

500 at Fordham Protest Against the War

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The rhetoric was late nineteen sixties at Fordham University yesterday. So was the long hair and the studiously scruffy garb. But the old radical spirit, many students agreed, was gone.

About 500 students gathered before the Student Center on the Bronx campus to hear speakers, including former Representative Allard W. Lowenstein. Then about a third of them walked up Fordham Road to the Grand Concourse and held a rally in Poe Park with students from New York University, Lehman College and Bronx Community College. Except for a few taunts from bystanders, the whole demonstration was peaceful.

"We want to end the war," said Jane Lyder, a senior. "And we want to get rid of Nixon. But we don't want to give him a law-and-order issue in November." Miss Lyder and some friends decided not to take part in the off-campus march.

Nixon Effigy Burned

"The people in this neighborhood are old-line Irish and Italian," she said, "but I think they are disgusted with the war now, too. Why antagonize them?"

Actually, the march was largely ignored by Bronx residents busily shopping along Fordham Road. In Poe Park, the fiery speeches and even the burning of President Nixon in effigy were almost totally ignored by dozens of elderly

men playing pinochle or watching the games.

Some students said they were on strike, but many said they had only one or two classes on Friday and were easily able to sandwich the rally in between them. Judy Snyder, a sophomore from the Bronx said most of her teachers had promised to provide make-up work next week for anyone who felt compelled to strike.

"It's so different now," said Robert D'Aleo, a senior from Queens. "We got into an awful lot of trouble being radical a couple of years ago. I think a lot of people realize that didn't get us anywhere and they're more cautious now."

Campaigning Urged

Some students said they had come to the rally in hopes of hearing the Rev. Daniel Berrigan, who has been living on the Fordham campus since his release from prison recently. However, Father Berrigan did not appear.

Mr. Lowenstein urged the students to get out and work for Mr. Nixon's defeat.

"Anyone who says we can't defeat him is ridiculous," Mr. Lowenstein said. Standing on a window ledge, his coat off, sleeves rolled up and tie askew, the former Nassau County Representative asked, "What young people would work for Nixon now, except Julie and whatever the other one's name is?"

He threw one of the few laughs of the rally with his comment that "Nixon only got 43 per cent of the vote last

time, and he ran against Hubert Humphrey."

Later Mr. Lowenstein asked the students to come to Brooklyn to work in his primary fight against Representative John J. Rooney in the 14th Congressional District.

'You Feel Guilty'

"The trouble with demonstrations," said Carol Saunders, another senior who watched but did not participate, "is that they give you the feeling that you've accomplished something. You're opposed to the war and you feel guilty because you don't do anything positive, so you come out here and release your guilt. But you still haven't done anything constructive."

Miss Saunders and her friend, Miss Lyder, said they thought handing out pamphlets opposing the growth of the war and "talking to people" in the area would be more constructive than rallies.

With yesterday's temperatures in the 60's, with dogwood and tulips in bloom on Fordham's Rise Hill campus, most undergraduates were involved in nothing more militant than softball.

Ball diamonds and tennis courts a few yards from the rally site were filled with students who took no notice of the antiwar proceedings.

Women Soldiers in Lace

TEL AVIV (AP)—The military command announced that women in the Israeli army would be permitted to buy their own underwear instead of using the government-issue kind.