Day of Commitment--Peaceful

Students March for Peace in Our Time

At 4:45 yesterday afternoon, approximately 5000 members of the U.C. academic community marched silently from campus to downtown Cincinnati for the major activity for the Day of Commitment. The march was aimed at expressing the need for non-violence in protest of the Nixon administration's policy in Southeast Asia. The protest was supported by the Administration of U.C., the University Senate, and the Student Senate as indicated in resolutions passed yesterday and the day before.

Much of the rationale behind the non-violent demonstration was the alleged "murder" of four students at Kent State University on Monday, protest at U.C. has been on a peak scale since President Nixon's announcement last Thursday of American troop movements into Cambodia.

Following several choruses of "We Shall Overcome," yesterday afternoon, the thousands of students, joined closely together in groups of 6 to 12 people, started out for Fountain Square.

The first procedure was issuing that everyone saw the leaflet entitled "The Sound of Silence," which epitomized the nature of the demonstration. Joined six abreast, and with pink, white, and blue flowers, they followed the Clifton to Fifth and Walnut route, similar to the one used by marchers last Friday.

The seemingly endless line made their way through busy city streets, often blocking traffic. Approximately 250 to 300 consisted of female marchers, while the Cincinnati police were rarely seen, these leaders directed traffic during the march.

The march itself was quiet and uneventful, except for one reported injury to a U.C. crowd, struck in the forehead by a rock thrown into the crowd by a spectator on Clifton Ave.

Included in the march were professors, students, and, however, many faculty members, along with a number of administrators, stayed with the march, as members of the entire demonstration.

Approximately 1000 students from Xavier University were also marching, though 350 still marched together, while U.C people did the same.

Vigil of Silence

Follow-up March

Upon returning from their march downtown, students yesterday began a one and one-half hour long vigil of silence in Nippert Stadium. Students were seated on various parts of the football field, much of the stands, and, initially, all over that area of the Clifton Campus.

While the marchers maintained silence throughout much of the vigil, they heard individual speakers and at times, song songs of peace.

A emotional speech before the group, Artie Cohn, newly elected Vice-President of the Student Government, gave the introductory series of remarks which dealt with the nature of the vigil that they had just completed.

At the ending of silence, large scrolls were signed by those present for each of the students killed at Kent State Monday. The scrolls are to be sent to the parents and families of the four young people, reportedly "killed by national guardsmen who died into the KEU group Thursday." Fatherr Havensmier, leader of the New Covenant group, then addressed the group.

"Keeping silent is a way of reflecting on our commitment to do something in a non-violent way. We want you to honor this silence. We will be broken only from time to time with a thought to make you ponder further," Father Havensmier said.

In later remarks before the end of the vigil, Father George Bursieck, a student from the Medical School at Cincinnati College, read aloud to the fact that both a Student and American Flag were at the flagpole of the march. He suggested this should "teach us all a lesson."

We all have varied backgrounds, yet here we stand walking our communities.

The vigil itself began a little after 7 p.m., but by 8:30 p.m. students had begun to slowly remain outside, thus, members of the Student Government announced an end to the vigil. Some students were opposed, however, and unsuccessfully attempted to wrestle the microphone from those announcing the vigil's end.

Those striking yesterday scheduled a picket for today, to begin at 7:30 a.m.

Mood of U.C.

"Action Without Violence"

"The mood of the University of Cincinnati campus community is one of depicting violence in America and the world," according to Dr. Ralph C. Bursieck, executive vice-president of U.C.

"It is in this spirit," he continued, "that the University Senate adopted the recommendations of the Student Senate to cancel classes today and to permit voluntary absence from classes for the remainder of the week.

"Understanding the solemn intentions of the faculty and student body, the University Administration has determined to carry out the recommendations of the University Senate," he said.

Dr. Bursieck, in the absence of President Walter C. Langsam, who is out of town, is the chief U.C. executive officer. He said that in addition to the cancellation of day classes yesterday, no evening classes, either on the main campus or at Ohio Mechanics Institute, would be held last night.

Evening classes will meet as scheduled, however, tonight and Thursday. Day classes, as proposed both by the Student Senate and the all University Senate, which is composed of students, faculty, and administrators, will be on a voluntary basis Wednesday (5/6) through Friday (5/8).

"Yesterday, at an urban university in northern Ohio, violence broke out that turned into tragedy," Provost for Academic Affair Thomas N. Bonner, speaking for the University administration, began his address to the crowd assembled on the Bridge yesterday.

Bonner went on to speak about the fear, mistrust, anger, and frustration that is widespread on every campus in the nation today. He stated that at U.C., "instead of individual students, faculty, and administration, we must think of ourselves as one solidified University community who are trying to show our concern over the senseless violence that is so prevalent in the world.

