

# Young Radicals Stage SC March To Protest Trial Of Chicago 7

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About 100 UCSC students and "beautiful people" marched on the courthouse steps Monday in what UCSC Radical Students Union spokesman Dave Zeiger called "an affirmation of our continued existence" despite the conspiracy trial of the now-famous Chicago Seven.

Some carried signs reading

"Judge Hoffman, it is you who are in contempt of the American people" and "We are the conspiracy," while others waved red flags emblazoned with a defiant fist and a banner flouting an obscenity.

Karen Michaelsen of the Berkeley Radical Students Union told the predominantly peaceful gathering of her ex-

periences in five days of the Chicago trial, which she described as "the most important political trial in the last 100 years." She called the anti-riot rider of the Civil Rights Act under which the Chicago Seven have been tried "an incredible mechanism of a police state."

At appropriate places in Miss Michaelsen's dialogue, her sup-

porters cried "right on" and other slogans.

Some tension occurred at the start of the rally when a few in the group ran a red flag-with-fist up an unused flagpole. Court officials dragged it back down, and when tempers flaired, Miss Michaelsen cautioned "Don't get busted." After the officials left, the flag was run up again.

Official reaction to the rally was cool, for the most part, the chanting radicals doing little more than breaking up a bleak Monday routine for office workers. The red flag was allowed to remain on the flagpole after the first incident, and the only sign of police, other than court bailiffs, was a patrol car cruising the parking lot behind the demonstrators.

Some persons who witnessed the rally expressed dismay at the pretty speaker's language, and were particularly upset by a large banner behind her which read "We'll dance on your graves, ———." It was the censored word which upset some onlookers, not the prospect of having their graves danced upon. The banner quoted a young woman's words to Judge Hoffman in Chicago.

One middle-aged man became so incensed by the flag that he charged the group surrounding the flagpole at the end of the rally and attempted to drag it down. Plainclothes police separated him from the crowd and let him go.

An officer at the scene criticized the man's gesture. "People like that roar in like a bull, get something started, and then stand off on the sidelines to watch the action," the officer said.

The group then melted away in twos and threes, but about 50 remained to stage an orderly march down the mall.



This was the scene at the County Center Monday, when a crowd of radical youths, wearing the uniform of dissent, gathered to decry alleged injustices at the Chicago con-

spiracy trial. The speaker is Dave Zeiger, spokesman for the UCSC Radical Students Union.