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## 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.

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."

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

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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."

### Hunter Classes Canceled

Even at colleges where students and administrators have recently been at odds, such as Hunter College, there was in-

creasing 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





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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.

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 urging 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 West Side Highway, 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.

This was the general pattern in the city, with the police on hand but interfering little with the demonstrations and marches.

College students marched with only minor disruptions yesterday through downtown Albany and Buffalo. The police and students had clashed the night before in Buffalo.

Rutgers University students marched yesterday down Newark 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.

There was some violence. At Seton Hall University in South Orange, N. J., 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.

Three students at Yale University were arrested on charges of assaulting a campus policeman during a scuffle in the lobby of the Reserve Officer Training Corps headquarters on the New Haven campus.

But the largely nonmilitant mood seemed evident even to the uninvolved. When a group of 2,000 students from colleges and universities in Nassau County gathered in Hempstead for a rally at a parking lot next to the Abraham & Straus department store, a sergeant in the Hempstead Village Police Department offered the demonstration leaders the use of a bullhorn when they were unable to find a power source for their amplifier.

The bullhorn's batteries proved too weak, and the department store provided an electrical outlet.