

# Senate Acts on Ending UW Strife

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The State Senate Thursday held up confirmation of five University of Wisconsin and State University regent appointees and began cranking out legislation aimed at ridding the campus of disruptors.

As the senators acted, Wisconsin National Guardsmen moved into positions on the campus to help police control students demonstrating in support of demands by blacks who want more control over University operations.

**THE SENATORS** held up confirmation of Eugene W. Murphy, LaCrosse, James A. Riley, Eau Claire, and James G. Solberg, Menomonie, as State University regents, and Mrs. Howard V. Sandin, Ashland, and Gordon R. Walker, Racine, as University of Wisconsin regents.

The five were appointed by Gov. Warren P. Knowles subject to Senate approval.

Majority Leader Ernest Keppler (R-Sheboygan) said the Senate will act on the appoint-

ments after questioning the appointees at a meeting scheduled for Tuesday.

"We don't know these people," Keppler said. "We want to meet with them and ask them questions.

**"THE ULTIMATE** power and authority lies in the Board of Regents more than in any individual," he said. "It seems to me that if any serious consideration is going to be given to the operations of the University systems we must begin at the top."

Senate Republicans met for more than an hour in secret caucus with University of Wisconsin Regent President Charles D. Gelatt, LaCrosse. Much of the discussion revolved around questioning as to why there have not been more arrests of demonstrators and the extent of faculty involvement in the demonstrations.

Gelatt is expected to attend the meeting Tuesday with the new appointees and other regents.

**THE SENATORS** passed, 29

to 1, a bill to withhold state aid for two years from students convicted of using force in disrupting campus activities or violating regent rules by force or violence.

The aid includes scholarships, fellowships, and tuition remissions given to teaching assistants.

Minority Leader Fred A. Rissler (D-Madison), failed in attempts to soften the bill.

He said since the state subsidizes each student enrolled by keeping tuition below actual instruction cost, that subsidy could also possibly be lost under the measure.

**"TALK ABOUT** a police state," Rissler said. "This could expel a student for two years with no hearing or no due process."

He also objected to acting on the bill before it came before a public hearing.

Senate Republicans, who control the upper house 23 to 10, agreed on a resolution establishing a special joint committee to study the recent disruptions and

make recommendations to the Legislature "as soon as possible."

**THE COMMITTEE** will consist of four senators and five assemblymen of both the Republican and Democratic Parties.

Sen. Reuben LaFave (R-Oconto), a member of the Committee on Committees, said he expects a report by April.

Sen. Gordon Roseleip (R-Darlington), one of the most vociferous critics of the University administration, agreed to the investigating committee as a compromise to action on his proposal to fire University President Fred H. Harrington.

**THE RESOLUTION** establishing the committee is scheduled for floor action Tuesday.

Roseleip introduced a resolution calling for an advisory referendum in April on the question, "Shall the Legislature continue to tolerate Communist speakers and Communist organizations on the campuses of Wis-

consin's public institutions of higher education?"

Roseleip Thursday sported a blue armband emblazoned with a white "H," for S. I. Hayakawa, who, as acting president of riot-torn San Francisco State College, kept the school open with massive police force.

University students crowded the Senate galleries and distributed leaflets to the press and senators criticizing Knowles for calling up units of the National Guard.

**"THE FEAR** instilled by an atmosphere of martial law does not allow freedom necessary for the exchange of ideas essential to any university community," they said. "The presence of 900 armed guardsmen will serve to increase tension between students and law enforcement officials, intimidate students to such an extent that they will not attend classes, and discourage normal campus activities."

Among the signers was David Goldfarb, president of the Wisconsin Student Assn.