



A little rule, a little sway, a sunbeam in winter's day is all the proud and mighty have between the cradel and the grave - John Dyer, Grongar Hill, line 89, 1726.

New president gets into shoving match

SAN FRANCISCO (CUP) - Noted semanticist S.I. Hayakawa showed his command of the theory of communication Monday when, as acting administration president at strife-torn San Francisco State College, he got involved in a ludicrous shoving match after trying to rip out the wires of a student strike committee sound truck.

He clambered to the top of the truck, jauntily clad in a green and white tam o'shanter, just before an abortive invasion of the administration building by students protesting his re-opening of the campus Monday.

The campus was closed in mid-November after faculty members refused to teach in support of a student strike called after suspension of George Murray, an English lecturer and Black Panther. Hayakawa took over after Robert Smith resigned as president last week.

At news conferences in the past three days, Hayakawa repeatedly warned he would brook no insubordination. He threatened to suspend all students who "misbehaved" and said he would consider all faculty members who did not teach to have resigned.

When Hayakawa arrived on campus Monday morning, he was met by furious students shouting "on strike, close it (the school) down". Disturbed by the strident roar of a strike committee sound truck, Hayakawa climbed on its roof and after failing to make himself heard, ripped out the microphone wires. He then handed out copies of his statements on campus order.

Then the shoving began. Students, yelling "pig" and "get down", took pokes at the president and he took pokes back.

His leaflets came flying back at his face.

Shouting "don't touch me", he was narrowly saved from a sound pummeling by a group of his student supporters called

Students for an Academic Environment. The SAE wore blue armbands, the strike committee red armbands, and clever merchants confused everybody by selling white, yellow and green armbands - attractive but not identifiable.

As he strolled back to his office, the acting administration head said he felt exhilarated by the confrontation and said he had been "ready for it".

He announced he "would go through it all again" if it would help restore order to his campus, a school recently attended by more policemen than students.

The campus was quiet until noon when student demonstrators rushed the administration building after a rally held on its steps.

The rally broke up quickly as administration amplifiers pumped loud music into the area to interfere with the student sound system.

About 500 people marched into the administration centre after hearing Murray call the day an "historic moment".

"The people," said Murray, "are participating in an attempt to seize power. Hayakawa has no authority to come in and usurp power from the people."

Before they all managed to get in, about 45 helmeted San Francisco cops stormed out of an off-campus bivouac to clear the demonstration. The protestors cleared quickly.

The cops have been stationed there for over a month now and make periodic visitations to the campus when trouble breaks out.

Murray has been assigned a non-teaching job by Hayakawa but remains suspended as a teacher. Another faculty member, William Stanton, a prominent strike leader, has been told he will not be rehired next year because of his actions.

Hayakawa is determined to keep the troubled campus open and end the turmoil in any way he can. The president has said he will "get tough".

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