

# An End to The Curfew In Isla Vista

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The battered student community of Isla Vista struggled back to normal yesterday as the dusk-to-dawn curfew was lifted and all antiloitering laws were rescinded.

The action was taken by the Santa Barbara county Board of Supervisors at 11 a.m. after a 12-hour period of relative calm in the enclave where 670 persons were arrested during seven straight nights of violence.

Only three persons were arrested Thursday night and there were only minor incidents of rock-throwing in the student residential district adjacent to the University of California at Santa Barbara.

## INCIDENT

There were no arrests as of midnight last night, and the only incident reported by the sheriff's office was one cherry bomb explosion.

But while overt tensions appeared to be easing, there were mounting demands at every level for federal, state and county investigations of charges of harsh police methods, violations of civil rights, abuse of prisoners jammed into the county jail and harassment of private citizens.

A crowd of about 100 persons went to the new county jail in Goleta Valley last night to demand that neutral observers be allowed inside the jail, where 100 persons were still being held. The sheriff's department described the demonstration as peaceful and said members of the group were being allowed inside to look around.

UCSB Chancellor Vernon I. Cheadle issued a statement yesterday calling for investigation of police misconduct, declaring the allegations are "so widespread and come from so varied a group of students, faculty, ministers, newsmen and others that a full inquiry must be made."

The university's Academic Senate has called for the formation of a joint investigating team of faculty, county officials and students to report their findings to the state attorney general's office, federal and county

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grand juries and the U.S. Justice Department.

## FILE

At a press conference yesterday afternoon, a faculty-clergy observer team that functioned during the riots announced it intends to turn over its enormous file on reported mistreatment to the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department.

Economics Professor James J. Sullivan, speaking for the team, laid the blame for the successive nights of violence on four factors.

He began with Governor Ronald Reagan, "to the extent that overall direction of the Isla Vista repression became a state matter — the crackdown on dissident students."

## PRESSURE

He accused the governor of using the California Highway Patrol and applying pressure that "turned the police conduct from moderation on

June 6 to police-state repression on June 9 and 10, and back again to moderation on June 11."

Dr. Sullivan also scored Santa Barbara county officials for acceding to harsh police methods and for ineptly managed grand jury indictments" of 17 persons allegedly involved in last February's burning of the Bank of America's Isla Vista branch. Subsequently, two of the indictments were dropped because two of those named were in jail at the time the bank was set afire.

The team was also bitterly critical of "instigators of violence who, on pretext of protesting injustice, incited others to further injustice," and of law enforcement officers who "collectively and individually brought discredit and disgrace to law enforcement in Isla Vista."

Dr. Sullivan said his group will ask an investigation by the Santa Barbara Grand Jury.

Municipal Court Judge Jo-

seph Lodge, who earlier in the week reduced bail for those arrested for curfew violations from \$1250 to \$65, dismissed 305 cases that came up before him yesterday morning. He noted, in doing so, that those arrested had already been punished sufficiently by stays in the county jail ranging from a few hours to several days.

At 11 a.m. District Attorney David Minier appeared in court with an affidavit of prejudice against Judge Lodge, who was forced to disqualify himself from hearing the remaining cases on the docket.

#### CASES

Minier complained that the cases dismissed by Judge Lodge "encompass 95 per cent of all those who wilfully sat down (in defiance of the curfew) Wednesday night."

"To be honest," Minier said, "these were our best cases as far as proof goes. If we were going to dismiss some, I'd really have preferred it would have been some of the others."

Minier said he intended to ask \$150 fines for those who sat down in Perfect Park and \$65 fines for those accused of loitering. He said he intends to prosecute the remaining cases.

#### MEETING

Meanwhile, in St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Isla Vista, a large crowd of students, faculty members and clergymen gathered to discuss their arrests and to devise means of freeing more than 100 still held in the new county jail in Goleta.

Tales of beatings, abuse, and verbal harassment followed one after another, and blame for the alleged mistreatment was placed on Santa Barbara Sheriff's deputies and some 30 guards imported from Chino State Prison.

Wilson J. Hutchinson, a Bakersfield hotel owner, said he was forced to wait in the jail from 11 a.m. Thursday until 4 a.m. yesterday to bail out his son, Chris. <sup>FRIDAY</sup>

"I've been through two wars," the white-haired father told the crowd. "You just don't believe it happens here. I've never believed it until I came here."

He told the students he intended to hire a Los Angeles attorney to handle their cases, and cautioned them not to allow charges against them to be dropped. "That will just let them off the hook," he said.

Students and faculty told of being herded into holding cells and forced to stand for hours with their noses and toes against walls and called "long-haired dudes" and "punks."

The sheriff's department has requested that the state attorney general's office conduct a full investigation into brutality charges.