

24 arrested in student-police battle at Berkeley

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BERKELEY, Calif. (CUP-CPS) -- Police broke up a large but peaceful picket line at the University of California Wednesday, setting off the most violent student-police battle of the four-week-old student strike.

Demonstrators were beaten; rocks, bottles and stink bombs were thrown at the police, and 24 arrests were made during the day, some for no apparent reason.

It was the second day that police action brought violence to the campus. Tuesday, the brutal arrest of strike leader Jim Nabors set off a series of confrontations. But Wednesday was much more violent.

NORMAL DAY

It began as a fairly normal day on the campus. The local chapter of the American Federation of Teachers, which voted to strike late Tuesday night, set up picket lines at the main campus entrance and at entrances to major classroom buildings.

Six persons were arrested from the AFT line and charged with blocking a public walkway. One other person was arrested on a previous warrant during the morning. At noon, the students held a rally which the administration had not approved but which it did not attempt to break up.

Shortly after the strikers moved from the rally to a picket line at Sather gate, a group of sheriff's deputies tried to arrest one demonstrator. The crowd charged the deputies, then surrounded them throwing rocks and four stink bombs.

When more police moved up, the several hundred students began their usual ma-

rch around the campus. They broke windows in several buildings and at one point pelted the police with a barrage of rocks as the officers were trying to leave a building. Two arrests were made during the march.

After the march, the strikers returned to Sather gate where they formed two large picket lines on either side of the gate.

PICKETS BUSTED

At 2:30 p.m., shortly after a highway patrol captain had reported to his headquarters that everything was under control, a squad of 15 sheriff's deputies broke up the large but fairly quiet picket lines, driving the students away from the gate.

The students threw more rocks and stink bombs at the police but then they simply jeered them.

A few minutes later, the sheriff's deputies and a

group of highway patrolmen suddenly charged into the crowd, driving them back onto the steps of nearby buildings. The police swung their clubs randomly at the crowd and made several arrests. That set off the melee.

Some of the demonstrators threw rocks and bottles at the police. The crowd, which had now grown to several thousand, began chanting loudly "Sieg Heil" and "Pigs off campus".

The police repeatedly attacked the students beating several and making more arrests. They drove the students into the street and broke an attempt to re-form the picket line.

Several of the arrested students, including one girl, were dragged across the pavement and up the steps of Sprould Hall the administration building. One of those arrested was a 13-year-old black youth. Several stu-

dents were Maced and one policeman suffered a bloody nose.

After about 45 minutes, the police, apparently feeling that they couldn't control the situation, left the campus. The students re-formed their picket line briefly, then left.

NO COMMENT

The administration had no comment on the day's violence. Chancellor Roger Heyns has no control over the police, who are under the command of Alameda county sheriff Frank Madigan. Madigan has criticized the administration for not taking strong enough action against the strikers.

The AFT decided to strike after police arrested 1 persons on an informational picket line last Thursday. The union, which includes about 400 of the campuses 1,200 teaching assistants, is de-

manding the removal of all police from the campus resolution and implementation of the student strike demands and the right of unions to organize the campus.

The non-academic employees union, which has about 400 members, has voted not to cross the AFT picket line. The AFT has not yet sought AFL-CIO sanction for their strike.

The student strike demands include creation of a college of ethnic studies, recruitment of more non-white university employees at all levels, and admission of more non-white students.

The Daily Californian, the campus newspaper, Wednesday morning carried eyewitness reports of police beating arrested students in the basement of Sprould Hall last Thursday. A faculty committee has posted an observer in the building and the beatings have apparently stopped.

