

# Campuses Across State React to Ohio Deaths

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Gov. Preston Smith issued a statement saying: "We have not interfered with peaceful demonstrations on the grounds here, but it looks as if we are going to have to tighten up our security."

Elsewhere in Texas, peaceful demonstrations took place Tuesday at several colleges in protest against the gunfire deaths of four Kent State University students Monday during a rally.

But such demonstrations were at only a small proportion of the 175 or so Texas campuses.

One of the more dramatic demonstrations was at the University of Texas at Arlington, where some students held a mock funeral.

Some bore crosses and others carried lighted candles in the Arlington memorial as students marched solemnly about two blocks from the library to the Student Union Building.

An estimated 125 Arlington students out of a student body of 14,000 took part.

"They exercised their constitutional rights to free speech and assembly. Now they are dead," Arlington student leaders said in a eulogy.

Ray DeLeon, a sophomore from Lubbock, said he had just returned from Vietnam and called himself a "hawk" on the war. But he commented at Arlington, "If students can't assemble, what can they do? After all, that is what we are fighting for in Vietnam—freedom."

UT-Arlington's student congress later passed resolutions asking that the rest of the week be regarded as days of mourning for the Kent State students killed, that the UT-A flags be lowered to half staff and that classes be dismissed Thursday in memory of the slain students.

Dr. Frank Harrison, president

of UT-A, replied that it was against UT System rules and regulations to fly the official flags at the administration building at half staff for such reasons, but he said that a flagpole in front of the student union could be flown at half staff if the student congress desired.

To the plea for dismissal of classes on Thursday, Harrison replied, "We welcome discussion on this campus of social and political issues in line with the function of the university, but to officially dismiss classes for such an event is unwarranted."

Southern Methodist University student leaders were considering a memorial service Wednesday.

Minor violence occurred at the University of Houston where 24,000 are enrolled.

Someone attempted to burn an ancient surplus Army carrier assigned by the university to the science and research department. The carrier was splashed with a liquid and set afire but the blaze was extinguished quickly.

The Houston incident occurred a few hours after the student Senate voted to support a proposed strike set for Thursday to protest extension of the war into Cambodia.

In Denton at big North Texas State University, about 100 to 150 students lowered two campus flags to half mast, one in front of the university's administration building and the other near the student union building.

A student organizer said that a march was planned for Wednesday, beginning at 1 p.m., from the campus to the National Guard armory in Denton, a distance of about 2½ miles.

The march, which he said would be in memory of the Kent State students killed, would have nothing to do with the Cambodian

situation. He said the march would be featured by students carrying four black coffins, one for each of the students killed.

The president of North Texas State University, himself a former administrator at Kent State, appealed to a NTSU student government meeting Tuesday night to "seriously contemplate the action you might take as a result of Kent events."

Dr. John J. Kamerick, appearing before 150 persons, wore a black tie he said was in mourning for those at Kent. He offered an alternative plan to a proposed march set by NTSU students for Wednesday at 1 p.m. from the campus to a national guard armory in Denton.

No parade permit has been issued the group for the march. A memorial service is planned once the march reaches the armory.

"You ought to at least apply for a parade permit even if you don't receive it," he said.

The march was planned Tuesday afternoon after some 100-150 NTSU students lowered American flags to half-staff on two campus flagpoles in honor of the four students who died in the incident Monday.

Kamerick suggested as an alternative a memorial observance at 11 a.m. Thursday in the campus' main auditorium with classes dismissed.

"You can make your own decision and take the responsibility of that decision," he said.

In his 10-minute speech, Kamerick said he appeared before the group without much enthusiasm because of the recent events at Kent. He served as a dean and vice president at Kent before coming to NTSU in September, 1968.

"Many have called me from Kent . . . I know many of those who have been injured . . . I'm terribly upset by the event," he said. "I don't want you exposed to the confrontation that might lead to the same thing that happened at Kent. Violence can often come from what was not intended."

An estimated 200 students and a few faculty members attended a peaceful demonstration at Texas Christian University Tuesday night in protest of the shootings at Kent State.

The demonstration in front of the TCU Student Center lasted about 45 minutes. There was a period of silent prayer and two speeches.

At small St. Thomas at Houston, 10 students carried signs protesting the Kent State slayings. The signs said, "Freedom of Choice. Vietnam or Cambodia or Universities. Your choice of where to die."

## Bulletin Board

TONIGHT

Sailing Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Architecture Auditorium. Aggie Christian Fellowship will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 304, Physics. Joe Wall will speak on Abraham.

THURSDAY

Texas A&M Parachute Club will meet at 7:30 in Room 113, Plant Sciences. Austin Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 3-D Memorial Student Center to elect officers.

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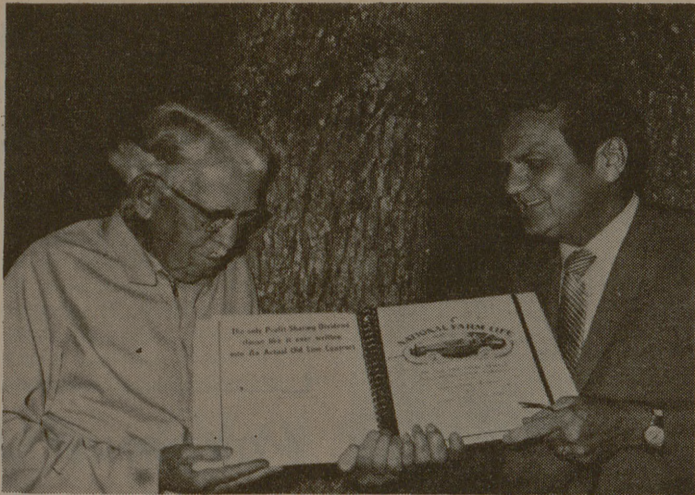
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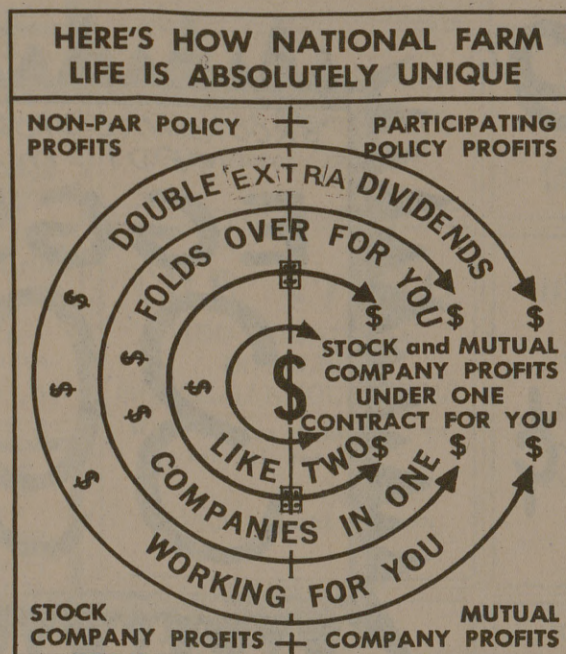
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