

# Disciplined Group Continues March

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Fewer police appearing on fewer occasions Friday accompanied the return of relative calm to demonstrations by University of Wisconsin marchers.

The day's activities, the most peaceful since Monday, were characterized by:

**ONE.** A growing emphasis on peaceful, off-campus marching, with only a token number of non-obstructive pickets, in front of classroom buildings.

**TWO.** Continued discipline among marchers, whose numbers seemed to be growing slightly and who are displaying strong, friendly unity.

**THREE.** Sharply curtailed presence of large groups of riot-equipped police forces.

**FOUR.** A correspondingly greater use of National Guardsmen, whose presence did not evoke the tensions among the marchers that helmeted police did Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

**FIVE.** Infrequent appearances by law enforcers of any type, despite two marches up State St. to the Capitol Square, causing traffic jams at several key intersections.

The latter development prompted University Chief Ralph Hanson to explain, "We just have to be patient."

"YOU MUST understand," Hanson said, "that you have a significant portion of this student body down there engaged in mass civil disobedience."

The weary chief was speaking on a virtually deserted Bascom Hill as about 2,000 to 2,500 marchers embarked for the Capitol from State and Park Sts.

The demonstrators, who seem

## Blacks to Boycott UW Track Meet

Plans to boycott the University of Wisconsin track meet here with Michigan State today were announced at a pre-march rally Friday night.

Rickey Poole, a physical education senior from Dayton, O., and former member of the track team, announced by bullhorn that he and his "black brothers" would stage the boycott.

No other announcements for rallies or other striking student gatherings were made.

intent on wearing a groove in State St. between the Capitol and the Library Mall, at this time were still reflecting a warm esprit des corps which was apparent four hours earlier during the daily strategy rally in the Memorial Union Great Hall.

"THEY TALK about your best days being your college days," black leader Bernard Forrester quipped to the crowd of 1,200, waiting for the arrival of more blacks with news of the day's tactics.

He brought more laughter when he wondered aloud "if the cops and guardsmen are having bunion and corn trouble."

Soon after the group settled

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# UW Students Keep in Step

## Fewer Police See Disciplined Group

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down to business, listening intently to instructions and, as has been characteristic all week, following these orders with notable discipline.

**THE FIRST** surprise came when about 300 marchers went up State St., circled half of the Square to Monona Ave., and returned — with the conspicuous absence of police or guardsmen.

This did not mean that police were not aware of the group. In fact, two busloads of police and sheriff's deputies were seen leaving the Square as the marchers approached.

**TASK FORCE** Commander Brig. Gen. Joseph Stehling said of the march later that "it was the judgment of the city police that it wasn't necessary to clear the streets."

This statement, along with Hanson's reference to "patience," underlined the wait-and-see approach evident all day.

The later, larger march to the Square did bring out about 60 guardsmen, who cordoned students onto Mifflin St. sidewalks and cleared the way for traffic.

**AS THE** students reached the Square, an incident occurred which revealed the protesters' attitude toward the presence of riot-helmeted police.

Two Madison policemen, with helmets and riot sticks, restrained the group long enough to talk to about six black leaders.

"We'd appreciate it if you could get over to the sidewalks — we'd like to avoid a traffic tie-up," one policeman said, the crowd remaining quiet.

"Sure, man, we'll at least give it a try, but I can't guarantee that a few kids won't spill over the curbs," a black replied.

"Yeah, we understand, but try your best," the other officer said.

**THEN,** AS the students drifted toward the already jammed sidewalk, about 35 additional police and deputies approached from Carroll St. The tempo of the student group changed, and vitriolic heckling resumed.

This scene depicted what has happened several times throughout the week: large numbers of riot-equipped police or deputies produced tension, whereas individuals or small knots of police did not, as a rule.

**IN ADDITION,** large numbers of Guardsmen did not produce vicious heckling, in most cases only scattered catcalls.

Brig. Gen. Stehling offered an explanation: "I doubt if our presence is provocative at all — most of our guardsmen are college graduates or still in school, for that matter."

Many students said that police represent the violence which they detest most — that which occurred during the Democratic National convention in Chicago. The guardsmen are not symbols of that violence, they said.