

Hit-Runs at UW Foil Police

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University of Wisconsin, city, and area police failed Wednesday to prevent striking students from briefly blocking entrances to some classroom buildings.

Striking students employed hit-and-run tactics to block entrances, withdrawing when police arrived. There was no large-scale confrontation between students and police, although there were several minor injuries and six arrests.

MOST OF THE injuries came as student counter-strikers, many of them members of

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University of Wisconsin Vice-Pres. Robert Taylor said Wednesday night that University classes will be conducted today as scheduled.

Young Americans for Freedom, battled with strikers supporting black student demands. Students were bloodied in those fistfights, at least one of which involved both blacks and whites.

Groups of 40 policemen each had been stationed in four University buildings to prevent the strikers' efforts to block en-

trances. Student strikers arrived at the top of Bascom Hill at 11:45 a.m. after a morning rally to announce the day's strategy.

Police moved through the four buildings to clear entrances, only to have students retreat to block entrances of other buildings.

AT NOON, UW Police Chief Ralph Hanson reported to Chancellor Edwin Young that police forces on the scene could not handle the problem.

Young conferred with UW Pres. Fred Harvey Harrington, and the two then requested that

the National Guard be called out.

Two black students, Willie Edwards and Ken Williamson, called on Young at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday and agreed to meet with him again at 10 a.m. today.

Harvey Breuscher, director of news and publications, said Young asked the two what they wanted to talk about today.

"We'll talk about the demands and Oshkosh, the (Wilson) Thiede committee, and all those things," Breuscher said Edwards replied.

ADMISSION OF all expelled Oshkosh State University black students who apply here is one of the 13 black student demands. The reference to the Thiede committee concerned research on expansion of a special program for minority group students.

One of the buildings student strikers successfully blocked for about an hour was Van Hise Hall, a classroom building which also houses central administration offices.

Police had not been stationed in that building, and students barricaded doors from inside with chairs.

MADISON POLICE Inspector Herman Thomas admitted at 2:30 p.m. that police were only able to maintain control of Bascom Hall, and the Social Sci-

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ences and Commerce Buildings.

South Hall also was blocked periodically, Thomas said, "and I don't feel we have enough strength to spread our force further. Some 200 lawmen from surrounding counties are on their way," he said, "and their objective will be to hit Van Hise Hall."

Students pulled out of Van Hise and other buildings by 3 p.m., however, and the extra lawmen were not needed. Police who had been on the campus all day began boarding buses to leave at about 3:30 p.m.

THERE APPARENTLY was only one skirmish between police and students, a 1 p.m. incident in front of the Social Sciences Building, where students had locked arms to block the entrance.

As police attempted to open a path to permit entrance, there was pushing and shoving. Snowballs were thrown at the police, who surged ahead, pushing students toward Observatory Dr. Several students were hit, and one was knocked down.

The incident quickly ended, and a student with a bullhorn shouted, "There's too many cops here. Let's go to Commerce and Van Hise."

FIST FIGHTS then erupted in front of Bascom Hall between strikers and anti-strikers. Within minutes, students on each side had quelled the disturbances. One white student came away from one fracas with his face bloodied.

At 1:20 p.m. police moved through Bascom Hall to chase out a group of students who had barricaded a rear snack bar area with chairs. Students scattered as police rushed down a corridor to the nearby doors.

By 3:45 p.m. more than 400 lawmen from many surrounding counties had arrived at the Field House. "They are awaiting orders from Chief Wilbur Emery," Sheriff Vernon (Jack) Leslie said.

A sign on the door of the Field House proclaimed: "This building closed until further notice."

The lawmen there at that time, summoned under the mutual aid pact, were from Rock, Sauk, Columbia, Racine, Kenosha, Lafayette, and Milwaukee Counties.

MORNING classes were largely unaffected because the demonstrations did not begin until nearly noon. During the afternoon, classes in some buildings were not held or were conducted with limited attendance.

Letters and Science Dean Leon Epstein, who called on teaching assistants to meet with their classes, said he believed "there must have been obstruction for one or two periods, but scattered hit-and-run tactics don't block many buildings for long."

ABOUT 2,000 of the 34,000 students on campus were probably involved in Wednesday's demonstrations, but accurately assessing the number was nearly impossible because students moved from one location to another so rapidly.

The faculty's University Committee issued a statement Wednesday calling on all students and faculty "to express their support of the chancellor."

Young also issued a written response to each of the demands, rejecting some, telling why some others could not be met, and pledging efforts to fulfill still others.