

# Harvard Center Stormed In New Antiwar Protests

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Campus Outbreaks Spread

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The rekindled antiwar protests on campuses throughout the country erupted into violence at Harvard last night when 500 students stormed the university's Center for International Affairs.

No one was reported injured or arrested, but the students smashed windows and doors and ransacked offices in the center, scattering papers and books. A fire was set but it was put out by the Cambridge Fire Department.

Policemen in riot gear sealed off Harvard Square, threatening to arrest anyone who did not leave the area. The students then spilled into the business district of Cambridge, Mass., where they broke windows in the I.B.M. Building, the post office and several stores.

At Columbia University, about 700 students participated in a peaceful march that started

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on the campus and tied up traffic at Broadway and 116th Street for 15 minutes.

Earlier, it had become apparent that the recent heavy bombing of North Vietnam had reawakened the antiwar spirit on many of the nation's campuses for the first time since the invasion of Cambodia by United States and South Vietnamese troops in 1970.

The Harvard incident occurred shortly after 6 P.M., when 500 persons broke away from a peace march and headed toward the center. The march, in which 2,000 persons participated, started on the Boston Commons and ended in Harvard Square, where about a fourth of the demonstrators broke away to attack the building.

On some campuses, the atmosphere has become so charged that seven of the eight Ivy League university presidents held a telephone conference yesterday to decide what to do about a call for a nationwide campus strike on Friday to protest the war.

Another such conference will be held this morning, according to Dr. William J. McGill, president of Columbia University, where student unrest has been greatest in the last few days.

"The position I'm taking is that I do not believe it is proper to close a university down," Dr. McGill said last evening. "I'm extremely sensitive toward the rights of students who have paid for an education and want to get it." But he added:

"If a student on moral grounds feels that he or she cannot attend class on Friday, I don't think the student should be penalized. I am asking demonstrators not to limit the rights of the faculty and other students to enter their classes, the buildings, the library. You do not correct something wrong in Vietnam by doing something wrong here."

## In General Agreement

Dr. McGill said that the only university president he had been unable to reach was Dr. Martin Meyerson, president of the University of Pennsylvania, but that the other Ivy League universities generally agreed with his stand. They are Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Dartmouth, Brown and Cornell.

Meanwhile, from New York to California, slumbering student activists were being aroused by the call for a campus strike on Friday. The call was made in Washington Monday by Margery Tabankin, president of the National Student Association.

"We are asking that every campus shut down on Friday and devote its collective energy and skills to organizing sustained, intensive, antiwar actions this spring," Miss Tabankin said. The association is the largest student organization in the country.

## Editorial Response

The quickest response came from the Ivy League campuses, where seven of its eight schools published an identical editorial yesterday in its campus newspapers.

The editorial said in part that, in response to the present crisis, the eight Ivy League newspapers join in calling for a one-day moratorium on business as usual Friday. We urge our presidents to suspend university activities on that day and we encourage all students and faculty to help shape further actions at general campus meetings."

"It is time, once again, for the American people to voice their outrage with the Nixon Administration's continuation of the war," the editorial added. "Student demonstrations should

not be directed against our universities, but rather against the Government."

Harvard ran the same editorial, but it went beyond the one-day moratorium idea and joined 15 other university newspapers around the country in calling for a nationwide student strike.

Except at Harvard, no other violence was reported on campuses yesterday.

## March at Columbia

There was a lot of strike talk at Columbia, and about 700 students took part in a peaceful march from the front of Low Library, past other students playing Frisbee and listening to a rock band, across Broadway at 116th Street (thereby blocking traffic for 15 minutes), through the Barnard College campus, past Columbia's physics building, on to the International Affairs Building and then west back to the Columbia campus.

The marchers shouted "On Strike!" and "We're on the side of the Vietcong!" but most student, sitting and talking in the sun, ignored the marchers.

Some demonstrators made several attempts to block the entrances to various buildings on the Columbia campus, and antiwar posters were attached to buildings and flown from windows, but no one was stopped from attending class.

## Opposed to Shutdown

Carl F. Hovde, dean of Columbia College, said he was not in favor of closing the school for even a single day, but that, if the students wanted to take off a day from classes to protest, it was all right with him.

Elsewhere in the New York metropolitan area, the campuses were relatively quiet. At Rutgers, the student newspaper came out against a one-day moratorium.

At Queens College and City College, most students seemed to be more interested in romance and Frisbee than in demonstrating.

But protests were erupting on campuses throughout the country. At the University of Wisconsin, Tom Higgins, president of the Student Association, predicted that the university would see a series of "energy-building actions" against the war during the next few days.

Several hundred students among the thousands at the University of California at Berkeley voted to go on strike to protest the war.

At Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., 150 students picketed a building where Marine Corps and Navy interviews were scheduled. At the University of Maryland, several hundred students broke some windows in the Reserve Officers Training Corps building.

Students picketed at the University of Maine and the University of Florida, and more than 1,000 students held a protest rally at the University of Illinois.

## An Editorial

The following editorial was endorsed by the managing boards of the eight Ivy League daily newspapers—those of Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, Princeton, the University of Pennsylvania, and Yale—and will appear in each of those newspapers today. (See story below.)

The latest escalation of the war in Southeast Asia—the bombing of Haiphong and Hanoi—once again underscores the determination of the Nixon administration to defend the Thieu regime at almost any cost.

The massive raids that have been ordered into North Vietnam, the first such systematic and large-scale bombing attack since April, 1968, open the door to an increased and possibly lasting U.S. military involvement.

In response to the present crisis, the eight Ivy League newspapers join in calling for a one-day moratorium on business as usual Friday. We urge our presidents to suspend university activities on that day and we encourage all students and faculty to help shape further actions at general campus meetings.

We call upon all Americans to join in massive demonstrations of protest in New York, Los Angeles, and San Francisco this Saturday, or in some other effective form of protest.

It is time, once again, for the American people to voice their outrage with the Nixon administration's continuation of the war. Student demonstrations should not be directed against our universities, but rather against the government.

Excerpts from antiwar editorial published yesterday by The Columbia Daily Spectator, calling for a one-day suspension of university activities on Friday. It was also in the papers of the seven other Ivy League schools.