

Moratorium well received

Students and faculty at over 700 universities yesterday participated in a one day moratorium protesting the war in Vietnam.

The protest, organized by the moderate Vietnam Moratorium Committee, was generally well received throughout the United States. In Washington several senators and congressmen lent their support to the action. In New Jersey, Rutgers University was shut down for the day by order of the administration. Said president

Hawk: "We'd like to get other administrations to sanction the action."

At most campuses activities centered around teach-ins and seminars discussing U.S. involvement in the war. In addition to this, many campuses held mass demonstrations and thousands of students went into the community to ring door bells to distribute anti-war literature.

Yesterdays action was only the first in a series of planned demon-

strations comprising the "fall offensive" against the war. The New Mobilization Committee plans a march and rally Oct. 25 in Chicago to call attention to government repression of peace movement leaders, and on Nov. 14 the Vietnam Moratorium Committee plans another demonstration while the Student Mobilization Committee has called for a nation-wide strike.

The most active group at this point seems to be the New Mobilization Committee. Working out of Washington office the committee has sent workers to 50 cities to draw students to Washington for the weekend of Nov. 13-15.

Beginning at midnight Nov. 13 the committee has organized a 36 hour "march against death". The march, expected to attract some 45,000 pacifists, clergymen, and students, will proceed in a single file from Arlington Cemetery, past the White House to the Capitol building. Each of the participants will carry a plaque bearing the name of a U.S. soldier killed in Vietnam or the name of a Vietnamese village destroyed by U.S. bombs.

President Nixon said in a public statement Monday that he would not listen to the demonstrators because they were subverting the U.S. process of democracy.

Prof says U.S. can quit

A Glendon College political science professor who held private talks with North Vietnamese peace negotiators in Paris over the summer said last week that the United States may be missing a significant opportunity to end the Vietnam war.

Joseph Starobin said he had been assured by the Hanoi delegation that the North Vietnamese would begin serious talks with the United States if Washington would support the principle of troop withdrawal by pulling back 100,000 soliders.

The Globe and Mail reported that Starobin transmitted the

North Vietnamese offer on Sept. 10 to Henry Kissinger, president Richard Nixon's special adviser on foreign affairs.

Evidently, Washington has been sluggish in using the information Starobin has provided. "It is my strong opinion that someone is kicking away the opportunity to negotiate," Starobin said.

Starobin, an ex-member of the U.S. Communist Party, who has travelled extensively in Asia (He met Ho Chi Minh in 1953), became involved in the Paris talks when he conferred with ambassador Xuan Thuy on July 26. He conveyed his impressions to Kissinger on Aug. 12.

World Briefs

Demonstrators gassed at Fort Dix

FORT DIX, N.J. (CUPI) — About 4,000 demonstrators from all across the political spectrum marched against the U.S. army's huge military reservation here Sunday, protesting against inhuman conditions in the Fort Dix stockade and the army's persecution of 38 men who allegedly rioted there last June. The demonstrators, from the ranks of groups as disparate as the Black Panthers and the Catholic Peace Fellowship, were met by more than 1,000 military police, most with bayonets fixed. The protesters made an abortive attempt to outflank the MPs and reach the stockade located within the fort's walls, but were turned back by tear gas. No injuries or arrests were reported. The main focus for the march was a call for the freeing of the "Fort Dix 38" — men who were held on a variety of charges growing out of disturbances in the stockade June 5. Outraged public opinion forced the army to back down from imposed sentences of as much as 16 years for men taking part in the protest. Most of them finally had their cases dismissed, but there are still five men in the stockade facing court martial. The stockade itself has been described as "something the army had to invent worse than Vietnam to coerce people to go to Vietnam."

8 tons of grass found in Iowa

GRINNELL, Iowa (LNS) — 100 Boy Scouts turned out for a "marijuana pull-in" recently under the sponsorship of the local law enforcement agency. Equipped with samples of their prey, generously supplied by the sponsors, the industrious youths fanned out through the city and its environs with instructions to pull up the hemp and deposit it at the city dump. The day's haul came to eight tons. The "pull-in" was designed, Deputy Sheriff Gene Rodberg explained, to publicize the large amount of marijuana growing wild in Grinnell and throughout Iowa.

Fired UCLA prof gets support

LOS ANGELES (Guardian) — The student and academic community here is coming to the support of Angela Davis, the young, black, Communist party member fired from her teaching job at the University of California. The University of California regents, who voted last month to oust Miss Davis because of her political affiliations, met Oct. 3 and voted 14-6 that she should be kept on the payroll pending appeal, but cannot teach any course connected with UCLA. The University, with tacit approval from the regents, interpreted this to mean she may teach occasional non-credit courses as a lecturer. The UCLA faculty voted 539-12 Oct. 1 to condemn the regents' action. Other campuses are endorsing the faculty decision. UCLA chancellor Charles Young, in his first public statement Oct. 1, said he "strongly disagreed" with the firing which he believed was "clearly at odds with the law." There is speculation that chancellor's job may be at stake. At UC's San Diego campus, philosopher Herbert Marcuse — Miss Davis' doctoral advisor — said Oct. 3 if the firing is upheld he will refuse to conduct classes. The same day, three professors and two students initiated court proceedings by filing suit in Los Angeles to declare the UC policy against hiring Communists unconstitutional, violating the first and 14th amendments to the U.S. constitution.

300 arrested in Japanese protest

TOKYO (Guardian) — Japanese police arrested over 300 students Sept. 30 in trying to stop a street march by 1,800 students from Tokyo's Meiji University protesting against stepped-up police powers on university grounds. Students fought with rocks and molotov cocktails. The authorities have been searching for alleged arms caches of left wing students.

ROTC office firebombed

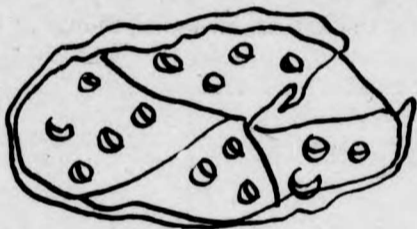
NEW YORK (CUPI-Guardian) — A molotov cocktail scorched the office of the naval reserve officers corps office at Columbia University Oct. 4 and forced approximately 370 students and guests out of an upstairs men's dormitory. The offices are on the first floor of the 10-storey building. The bomb caused damage estimated at no more than "a few hundred dollars" according to a university spokesman, and the blaze was quickly hosed down by firemen. Students who fled the building due to rising smoke said they saw three young white men running from the fire scene. Fire officials called the blaze "definitely suspicious." No injuries were reported in the bombing, and the students returned to the dormitory within a half-hour of the fire. The ROTC has been a protest target at various campuses in the U.S., but the program at Columbia is destined to be phased out by June, 1971.

4,000 U.S. students were busted

WASHINGTON D.C. (CUP-CPS) — Nine hundred students were expelled or suspended and 850 were reprimanded at 28 of the "major trouble" universities in the United States last year. Six universities where disruptions occurred took no action. J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) reports 4,000 were arrested in campus disorders.

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