Borner stressed that the upcoming march was not to be against the national guard or Governor Rhodes, but against the violence, mistrust, and anger that brought about the tragedy at Kent State University.

"For this march to succeed, we must be non-violent. We must have the support of the entire community. We would like to see a massive outpouring of concern over this violence," he said.

Bonner stated that U.C. is the only university that has seen any disturbances that have not required police action. "We have not had the massive force on this campus.

Bonner discussed the roots of violence in America, ending by saying, "Whatever the outward causes of violence, it occurs ultimately among the human beings whose hatred and resentment break out into violence against others in action and not in words.

The lack of violence, he believes, is due to responsible student leaders, concerned faculty and administration, who are all trying to promote a positive and creative response on the part of the University.

"We must work together and ignore those who would divide us. Make this walk silent and peaceful, and you will be surprised at the support you will find from the faculty, the administration, and the entire community.

"Good luck today. Peace. God be with you."

Day's Events

This is a resume outlining the major activities on the University of Cincinnati campus in regard to this Day Against Violence. Monday afternoon, U.C. students, faculty, and administrators met with the steering committee of the University Senate to discuss student feeling on campus.

At 9 p.m. Wednesday, Student Senate called an emergency meeting, and passed a bill calling for no classes on May 6, and making it a day of non-violence. They also passed a bill calling for a student strike on May 6, 7, and 8.

The University Senate met at 8 a.m. yesterday, and passed Student Senate's "Day Against Violence" and the three day student strike.

At 9-10 a.m., in lieu of President Langsam, Vice-President, Ralph Bursieck, addressed off-campus faculty.

Students heard speakers on the Union Bridge from 9 a.m., until 4 p.m.

At 3:40 p.m., six thousand students departed from the Union Bridge to downtown Cincinnati.

Students assembled in Nippert Stadium at 7 p.m. in conclusion to their "Day Against Violence."
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Campuses Across Nation Witness Brunt of Strikes

In protest of recent U.S. involvement in North Vietnam, one hundred colleges officially called off classes yesterday including all Ivy League schools, all campuses of the University of California, and many of the land-grant universities in the West and New England. The University of Wisconsin Madison campus, long a center of radicalism and interventionist policies of the Wisconsin National guard had to be called out to put out fires in campus buildings.

At Syracuse University, apatride New York, two-hundred windows were broken and numerous protesters were erected to block the campus while at the University of Maryland a state of emergency was declared by the governor to re-directing traffic away from highway leading to Washington. At the University of Iowa students asked the governor to sign a proclamation which marched to the local national guard which were declined. At the University of Illinois, Nashville, Tennessee, the students had to march to the Nashville Federal Building.

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Minority Editorial

There are times when academic values such as reasoned discourse, rational thought, and knowledge and understanding give way to gut reaction in a crisis. In any case, the academic environment is the proper place for these political campaign purposes.

His political tactic, it seems, has backfired; the people of Ohio will not have faith in the man that will soon be their former Governor.

The Vocal Majority

It has become readily apparent that the American University has become a decidedly political force in the nation.

University Presidents, students, and members of faculties have publicly expressed total disapproval of Nixon's policies in Southeast Asia. Members of our academic community have also expressed similar sentiments. They are sincerely committed to the cause of non-violence; as such, they deserve the support of the entire community. Their cause is a worthy one; in cooperation with one another, they have expressed their commitment to the cause of non-violence. This, I believe, is a positive step in the right direction.

Acting upon the initiative of many of these concerned students, the newly functioning University Senate has proven itself to be a potentially powerful and meaningful body. This was the recommendation of the University Senate, in conjunction with those passed by Senate, as well as the evidence presented in court, that the Executive Vice President Busiek request to cancel classes today, and agree to the voluntary class attendance proposal for the rest of the week.

No one can doubt, however, that the force behind the action was primarily the University Senate's request. In its first crisis, the Senate has performed most impressively. Now, what remains, is for all governing bodies on campus to assert their political force and demand that Nixon listen to what is quickly becoming the "vocal majority."

If he has any hope for a future in representative politics, it would be well for him to listen to "us bums."

Candidates' Comments Elicited in KSU Incident Response

State University and reserved rights to all candidates' comments on a bulletin board.

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Loken concluded that most students were not interested in the demonstrations, showing that they had no interest in the campus was, indeed, small. He felt that the actions of the National Guard were justified in view of the provoking actions of the student demonstrators.

Our University leaders have divided, out of expediency alone, into two camps. Some UND leaders have supported Nixon, saying that it was necessary to stop the violence. Others have condemned the actions of the National Guard and have supported the students. It is this latter group which is more consistent with the true nature of our university.

