

Protests and Concern Over War and



The New York Times (by Neal Boenzi)

GRAND CENTRAL STATION: Prayers, led by seminary students, were held in railway terminal here yesterday morning

Spock Delivers Eulogy

By LINDA CHARLTON

The president of the Board of Education announced yesterday that the city's 900 public schools would be closed today "as a memorial to the four students who were tragically killed at Kent State University."

The announcement came as students in the metropolitan area boycotted classes, held rallies, skirmished with policemen and planned new modes of protest.

Roman Catholic schools in the city, which were closed yesterday for a religious holiday, will be open today. All campuses of the City University system will be officially open today for discussions and rallies.

In his statement, Joseph Monserrat, the school board president, said that the four students killed by National Guard gunfire Monday "will not have died in vain" if their generation rejected the idea that violence was a normal way of liv-

Continued on Page 16, Column 1

Slaying of 4 Kent Students Growing Here



Edgar Stout

LINCOLN CENTER: Protesters lay down on the plaza outside Metropolitan Opera House while musicians played a dirge

Continued From Page 1, Col. 5

ing and resolving differences.

Something of the same sentiment was expressed by Dr. Benjamin M. Spock, speaking at the funeral service yesterday for Jeffrey Glenn Miller of Plainview, L.I., one of the four slain students.

Dr. Spock, who addressed 400 people inside the Riverside Chapel, at Amsterdam Avenue and 76th Street, as a crowd of perhaps 4,000 stood outside, said the deaths of Jeffrey Miller and his schoolmates might turn out to be a "blessing."

Lindsay at Service

The deaths on the Ohio campus, the antiwar activist and pediatrician said, "may do more to end the war in Vietnam than all the rest of us have been able to do." Other speakers at the services included Senator Charles E. Goodell.

Mayor Lindsay, who has proclaimed today a "day of reflection" in memory of the four, also attended the service, as did Nassau County Executive Eugene H. Nickerson and Manhattan Borough President Percy E. Sutton.

The service was one of many memorials for the Kent State students in the city and surrounding area yesterday, starting with an early-morning two-hour service held by about 200 students and faculty members from five seminaries in Grand Central Terminal.

There was a special litany prepared, and the quiet interfaith service was interrupted rarely. At one point, there was a shout of "You are blasphemers!" from a man who melted quickly into the crowd.

N.Y.U. Hall Vacated

About three hours later, at 11 A.M., the 200 students who had been occupying Warren Weaver Hall, on the Washington Square campus of New York University, for two days vacated the building peacefully.

But the group of faculty and college officials who then entered the building found — and quickly extinguished — two burning fuses attached to several explosive devices surrounding the \$3.5-million computer that the students had said they would hold for \$100,000 "ransom." The students had said the money would be used for bail for a Black Panther now in jail. The computer is owned by the Atomic Energy Commission.

A student plan to block bridges and tunnels was called off Wednesday night, but not all the participants were informed and some disruptions took place. These included the closing of an access ramp to the upper level of the Manhattan Bridge by about 100 demonstrators, and the arrest of six young men for allegedly trying to put a chain across the Henry Hudson Parkway.

Students handed out leaflets on the West Side Highway, causing little additional delay.

on this already slow-moving artery, and on Riverside Drive and 115th Street, backing up traffic slightly on the drive.

At noon, 400 people gathered at 13th Street and Fifth Avenue for a rally organized by three Greenwich Village-area colleges. Mayor Lindsay was one of the speakers at the hour-long rally, which was peaceful.

Wall Street Rally

Another rally, this one starting at noon at the intersection of Wall and Broad Streets, brought hundreds of high school and college students into the streets to mingle with the lunch time crowds. There was some brief scuffling with a group of about 20 construction workers before the police separated the two groups. No arrests were made.

Some of the youths, after being urged to join students

from the N.Y.U. Law School in trying to block the entrances of major Wall Street buildings this morning, marched north to yet a third rally being held in Union Square.

At about 1:45 P.M., several hundred young persons, who appeared to be largely high school students, sat down in the middle of 14th Street and Broadway, blocking all traffic except for an ambulance.

After the students rejected several orders to move, the police got behind the demonstrators and moved east on 14th Street, scattering most of them in their sweep. After a bottle crashed to the street, however, the police began to swing their nightsticks and more bottles and rocks were hurled from the sidelines.

Several Injured

Several students were clubbed in the resulting melee, although some policemen aimed at the feet and buttocks of the demonstrators to hurry them along. Five persons were arrested and given summonses for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

While making the arrests, 12 patrolmen and one sergeant were slightly injured; they were treated by a physician at the Charles Street station. Three of the demonstrators were treated at St. Vincent's Hospital and released; others were treated at first-aid stations.

Twenty young persons were arrested at Beach Street and Mott Avenue, Far Rockaway, Queens, where an antiwar demonstration near Jane Addams Vocational High School, 900 Tinton Avenue, the Bronx.

Antiwar emotion boiled over on a number of campuses where students took over buildings, including the University of Bridgeport, Conn.; Brockport State College in Brockport, N.Y., the University of Syracuse and at Queensboro Community College, according to a spokesman for 1,500 of its 9,000 students.

Still other students, including the medical, dental and nursing students at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University and those at Cooper Union, voted to join the campus strike. And still more colleges, including the State University at Buffalo and St. Bonaventure University, acted to suspend classes at least temporarily.

A fire that caused about \$400,000 in damage at the Fordham University bookstore and the surrounding area Wednesday night was being investigated today as suspicious.