

Nixon Aide Told Of 'The Problem'

New York

President Nixon sent a young aide to Columbia University yesterday to find out why he had "a problem" with the academic community. For several hours Hugh

Nixon Names Adviser For Black Colleges

Washington

President Nixon yesterday named Dr. James E. Cheek, president of Howard University in Washington, as a special consultant for communication with predominantly black universities.

Cheek headed a group of 15 presidents of predominantly black universities who met with Mr. Nixon Wednesday to tell him of the resentment of their campuses.

He will work with Dr. G. Alexander Heard, chancellor

of Vanderbilt University, who was named two weeks ago to serve as a special consultant to Mr. Nixon on student sentiment, the White House said.

Both Heard and Cheek will serve until June 30. They are to relay to the White House the sentiments of students and faculty members.

Heard has taken a leave of absence from his duties at Vanderbilt. Cheek, however, will serve part-time and will not take a leave of absence.

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Sloan listened to faculty members and students pour out anti-war sentiments against the administration. He then received them in small groups intently guarded Low Memorial library, with the press barred.

When he emerged Sloan looked limp and haggard. "The depth of feeling is considerably stronger than I personally imagined," he allowed.

Students demanded to know why he hadn't resigned. The dean of Columbia College wondered aloud whether the visit wasn't just "a PR stunt."

TOUGH

Sloan first heard from the scholastic pillars of the university. They represented the 300-member council of tenured faculty organized a few months ago as a "tough center" to resist extremism and prevent further polarization over the war.

Their chairman, Charles M. Frankel, professor of philosophy and former assistant secretary of state for educational and cultural affairs, told Sloan that the Administration's invasion of Cambodia was a blow to campus moderates. The students felt "betrayed," Frankel said.

A delegation of deans followed. Dean Carl Hovde of Columbia College told Sloan that "patience has snapped over this (war) issue."

Dean Aaron Warner of the School of General Studies said the group informed the visitor that students are upset at the "lack of credibility" in the Administration.

The deans voiced "a fairly unanimous feeling of discontent with the President's policy," Warner said.

BLUNT

Another group that included several leading members of the faculty peace action committee gave Sloan a blunt statement: "We no longer have any confidence in the wisdom, the common sense, or the integrity of President Nixon or his Administration."

Students viewed Sloan's mission with skepticism. Is it true that Mr. Nixon sees nobody except the Attorney General, the Secretary of Defense and sometimes, the Secretary of State? they asked. And if so, how does Sloan expect to transmit his information to the President?

Sloan replied that he and seven other White House aides are fanning out through the country to be the President's "ears" on the campuses.

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