If we are willing, and it is in our power, to adopt a more constructive attitude, then we must formally establish a university-wide body to handle these matters. UND should be an academic community into which we can all run, will encourage such phenomena to flourish at U.C., as they have at Kent State.

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Editorial

The Governor's Actions

Condemnation of Governor James Rhodes for his lack of moral perception in the action of committing National Guardsmen in Ohio's campus has been clearly committed to the cause of non-violence; as such, they deserve the support of the entire community. Their cause is a worthy one; in cooperation with one another, they have expressed their commitment to the cause of non-violence. This, I believe, is a positive step in the right direction.

In official statements by high level officers of the National Guard in Columbus, we note that the troops did fire into the crowd of students, who were not committed to the cause of non-violence; as such, they deserve the support of the entire community. Their cause is a worthy one; in cooperation with one another, they have expressed their commitment to the cause of non-violence. This, I believe, is a positive step in the right direction.

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Passage of two measures, one concerning cancellation of classes yesterday, the other supporting the "rights of these students who oppose this violence (on campus)" to strike for four days, highlighted an emergency Student Senate meeting Tuesday night. The meeting was attended by some 300 vocal students.

The later bill was a substitute measure after the defeat of an earlier bill that had urged "that the university cancel classes for four days starting May 5, 1970 in memory of the four Kent State students killed at Kent State on May 4." The Senate's recommendations to cancel classes, which was quickly approved by University Senate and the University Board of Directors before being put into effect yesterday, urged that the day "be devoted to discussion of the issue of violence." It was agreed upon by Student Body President-elect Artie Cohn, also urged "a silent march against violence" to begin "through the city of Cincinnati and to culminate in a vigil of commitment in Nippert Stadium.

Defeat of S. 530, which had urged for the four-day cancellation of classes, prompted the proposal of S. 531, declaring relief in the right of students to refrain without penalty from holding classes during the strike period.

The Senate in Cincinnati had centered around the controversial issue of the University sanctioning the strike and of the rights of students to miss and faculty to call off classes. When roll-call vote was taken the strike endorsement passed thirty-nine to seven.

Below are sections of the two bills:

**Concerning Day of Commitment Against Violence.**

**Be It Resolved: That the University Senate of the University of Cincinnati requests that May 8, 1970, be declared a day of commitment against violence at the University.** University Senate further requests that classes be cancelled and that the day be devoted to discussion of the issue of violence. Further, University Senate supports a silent march against violence.

**Be It Further Resolved: That the University Senate urge the U.C. administration to uphold temporarily the voluntary class measures as passed by Senate Bill S. 365, passed by Student Senate on February, 1970 and further that this measure be construed as including the right of the faculty to refrain without penalty from holding classes during the strike period.**
Students Jam Union Bridge

by Linda Meyer
Editorial Page Editor

"By revolting to violence to impose your views upon other people, you are all a bunch of long-haired Marxists," proclaimed one of the many varied speakers at the rally by the Union Bridge yesterday afternoon.

In between the scheduled faculty speakers, any student who wished to voice an opinion was granted use of the microphone for several minutes. Nearly every position on the political spectrum of opinion was represented.

Copies of the resolution from the "enhanced Ad Hoc Committee of the Faculty," signed by those who voted in favor of it, will be sent to Governor Rhodes, General Humes, and the University administration.

Other motions made and passed were for a condemnation of the war in Southeast Asia and urging immediate withdrawal of all U.S. troops, a proposal to change the name of the new Rhodes building, and support of faculty involvement in student actions during the strike.

A proposal was passed for a faculty meeting Thursday to include all colleges of the University as well as faculty from neighboring universities, to decide on future action.

Dr. Herbert Shapiro's address was interrupted intermittently by applause, shouts of "Ride on!" and clenched, outstretched fists. At the conclusion, he received a standing ovation from the crowd of listeners.

"Within each of us, violence tends to induce violence," noted Dr. Tom Banta. "We must rise above primitive tendencies to react to violence with violence.

"Discussion was relatively quiet except for applause and cheers of spectators as speakers made points with which they were in accord. It was not until 12:30 p.m., that some of U.C.'s more vocal voices tried to make themselves heard.

One work-shirted girl shouted to the crowd to stop sitting around and do something. Another boy backed her, calling for an immediate and spontaneous march, instead of waiting as scheduled until 4:30 p.m. They were quickly quieted by the more gastrointestinal crowd.

Talking, thinking, planning, gathering enthusiasm and making clenched fists and protest signs on T-shirts and cardboard all took place on the Bridge yesterday afternoon under the shadow of a small black and white PEACE NOW banner.

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