

# Mass March Backs UW Blacks' Stand

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## Police Stand Aside; Group Keeps Order

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A torchlight march of University of Wisconsin students marching in support of black students' demands swept Capitol Square Thursday night on a 70-minute round trip to the Memorial Library Mall.

The crowd, which was estimated at 8,000 or more, began gathering at the mall about 6:45 p.m. and grew in size until the march began at 7:20 p.m.

**THE MARCHERS** stepped up State St. to Lake St. and turned over to Langdon St. where the black student leaders took over the head of the column.

As the human mass passed up Langdon St. toward Wisconsin Ave. it took almost 15 minutes for the full group to round the bend in the 300 block.

The marchers then went up Wisconsin Ave. to the Square, once around the Square, and down State St. to the Library Mall.

**NO MAJOR** incidents were reported but several epithets and one apple were hurled by spectators at the crowd as it passed by.

The apple, thrown in the 500 block of State St. at the rear of the column of protesters, was investigated immediately by four policemen in a squad car following the group.

"We don't want trouble any more than they (the demonstrators) do," one of the officers said, "and they don't want it at all."

**THE MARCHERS** kept a "self-enforced" peace and the only police seen along the route were those in the following car.

National Guard troops were not in evidence and only a few of the police officers and deputies stationed in the State Capitol bothered to step outside to watch.

Road guards from the demonstrators went ahead of the marchers asking people to stay with the march or on the sidewalk. The guards tried to divert traffic from the march's path.

They, and the rest of the four-block-long column of student strikers, were taunted with remarks such as, "You're all just dirty, filthy pigs," and "Why don't you get the hell out of the street?"

**MOST OF THE** marchers were fairly quiet, only chatting among themselves, until the demonstration reached the Square.

Then nearly everyone joined in chants of "Support the Black Demands," "Freedom Now,"

### Rally at 8:15 a.m.

University of Wisconsin students planned another rally for 8:15 a.m. today in Great Hall of the Memorial Union.

and "Go, Go for Freedom."

The march was led by a row of about 20 black students who walked with linked arms and two of their "black brothers" with German shepherds.

One of the Negroes, John Felder, a freshman from Brooklyn, N.Y., announced before the marchers set out that he was the black students' spokesman and said that blacks were firmly in control of the demonstration.

**AT THE RALLY** after the students returned to the Mall the founder of the Black People's Alliance, Willie Edwards, a demonstration leader, commended the actions of the group during the day.

"We gave the police a lot of hell," he said, "and tomorrow we're going to give them more hell."

He announced a morning rally for 8:15 today and a press conference to follow at 11 a.m. in the Great Hall of the Union.

**THE STUDENTS** dispersed and about 500 of them went to the Social Science Building to hear Thomas E. Hayden, Oakland, Calif., founder of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and one of the leaders of the Chicago demonstrations last August.

Hayden said little about striking students here but devoted most of his talk to the Vietnam war. He said America is losing the war but is ashamed to face the facts of defeat.