the President to resign or be impeached, panel discussions by law faculty members on the legal questions of the controversy, and on planning to send delegations to Capitol Hill to lobby for the appointment of a new Watergate special prosecutor.

Campus correspondents of The New York Times reported that the students deliberately avoided holding noisy demonstrations, for fear of spurring a backlash and, according to the correspondents, providing the President with an anti-student rallying point.

Quiet Rally at Duke

About 750 people turned out for a quiet rally at Duke University, where President Nixon earned his law degree in 1937, to hear Chancellor John O. Blackburn say, "The President may go down in the floodtide of justice, but the Presidency will rise to the top."

Students and faculty members at Hampshire College, in Amherst, Mass., voted 10 to 1 in favor of putting the institution on record as urging the President's impeachment. The vote came despite Mr. Nixon's reversal of his stand on the tapes, and despite an opposing plea from the college president, Charles Longworth, that political activity by the college might jeopardize Hampshire's tax-exempt status.

At Yale, about 3,200 signatures on a petition urging the President's impeachment were gathered over the weekend. Another 160 law students there endorsed a second petition calling on Robert H. Bork, a professor at the Yale Law School and now acting Attorney General, to "resign, if belatedly, to avoid greater responsibility for, and taint from, the scandal known euphemistically as the Nixon Administration."

Scored in Ivy League

The student newspapers at the eight Ivy League colleges—Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton and Brown—ran a common editorial in their Monday editions stating that even the President's resignation would not be "satisfactory," and demanded his impeachment.

The editorial, which was jointly agreed upon by the eight papers, also set next

Saturday as a day for anti-Nixon demonstrations in front of civil courthouses around the country.

At Columbia University, meanwhile, about 500 students and Morningside Heights residents met in Wollman Auditorium Monday night to organize, as one student put it, "a grass roots movement" to impeach the President.

Speakers there argued that Vietnam war, and the impoundment of Federal funds for domestic projects provided justification for such a move, in addition to the President's actions in the tapes controversy.

A few banners reading "Impeach" appeared in windows of some Columbia dormitories yesterday, and "Impeach Nixon" petition tables were set up on nearby sidewalks.

Columbia Lobby Planned

A number of Columbia Law School students will travel to Capitol Hill next Tuesday to lobby for the appointment of a new special Watergate prosecutor to replace Mr. Cox. Michael Sovern, dean of Columbia Law School, has been active in circulating a petition among other law school deans that calls for impeachment.

Hofstra University students on Long Island are also planning a teach-in on the controversy at noon today.

Some of the Watergate reaction has also spilled over into off-campus politics. The Madison City Council, near the University of Wisconsin, voted 16 to 5 yesterday to "recommend" the President's impeachment to the Wisconsin Congressional delegation.

A number of students from diverse campuses said that no single political group appeared to be promoting the outcry on their campuses. They said that remnants of radical student groups, whose memberships have dwindled over the last few years, were working with moderate and otherwise apolitical students for the first time in years.