

COLLEGIANS WARN CONGRESS ON WAR

Protesters Lobby in Capital
for Cutoff in Funds —
Some Schools Reopen
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WASHINGTON, May 11 — Student protests against the war in Southeast Asia moved from the noisy streets to the quieter confines of Congressional hearing rooms and the State Department today.

Meanwhile, many colleges and universities opened for classes, but students at 158 institutions were reported still on strike "indefinitely." Regular academic programs on many other campuses were modified to take account of protests. Although most campuses were relatively quiet, there were sporadic demonstrations and minor violence at a few colleges.

Here in the capital, some 1,000 students and 75 faculty members from Yale University, rallying under the cry "student power" and accompanied by their embattled president, Kingman Brewster Jr., spent the day talking with nearly 300 members of Congress and their aides.

The student message to members of Congress was plain: bring the war in Vietnam to an end by cutting off funds or face grass root campaigning by students to unseat them this fall.

The same message was taken to Congress by some 600 students from Brandeis University, also accompanied by their president, Charles Schottland.

About 400 Colgate University

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students paraded in front of the State Department, demanding that Secretary of State William P. Rogers, an alumnus of the school, resign either from the Cabinet or from the college's board of trustees.

After conferring with seven Colgate students and one faculty member, Mr. Rogers gave no indication he would resign either post.

He visits to Capitol Hill and the State Department came in the wake of a protest rally that attracted between 60,000 to 100,000 to the grounds just south of the White House on Saturday.

There are indications that many youthful protesters believe that massive rallies must now give way to more direct political action, such as their talks with members of Congress today.

Even Hawks Listen

Asked at the end of the day if any minds had been changed by the student visits, Mr. Brewster of Yale replied: "I hope so. But there is no way to measure that until Congress acts on measures to cut off funds for waging war in Southeast Asia."

Mr. Brewster said it was wrong to say that students had become radicalized, but he conceded they had become "activized."

There were signs, too, that

Congress itself had begun to feel the effects of that "activization," as doors of even some of the most hawkish members flew open to welcome the students.

For nearly an hour this morning, Senator James B. Allen, Democrat of Alabama, who supports the President's use of ground troops in Cambodia, conferred with about 100 students from Yale and Brandeis.

Neither Senator Allen nor the students would say later that any minds had been changed, but that the meeting was held at all was viewed by some as significant.

It was viewed as significant, too, that at least two of President Nixon's staunchest supporters, Gerald R. Ford of Michigan, the Republican leader of the House, and George Bush,

Republican of Texas, showed up for a meeting with Mr. Brewster and the Yale students and faculty this afternoon.

Mr. Ford and Mr. Bush are both alumni of Yale.

"For the first time, Congress has been open to discussion with the students," Mr. Brewster said later. "This is different from last November when President Nixon said his policy would not be affected by anything that went on in the streets."

Some members of Congress complained that the students had come "with a closed mind" on the war situation. Students, in turn, accused some members of Congress of being "unwilling to change."

There were a few hisses when Senator Jacob K. Javits,

Republican of New York, meeting with about 400 students, refused to commit himself absolutely to a proposal cutting off funds for any military operation in Cambodia in 30 days and in Laos by the end of the year, and requiring withdrawal of all American forces from South Vietnam by June 30, 1971.

But, for the most part, the students abided by a leaflet of instructions passed out before they arrived, which said:

"Communicate: be spontaneous . . . be friendly . . . don't blow your cool."

"I hear your message," Senator Richard S. Schweiker, Republican of Pennsylvania, told about 100 Yale and Brandeis students. "I read you. I share your deep concern."

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