

# 'It Had To Happen Sometime...'

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"It had to happen sometime and someplace due to the pressures that have been building up. But I'm disappointed that it had to happen in Santa Cruz."

UCSC Chancellor Dean E. McHenry wearily spoke the words as he walked with reporters to an impromptu press conference after an unruly mob of students succeeded in disrupting yesterday's session of the University of California Regents' committee on finance.

The disturbance that occurred about 4 p.m. climaxed a tension-laden day that began quietly, but ended in a crescendo of shouts and jeers and profanity that finally forced Finance Committee Chairman Edward W. Carter of Los Angeles to adjourn the meeting.

From the moment that the meeting began about 3 p.m., it was clear that the largely student audience was bent on disrupting the proceedings.

As committee members tried to conduct their business, the Crown College dining commons, site of the session, gradually was filled with whistles, loud talking, coughs, foot stamping, laughter, hisses, boos and applause.

Although Carter obviously was displeased, he avoided use of the gavel and attempted to continue the meeting.

The students finally erupted in sustained shouts and applause when Bill Moore, Black Liberation spokesman for Malcolm X College, made his way to the front of the room and stood facing committee members.

"Recognize him! Recognize him!" students shouted.

But Regent Edwin Pauley continued to speak after Carter rapped for order.

Moore interrupted Pauley.

"Gentlemen, I would sincerely like to know: Do you refuse to answer?" Moore asked, referring to the proposal for Malcolm X college submitted by a student earlier in the afternoon to the committee on educational policy.

Students, in unison, clapped their hands and chanted.

Then, turning his back to the Regents, Moore faced the students and said, "You asked last night for an expression from the Regents. They have spoken. A black man has nothing to say to them. Goddamn it, if they can't give a black man education, what the hell can they give him!"

Students shouted, "Recognize him!" and when Pauley again tried to resume his remarks, students chanted profanities and "No! No! No! Shame! Shame! Shame!"

Amid the din, the committee concluded its discussion of the pending session, voted, and Carter banged the gavel, adjourning the meeting.

Students chanted, "Don't go! Don't go!"

Others shouted, "Let's tear the place up! Tear it up!"

Following the meeting, students cornered Regents and other university officials to press their demands for action on Malcolm X College, on support of the grape boycott, and on easing the Regents' September 20 resolution restricting Black Panther Eldridge Cleaver's appearances on the Berkeley campus.

That resolution, in McHenry's view, is the "basic problem" that aggravated the demonstration. "This is the first Regents' meeting since Los Angeles," the chancellor said.

He noted that the issue generated widespread concern among students and faculty regarding academic freedom.

she refused, told her "to get off the campus within an hour," and that she was suspended.

Later McHenry relented and lifted the suspension after Regent William K. Coblenz of San Francisco and Noel King, senior preceptor at Merrill College, interceded.

McHenry said he agreed to their requests because "I was mad as hell when I did it" and because he felt the action might incite further incidents.

But, he told reporters, "I made it clear that I didn't condone what she had done, that she had no right to try to interrupt the Regents' proceedings, and that if she got involved again, Merrill College would make it doubly hard on her."

The chancellor, an ex-Marine, explained that each college at UCSC is responsible for its own discipline of students.

McHenry also declared that much of the unrest was stimulated by "non-student agitators." He stated that a "great many" of the participants were not UCSC students.

"Our kids are moderate kids at UCSC," he said.

Turning to the outlook for today's meetings, the chancellor

stated, "If there is a major confrontation, the main body of UCSC students won't take part in it."

The chancellor's comments were reinforced by statements by numerous observers that a small cadre of militants was determined to stir up trouble.

Thousands of students milled about the courtyard at a rally that began at noon and continued throughout the afternoon.

Hundreds of students jammed the Crown College courtyard and adjacent buildings for the noon rally in which skits and speeches ridiculed the Regents.

Three resolutions, later submitted to the Regents' educational policy panel, were read during the rally.

The resolutions, seeking University support of the grape boycott, the Malcolm X proposal, and rescinding of the Cleaver action, were presented by Ho Nguyen, a Vietnam-born student and a representative of the Inter-College Board.

Philip L. Boyd of Riverside, chairman of the committee, opened the session with the report that he and other Regents had met with Nguyen and other students and had agreed to receive the resolutions.

Nguyen told the committee that the Cleaver action "greatly affects the experimental program at Santa Cruz" and asked for the "most serious consideration."

Boyd replied that the resolutions would be made "part of the record," but stated that he couldn't say when and how they would be discussed or what action would be taken.

His remarks were met with cries of "Decide now! Today! Let's hear it now!"

And, said one student as he left the room, "You just hanged yourself, baby!"

The noon rally was punctuated by emotional outcries from more militant students. Screamed one girl, who refused to give her name, "Society can never be changed as long as the Regents have their ruthless and illegitimate power to do with us as they please."

Students also were told that Mexican-American students will not attend classes as long as the university permits the purchase of table grapes and as long as eight students remain in jail who were arrested on October 14 in the office of President Charles Hitch.

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