

The Quiet

Protests

On Campus

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Petitions, letter-writing campaigns and a few moderately-attended but quiet rallies marked campus protests last week that called for President Nixon's impeachment or resignation.

Even where rallies grew large — as at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where nearly 1000 students called for the immediate impeachment of the President — an element of moderation prevailed, an element absent in campus demonstrations several years ago.

A check at more than a dozen campuses found no spontaneous demonstrations of criticism or support of the President after his news conference last Friday night. Earlier in the week several campuses — Duke University, the

University in Durham, N.C., University of Iowa, Iowa State University — saw students demonstrate in response to the dismissal of William D. Ruckelshaus and Archibald Cox, respectively, the deputy attorney general and the Watergate special prosecutor, and to the resignation of Elliot L. Richardson as attorney general.

Along Bruin Walk at the University of California at Los Angeles, more than 3000 signatures have been collected since the middle of the week, according to Students for the Impeachment of Richard Nixon. Teachers joined students along the walk, a heavily traveled section of the campus to pass out leaflets on the issue of impeachment. It had been months since students manifested such interest in political issues, observers there said.

At the University of Minnesota, petitions were quietly passed around last week by the Citywide Committee to UNelect the President, which said it had collected more than 10,000 signatures since early September.

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