Walkout still on for some

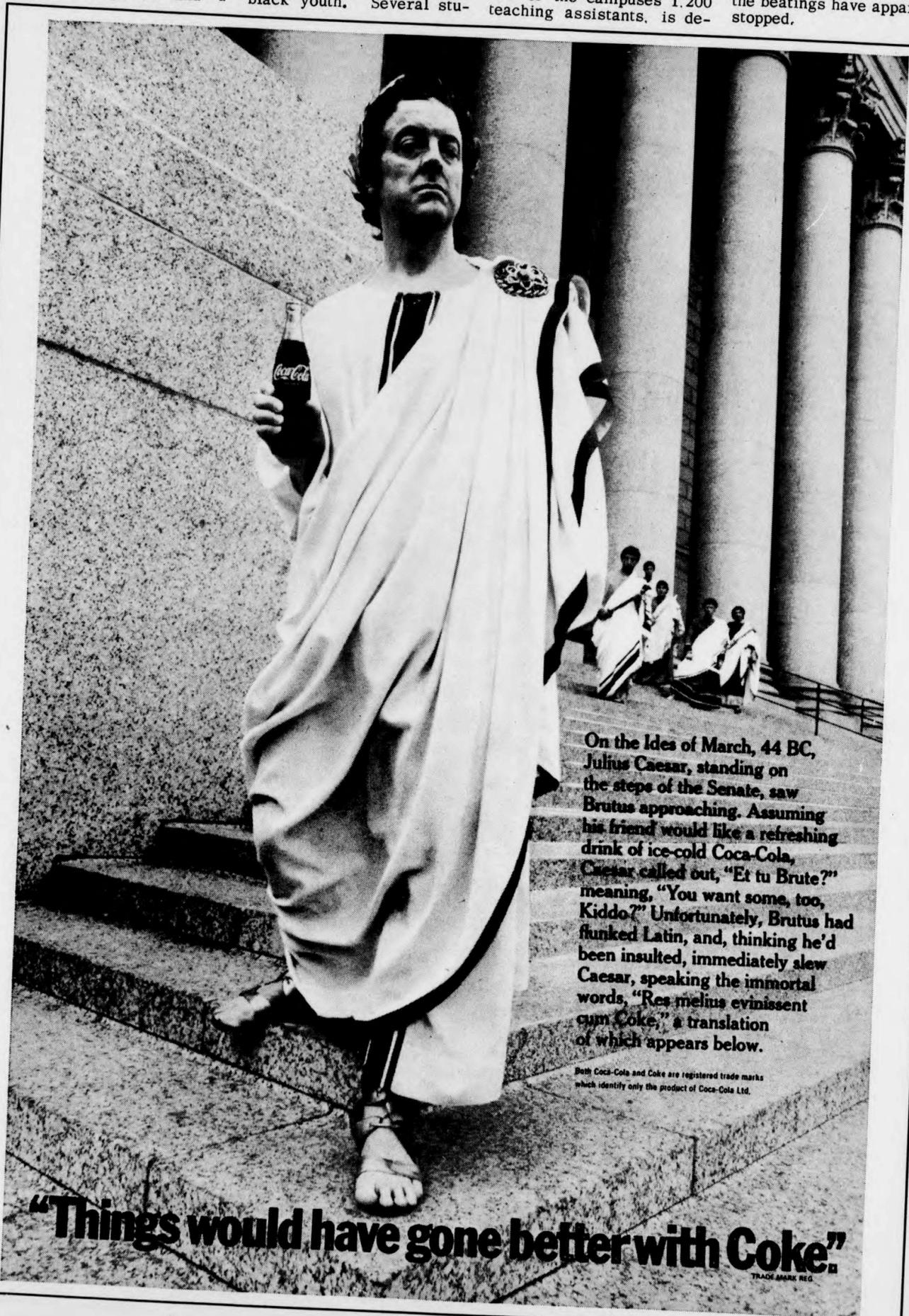
For some faculty the planned walkout on Tuesday will still be on.

David Clipsham, a member of the English department at Glendon College, and a member of the York University Faculty Association Executive Committee, said yesterday that "Tuesday's action was voted on by meetings at both Glendon and the other campus." He said he thought that a general meeting of YUFA should also be called to call off the walkout.

"Schindeler had no right to do what he did," said Clipsham. Dr. Fred Schindeler postponed the walkout after a meeting with the Board of Governors Saturday.

"I shall be cancelling my classes," he said, but he pointed out that many other faculty members would also be doing so in order to attend the general YUFA meeting at the York campus. "It's up to every individual," Clipsham stressed.

Walter Beringer, a humanities professor at Glendon College, said in a letter to his Tuesday class. "I postpone the fulfilment of a regular duty in order to be free to attend a meeting of the Faculty Association on the main campus... I do not obey a 'strike call'."



On the Ides of March, 44 BC, Julius Caesar, standing on the steps of the Senate, saw Brutus approaching. Assuming his friend would like a refreshing drink of ice-cold Coca-Cola, Caesar called out, "Et tu Brute?" meaning, "You want some, too, Kiddo?" Unfortunately, Brutus had flunked Latin, and, thinking he'd been insulted, immediately slew Caesar, speaking the immortal words, "Res melius evinissent cum Coke," a translation of which appears below.

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