

GUARD TROOPS CALLED IN TO AID

Area Police Help as Unrest Grows

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Gov. Warren P. Knowles Wednesday called up about 900 Wisconsin National Guard troops to assist police in controlling student demonstrations on the University of Wisconsin campus.

The guardsmen were called up at 3:10 p.m. after a day of hit-and-run demonstrations by about 2,000 students in support of a series of demands by black students on the campus.

The troops will augment about 200 Madison and Dane County police and some 150 police from surrounding areas called into service here by Sheriff Vernon (Jack) Leslie.

KNOWLES SAID he activated the guardsmen at the request of Madison Mayor Otto Festge and Dane County law enforcement

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officials. The activation was requested at noon Wednesday by University Chancellor Edwin Young.

The first guardsmen arrived about 9:30 p.m. Wednesday and were housed at the Dane County Fairgrounds and at the National Guard Armory, 3020 Wright St. Both areas will be restricted to military personnel only.

The guardsmen, from 11 communities, including Madison, will be ready for duty at 6 a.m. today.

As the troops started arriving, militant students, who held a campus rally earlier, were attending "liberation schools."

Warrant Officer Donald Erickson, Guard public information officer, said weapons requirements of the activated guardsmen is classified.

THE UNITS involved include the five-man 112th Public Information Detachment of Madison, the Second Battalion of the

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128th Infantry from Elkhorn, Whitewater, Burlington, Oconomowoc, Hartford, Oak Creek, Ft. Atkinson and Watertown, comprising about 800 men, and Troop E of the 105th Cavalry of Baraboo and Reedsburg, with about 100 men.

Commanding the task force is Lt. Col. James R. Seidl, Ripon. Brig. Gen. James J. Lison Jr., state adjutant general and commander of the Wisconsin National Guard, will be the top commander, taking orders from the governor.

MADISON POLICE Chief Wilbur Emery is in charge of police operations on the campus, assisted by University Police Chief Ralph Hanson and Leslie.

Erickson emphasized that the Guard units will be under civilian control and that martial law is not in effect on the campus.

"The guardsmen will carry out their mission using minimum force required to maintain law and order," Erickson said.

Hanson said Young was in ultimate control of the police and Guardsmen on the campus.

IN ANNOUNCING the Guard activation, Knowles said:

"I am determined, as is Chancellor Young, that the University of Wisconsin will not be

closed down but will continue to function in pursuit of its primary mission — the education of our young citizens.

"An educational atmosphere must be maintained so that the orderly educational processes can go forward. The lives and safety of students and faculty and the property of the University must be protected. The campus must be free of violence, threats and intimidation."

MAYOR FESTGE said:

"I've called the National Guard to supplement city and county officers who have been on duty for as long as 18 hours at a time.

"We do not regard this as a crisis. Both the students and law enforcement officers have made every effort to conduct this in a peaceful and orderly manner."

THIS WAS THE first call-up of Wisconsin National Guard troops for an incident in Madison.

Units of the Wisconsin National Guard have been called for various civil disturbances and natural disasters on 35 previous occasions throughout the state.

The most recent were for special duty on the Fourth of July weekend at Lake Geneva and the Inner Core uprising in Milwaukee, both in 1967.

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