

Berkeley Violence And Furor Grow

An angry torrent of young people filled the downtown streets of Berkeley with the familiar sounds of destruction yesterday as campuses throughout Northern California reacted fiercely to President Nixon's Vietnam war measures.

In one protest involving about 2000 persons, war protesters marched full abreast through the south-of-campus district in Berkeley during the afternoon. They smashed windows and attacked hundreds of parking meters.

Later a crowd of more than 2000 — the largest ever to attend a Berkeley City Council meeting — surged out of the Berkeley Community Theater last night after the council voted down 5 to 4, a proposed ordinance to establish a "program of peace between the people of Berkeley and the people of Vietnam."

They set fire to a small structure near the theater in Provo Park, shattered windows in a building at Aleston way and Milvia street, which houses FBI headquarters, and on Shattuck avenue, about three blocks away, "not a window was unbroken," an observer said.

"It's near anarchy."

The crowd had earlier

cheered passage of a motion by Mayor Warren Widener that calls for an anti-war moratorium by city employees from noon to 5 p.m. on Friday.

ATTACKS

Earlier in the day, demonstrators and police were reported to have attacked TV cameramen. At Telegraph avenue and Bancroft way, a KRON-TV station wagon was battered with rocks and two-by-fours by demonstrators. In the same area, a TV cameraman was reported to have been hit by a policeman wielding a billy club.

Streets near the campus were littered with bottles, rocks and chairs. There were hundreds of parking

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meters broken, observers reported.

Hospitals in the Berkeley area reported three policemen and 33 civilians treated for injuries, most of them minor.

By 8 p.m., there had been 13 arrests made on charges of refusal to disperse and of assault with a deadly weapon (meaning rocks and bricks).

DISRUPTIONS

Less violent but equally impassioned were the protests and disruptions at Stanford University, where school buildings were occupied, and the University of California campuses at Davis, Santa Cruz and Santa Barbara.

War protesters briefly held up traffic at 19th and Holloway avenues in San Francisco, after about 200 students from San Francisco State College held a rally and marched on the administration building where they were turned back by police and locked doors.

In front of San Francisco's Federal Building on McAllister street about 300 sign-carrying young people marched and eventually sent in a deputation to talk to sympathetic aides of Democratic Congressman Phillip Burton.

The destructive march through the old battleground around Telegraph avenue in Berkeley yesterday afternoon was mild by comparison to yesterday's post-midnight rampage there.

Officers made club-swinging charges, fired repeated rounds of stinging

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"putty shells" and drove patrol cars onto sidewalks to clear the dark streets of demonstrators who numbered about 1000.

Before the disturbance ended, several cars, including an unoccupied police vehicle, had been burned, six persons arrested and 13 officers treated for minor injuries.

An incendiary attack was made on the wooden-shingle complex of buildings which houses the UC's Center for International Studies and Education Abroad, but a bucket brigade formed by students saved it until firemen arrived.

That old radical target, the University parking lot and building site known popularly as the "People's Park," was stripped of most of its metal fence.

When the demonstration was re-staged yesterday afternoon, the "park" — now deprived of most of its parking hard-top, was the scene of the largest single clash between police and war protesters.

A force of about 50 officers, firing the stinging putty "bullets," rushed 300 demonstrators who hurled back rocks but were eventually cleared from the battle-scarred area at Haste and Bowditch streets.

The severest single attack yesterday afternoon was the smashing of big plate windows in four financial institutions around Center street and Shattuck avenue — Wells Fargo, United California, Central Valley National

and Great Western Savings.

There appeared to be no agreed objective for the march off-campus at noon from Sproul Plaza. Protesters shouted suggestions — including the blocking of the Bay Bridge or the Nimitz Freeway — but a disorganized move in that direction was easily turned back by police.

CROWD

Six Berkeley policemen, isolated in the milling crowd and the targets for rock-throwers, appeared about to be engulfed when pacifist demonstrators stepped in.

First a handful and finally several dozen formed a cordon around the police and shouted at the belligerents to stop throwing rocks. As the crowd moved away, the police and their protectors shook hands.

Berkeley Mayor Warren Widener was greeted with significant silence when he told the noon rally at Sproul Plaza: "Don't fall into the trap Richard Nixon is trying to set: Violence in the U.S."

CHEERED

He was wildly cheered, however, when he announced he would urge that authorities shut down city offices, business, schools and the university on Friday as a protest against the Nixon war policy.

At Stanford University, about 700 students attended a noon anti-war rally and about half that number then moved on the old Student Union Building and Stanford Placement Center.

An active group of about 100 moved desks and office furniture from the placement center and placed barricades at the entrances of White Plaza—apparently a symbolic protest against the blockade of North Vietnam.

Police last night removed the barricades, meeting no resistance, although a campus observer reported "there was a lot of trashing at Encina Hall, lots of windows broken."

DECLINED

Stanford President Richard W. Lyman, who declined to meet with a large delegation of war protesters who marched on his home last night, told the campus newspaper, the Stanford Daily:

"It is clear that the 60,000 men remaining in Vietnam are nothing more than hostages which provide the alleged reasons for Nixon to do what he is doing."

Traffic-blocking emerged as common tactic for protesting students, following the example of demonstrators at the Santa Barbara campus who cut Highway 101 for several hours after midnight.

DAVIS

At UC Davis police last night arrested 57 protesters, including one newly-elected city councilman, after the demonstrators stalled five Southern Pacific trains for six hours by sitting on the tracks in what they called a "blockade of military supplies just like Nixon's."

Those arrested, including Councilman Bob Black, 25, were taken to the Yolo County Jail, charged with a variety of misdemeanors.

BLOCKED

At Sonoma State College, some 250 students blocked the intersection of the Old Redwood Highway and Highway 116 for about three hours before police cleared them out.

On the Santa Cruz campus, a protest rally of about 1500 young persons was followed by a march on the county courthouse where they demanded the county Supervisors condemn the U.S. action in Indochina.

In the angry aftermath of President Nixon's speech to the nation, two military buildings were attacked by arsonists in San Jose and about 2000 students marched off the UC Santa Barbara campus to block Highway 101 from midnight to 3 a.m. (See story Page 4.)

Fire officials said about \$10,000 damage was caused to the Army Recruiting Center at 90 East Gish road in San Jose by an incendiary device dropped in the mail slot.

A few moments later and a mile away, the Marine Corps Reserve Training Center at 19th and Mission streets was set ablaze by diesel fuel dumped from a barrel. Damage was about \$5000.