

Students on 265 campuses still protesting Cambodia

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Eighteen days after President Nixon sent American combat troops into Cambodia, student protest strikes were under way at a reported 265 colleges. However, the disorders and scattered violence which characterized the first two weeks of protest have subsided.

On many of the nation's other campuses students were quietly organizing or political action aimed at forcing a rapid end to American military operations in Indochina.

The student strike information center at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass., said student strikes were continuing on 265 campuses. About 150 of these schools are among the nation's 1,500 four-year colleges and universities. The others include junior colleges and specialized institutions of higher education.

About a dozen schools remained officially closed for the remainder of the school year.

Some 5,000 students at the University of California at Los Angeles blended their cries of "Peace! Peace!" with the throbbing music of Handel's "Messiah" during an offbeat "Music for Peace" antiwar demonstration.

Many of the students made the "V" peace sign with their fingers as the overflow audience sat on UCLA's main quad to hear the

350-voice, 120-piece university orchestra and choir perform excerpts from the oratorio.

At the University of Connecticut in Storrs, a student strike steering committee announced plans for a national coordinating center for political opposition to a House-passed bill dealing with defense facilities and the Industrial Security Act.

David Howe, a spokesman for the group, said the bill would allow the federal government to involve itself in campus unrest as long as the college concerned holds a defense contract.

Students at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville wound up a two-day seminar seeking to mobilize support of congressional leaders and peace candidates against the war. About 100 students from 15 Virginia schools attended.

At several colleges student protests broke out in new disorders.

Police carried and dragged 150 Michigan State University students from a campus building in East Lansing early today when they insisted on continuing an antiwar discussion meeting past the building's closing time.

They were taken to Ingham County Jail in buses and most were charged with trespassing. Some were booked for loitering.

Thirty-seven University of Alabama students were arrested for

failure to obey a curfew. The students were seized as they left a rally attended by 150 persons at the 12,000-student institution.

In Miami, rock-throwing students battled club-swinging police for more than an hour after they were evicted from a building they had seized on the Florida Memorial College campus. The students at the predominantly Negro college were demanding administrative changes. There were 26 arrests.

Many of the student strikes and demonstrations focused on the shooting deaths of four whites at Ohio's Kent State University, six blacks in Augusta, Ga., and two blacks at Jackson State University, Miss. The killings all came during incidents in which law enforcement officials or National Guardsmen used firepower to quell demonstrations or disorders.

The Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said a 100-mile march across Georgia to protest the Augusta deaths and other issues would begin today.

In reaction to the Jackson slayings, several colleges said they officially would close for varying periods of time. The colleges included Knoxville College in Knoxville, Tenn., and the University of Cincinnati.

In Washington, the Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam said antiwar demonstrations were planned for Memorial Day, May 30, in at

least eight U.S. cities.

Also in the capital, about 100 young persons organized as the "Youth Committee for Peace with Freedom" began lobbying

against amendments pending in the Senate that would put restraints on U.S. military operations in Indochina and mandate an American pullout.

The committee called the amendments "a formula for betrayal and capitulation," and described the Cambodian operation as headed for success.

Negroes block investigators at Jackson State College

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—Black students blocked state investigators from picking up pieces of evidence at the Jackson State College girl's dormitory where two Negro youths were shot and killed by police last week. The students apparently mistook the investigators for workmen.

Later in the day, a group call-

ing itself the Concerned Citizens of Jackson State College filed suit in U. S. District Court for a temporary restraining order to bar state officials from removing evidence.

"We don't want to let them tear down these scars," said one of the 200 blacks massed in front of Alexander Hall. After a meeting with the college president, Dr. John Peoples, the students left the building and went to a nearby athletic field.

The confrontation came as Sen. Edward W. Brooke, R-Mass. and the only Negro in the Senate, was preparing to fly to Jackson to confer with Negro leader Charles Evers and tour the campus.

Atty. Gen. John Mitchell, who was in Jackson Monday for an on-the-scene inspection, was picketed Tuesday by Negroes protest-

ing his appearance at Cleveland before the Delta Council, a traditionally white organization of cotton industry leaders. The Cleveland National Guard unit was sent to the armory as a precautionary move.

Witnesses said the 200 black students moved in front of the dormitory as several men approached the building. After two attempts to reach it, the men left.

Peoples told the students the grand jury was "determined to get" any evidence left at the scene although "the only thing left there is of symbolic value. It is of no investigatory value since this has been done by the FBI."


"I would suggest that you young people, the future leaders of this state, do not use yourself as cannon fodder," he said. The students moved to a nearby athletic field.

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