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Друга Накба!“, „Смрт Ционистима!“, одјекивало је у среду, 1. маја, у кампусу Универзитета Калифорније (UCLA) у Лос Анђелесу, пошто су ривалске групе студената, произраелска и пропалестинска, одлучиле да различитости реше на сличан начин као и они које подржавају у нешто више од 9.000 километара удаљеној Гази. Полиција је 24 сата након њиховог сукоба из кампуса универзитета силом уклонила камп пропалестинских демонстраната и поред протеста стотина окупљених, а ухапшено је око 300 студената.

Ово је била само једна од ескалација протеста покренутих готово истовремено пре десетак дана на неколико америчких универзитета, једних како би се дигао глас против безумног убијања Палестинаца, других због растућег антисемитизма.

Ситуација се претходно закомпликовала када су 30. априла увече у још један од бастиона америчких слобода, Универзитет Колумбија у Њујорку, упали полицијски специјалци и разјурили пропалестинске демонстранте тврдећи да су међу студентима и агитатори. Демонстранти су, иначе, претходно провалили у зграду „Хамилтон Хола“ која се налази у склопу Универзитета Колумбија и тамо се забарикадирани. Њихов камп испред зграде био је подигнут много раније.

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University Calls in 1,000 Police to End Demonstration As Nearly 700 Are Arrested and 100 Injured; Violent Solution Follows Failure of Negotiations

In a brutal bloody show of strength from 2:30 until 5:30 this morning, New York City police, at the request of the Columbia administration, cleared the five buildings held for the past week by student demonstrators.

Almost seven hundred students and faculty were arrested and at least several hundred injured, some seriously, in the action. A minimum of four faculty members received severe head wounds.

The use of police force followed failures yesterday to negotiate a settlement between the administration and the demonstrators. The faculty ad hoc committee placed a final effort in seeking support for their proposals, but neither the administration nor the demonstrators had indicated full acceptance.

A spokesman for St. Luke's Hospital stated this morning that 75 persons were being treated for wounds received during the police action. Thirty-five people were treated in an infirmary set up in Philosophy Hall. A spokesman for Knickerbocker Municipal Hospital estimated that 25 people from Columbia were being treated there.

The charges leveled against most of those arrested will be second or third degree criminal trespassing though it is expected that the police will charge some persons with resisting arrest. Those simply arrested for trespassing will be allowed to go free without bail. The administration also maintains that it will prosecute the students involved.

Low Library

Low, 2:15 a.m.: a column of TPF lined up inside the outer hedge, two abreast, about thirty-five, six rows deep of student and faculty defenders formed, linked hands. Slog for ten minutes, maybe fifteen. Then a lieutenant came up, or a captain, and said, "Please move. You are impeding our progress here." Shouts of no. He repeated, "You will be harassing officers in the pursuit of their duty. If you do not move, you will be forced to move." Another fifty-five TPF marched up, fifteen or twenty platoons. They formed a wedge and charged, first pushing, then swinging. They had no

clubs, but punched. They pulled people up, threw them forward or down, kicking some. Platoon leaders on the periphery were hitting and kicking indiscriminately, however, even those who were moving. No injuries were seen, although a professor was carried away by platoons.

Members of the Majority Coalition had dispersed about 1:45 when the rumor spread that police were coming, but paraded around Low and began to surround the building at about 2:50. There were a number of platoon policemen in front and when a faculty member, Spanish instructor Frederick Courtney,



photo by Tom Metz

A group of helmeted policemen surround Assistant Professor of Architecture Raymond Litcher (in coat) outside Avery Hall. The officer at right holds a crowd bar. Several policemen stomped and kicked several of those at the hall.

tried to join the group of about 150 standing in front of the Low entrance, he was pulled into a group of platoon policemen and kicked several times in the head and back. He was probably the first casualty of the night.

Hamilton

While police resorted to violence at other campus buildings to remove demonstrating students, a small detachment of the Tactical Police Force - without billy clubs - peacefully removed about a hundred black students from Hamilton Hall.

Led by Chief Inspector Wade, about thirty policemen lined up in front of Hamilton at 2:15 a.m. The students inside were asked three times to leave voluntarily and were informed that a warrant has been sworn out in the name of the Trustees of the University charging them with "total trespassing."

The students gave no indication that they intended to leave, and after waiting about ten minutes, four Negro officers, including Inspector Wade, began to move to the door of the building.

Two dozen faculty members who had taken up a position between the police and the doors closed ranks and locked arms to resist the police. Neal Hurwitz, a teaching assistant in the department of public law and government, told the faculty that the students inside intended to be "arrested passively" and urged the faculty not to link arms.

The teachers then dropped their arms but continued to remain in the way of the police. There was some pushing by the officers to reach the door, but there was no violence or insults directed at the police, who practiced restraint

throughout the entire incident.

There was even some levity at the main entrance to the building as police realized that they did not have a key to open the locked and barricaded door.

Crowbars were used, and at 2:50 a.m. the doors to Hamilton Hall, where the demonstrations began a week ago, were opened.

Shortly before, a small group of police had entered Hamilton through underground tunnels. The students were told to line up in rows of two and police began to handcuff them. However, Inspector Wade, at the request of faculty and administration representatives who were allowed into the building, had the handcuffs removed.

The students were informed that they were being arrested for trespassing, their names were taken, and they were led to police buses through the tunnels under Hamilton.

F'weather

At Papermaster, faculty and students were in front of both entrances, faculty standing with linked arms in front of students sitting with linked arms. After ten minutes, a column of fifty uniformed policemen and fifty platoons with helmets marched in by way of the south gate. A captain made the same announcement to move at Low, then the police lined up, and went to the

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Students Plan General Strike After Police Action on Campus

By ROBERT B. STULBERG

A general strike has been called today in the wake of violent police action on campus ordered by the administration early this morning.

According to David Gilbert, one of the coordinators of the strike, a rally has been called for all students supporting the action and will be held today at 1 p.m. at Amsterdam Avenue and 116th Street.

Gilbert indicated this morning that many off-campus supporters were expected to be at the 1 p.m. rally.

The idea of a student strike developed almost spontaneously this morning after police brutally cleared out the five occupied University buildings and then flushed all lingering students from the campus.

While police began to arrest persons from their pickup wagons, a line of demonstrators, standing just south of the sundial, began to chant, "Strike, strike!"

Earlier this morning, the Columbia Student Council, the Graduate Families Student Council and the former Strike Coordinating Committee held a press Conference at 9 a.m. this morning, in which they stated that there has been no change in the demands of the group, despite the early morning police raid.

"The nature of the University was clearly revealed" during the police action, a spokesman for the Strike Coordinating Committee stated.



A student in the School of International Affairs who stated that he was stabbed by police stands bleeding. According to President Grayson Kirk, the University was assured that police would use minimal force today.

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