

# Blacks Meeting Averts Threat to Block Exits

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A black student move to detain a University of Wisconsin Regent and administrators was narrowly averted here Wednesday night during a University-sponsored conference on "The Black Revolution."

The threatened blockade took place during a panel discussion. It came as Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs F. Chandler Young attempted to explain why all black student demands made in November have not been met.

UNTIL BLACK students

questions are answered, you aren't going to leave this room," announced Willie Edwards, a member of the Black People's Alliance.

Regent Walter Renk, Sun

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Prairie, who at first declined an invitation to speak to the group, told Edwards that "I was concerned about your statement that Young couldn't leave until he answered. It's a mistake to make a threat."

NEITHER RENK nor Young

attempted to leave the room until the meeting broke up. Several black students who stood by the one door of the Memorial Union room made no attempt to prevent anyone from entering or leaving.

A black student later argued that Young could have left in 10 minutes if he had answered the questions. He also declared that "The only way change can come overnight is through revolution."

YOUNG DENIED the contention of Mrs. Willie Edwards that the recommendations of a committee studying the black demands had been ignored and the administration's response had been "an insult to the black community."

Both Young and Renk denied any knowledge of a rumored "deal" between Pre. Fred Harvey Harrington and the Legislature in which Harrington re-

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portedly agreed not to admit expelled Oshkosh students in return for defeat of a bill to cut teaching assistant salaries.

BUT YOUNG revealed that a committee on which he sat interviewed three of the expelled students "and we were convinced they should come here next (this) semester. We, in an official document, urged the chancellor to admit them."

"The word I got was that the central administration had denied our urging," Young explained. "I don't know why. I was surprised and bitterly disappointed."

He also admitted that the University's central administration does not usually review such matters.

A WHITE student then demanded, "Where do we go and what alternatives to revolution are there when a vice-chancellor makes a recommendation and he's overruled?"

"If he's overruled by an administration, that's that," replied Renk. "I guess that's why we have an administration. White students want a voice in hiring, too, and we can listen."

At that point, Nathan Hare, director of the Black Studies Program at riot-torn San Francisco State College, urged an end to the talks.

"They're better talkers than we are," Hare declared. "They've indicated they aren't going to grant your demands. You ought to organize and do whatever needs to be done."

EARLIER RENK agreed that some good things had been accomplished as a result of student action, but he argued, "Revolution means riot and destruction. Things cannot be brought to a head overnight. You couldn't achieve these things faster if you went out and destroyed these buildings tonight."

A black co-ed then warned that "When black students make it so no one can get an education it's because we have to deal with people like him (Renk). When buildings start burning, it's because we have to deal with people like that."

HARE ACCUSED Renk of being "one of the top criminals" and suggested that black student aims could not be achieved through confrontation, but could be attained "by sneaking around, with buildings melting for no reason at all."

A black student later contended that the University needs its own revolutionary on its staff, a man like Hare. He also expressed fear that once Hare leaves the campus the revolutionary fervor will diminish.

Hare replied that revolution cannot be imported, that it shouldn't depend on one person, and its goals can be achieved by relatively small numbers of dedicated people.