

# Bitter Isla Vista



AP Wirephoto

Signs in Isla Vista told what the students thought about the week

# Guard Alert--but Campus Is Quiet

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## Santa Barbara

Governor Ronald Reagan, responding to requests of the Santa Barbara county Board of Supervisors, put the National Guard on alert yesterday for possible use to quell disorders in the Isla Vista student residential community.

But, for the first time in a week, calm descended with a new 11 p.m. curfew. There were only three arrests, all before the curfew time.

The new curfew applied to all areas of Isla Vista, except for Perfect Park and the Bank of America parking lot. A 7:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew was still being enforced in those places.

One person was in the park after 7:30 p.m. and was ar-

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rested. Several hundred young persons were in the area around the park and 150 riot-equipped Highway Patrolmen and Santa Barbara county sheriff's deputies stood by the park. Guardsmen did not appear.

### FRIENDLY

The crowd dwindled steadily after 7:30 p.m. and many young persons and policemen began friendly conversations.

The "rap sessions" seemed to dissolve tension. Lawmen seemed eager to talk to the young people, particularly about charges of police brutality that have increased steadily in the past few days.

One deputy mentioned showers of bottles from student apartments and said: "We get hurt, too." Several young persons shook hands with lawmen and wished them well before the 11 p.m. curfew, which did not have to be announced. The crowd had left the streets by then.

### ARRESTS

Some 670 arrests have been made in the University of California residential enclave since last Thursday, most of them for violation of the rigidly enforced curfew.

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disturbances, climaxing Wednesday night and yesterday morning with the arrest of 375 students, faculty members and permanent residents of Isla Vista.

Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Wolfe, National Guard information officer in Sacramento, said Guardsmen would be available at the call of mutual aid officers in the Isla Vista area should they be needed.

"It is merely to make sure that troops can be gathered together if and when they are necessary," he said.

Last February some 600 Guardsmen were called in to Isla Vista by Governor Reagan after a Bank of America branch was destroyed by fire. They remained four days.

### INDICTMENTS

The latest series of demonstrations protested indictments returned against 17 in connection with the bank burning and subsequent riots.

The sit-in Wednesday night and yesterday morning in Perfect Park, a small grassy square next to the Bank of America's temporary structure, was a deliberate defiance of the curfew.

It was broken up by riot officers, using nightsticks and a gas-spewing pickup truck. Numerous witnesses interviewed said between 150 and 200 persons suffered cuts and bruises but none was in serious condition.

### INJURIES

Captain Joel Honey of the Santa Barbara county sheriff's department acknowledged there were "quite a lot of student injuries" but added he knew of no officers who were hurt.

As authorities cleared people from the park, California Highway Patrol officer Fred Strohouse said: "I wish we could use dogs. They'd scatter like rabbits if we had dogs."

Sheriff's deputies from Santa Barbara and Los Angeles counties charged into the demonstrators and "kicked and clubbed them out of the park," witnesses said.

Among the hundreds arrested were adults who had joined in the protest against police violence and numerous mothers with small children. At least 12 of UCSB faculty members were also jailed.

### BAIL

Leslie Baird, a past president of the Isla Vista Homeowners Association, said he withdrew \$4000 from his bank yesterday morning to bail out the older residents of the community who had been jailed.

The Sheriff's administrative office in the Santa Barbara courthouse was deluged throughout the night and early morning hours with frantic calls from students who said they were being beaten and "almost killed."

Undersheriff Richard King said that "all charges of police brutality will be thoroughly investigated when he gets time and men to do it."

He said formal complaints are now coming in "steadily."

King also said he had visited the new county jail at Goleta during the night had not seen anyone "seriously hurt."

"All I saw were some with scratches or barked shins," he said. "One kid got his head shoved against the wall for getting smart. That's all."

So far, King said, there are no plans to remove the Los Angeles sheriff's deputies,

who have been blamed for most of the alleged brutality. "We'd be in a bind without them," King added.

There was such widespread anger over police techniques that, yesterday morning, 50 UCSB professors called upon the United States Justice Department to investigate alleged violations of civil rights by law enforcement officers and improper arrests on private property.

UCSB Chancellor Vernon Cheadle said he had been informed of police brutality and expressed hope of a "Full investigation by Government officials."

Meanwhile, throughout the day, Santa Barbara courts were choked with cases involving young people arrested earlier in the week. Confusion was so great that court attaches were unable to say how many cases had been processed and how many had been continued. There were 176 arraignments before Municipal Judge Joseph Lodge and he has another 200 or so scheduled for today.

#### BLAME

Sheriff's captain Honey blamed Wednesday night's record number of arrests on the reduction Tuesday of curfew bail from \$1250 to \$65 — an action he believed led persons who otherwise could not afford it to risk arrest.

"You'd be surprised now many people come in with wads of money to bail these people out," he said.

The mood both on and off campus was so angry yesterday that Chancellor Cheadle said he is considering canceling all final examinations and urging the entire student body to go home. He said he has not decided what to do about Sunday's commencement ceremonies in which 3000 candidates are to receive degrees.

#### LISTENING

Several hundred students spent most of the afternoon sitting in Perfect Park, listening to Isla Vista townspeople and Santa Barbara residents. Santa Barbara Mayor Joe Firestone was among the speakers.

Spokesmen for the Isla Vista Community Council — an 11-member group elected last May 5 to function as a kind of "shadow government" in the unincorporated area — said they are compiling report of "obvious" cases of brutality by Los Angeles Sheriff's deputies.

These so far include three instances of persons who said they had been threatened by deputies with guns and 24 instances of individuals who had been dragged out of their homes, arrested on private property or forced to submit to illegal search.