



As Tension Relaxed on Campus, National Guardsmen Played Cards and Volleyball in a University Gymnasium Where Floors Were Protected With Plastic Sheets

—National Guard Photo

Strikers Not in Evidence

Silence Reigns on UW Campus

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After a week of disorders, the University of Wisconsin campus was quiet Saturday except at Camp Randall Memorial Building where more than 2,000 persons cheered Wisconsin to an 86 to 63 track meet victory over Michigan State.

Elsewhere on campus, the silence was deafening. A few students ambled casually through the campus, but the atmosphere was more like spring vacation.

NATIONAL Guardsmen, called to assist duty-weary police, have been moved off the

campus, although they remain on stand-by alert in the Madison area.

The track meet was a curious event in two respects. The first was the fact that Wisconsin's eight black trackmen boycotted the meet at the request of student strike leaders. The second was the attendance of 520 guardsmen.

The guardsmen, guests of the University, cheered with as much or more gusto than the civilian spectators.

TRACK COACH Charles (Rut) Walter said he would take no action against the eight

black trackmen who boycotted the meet.

"They did not say they wouldn't participate," he said. "They have been asked not to participate. I have not asked them, and would not ask them to participate because it wouldn't be fair."

Walter said, "The whites know why the blacks are not competing and the blacks know why the whites must compete. This will in no way impair the spirit of cooperation between whites and blacks."

HOWEVER, Michigan State's black trackmen, did participate

in the meet, and they were not asked not to, according to James Bibbs, their assistant track coach.

"This is strictly a campus affair," Walter agreed. "If we had a track meet out of town, all of the blacks would be participating."

I. A. SMALL corner of the building, one Wisconsin black student participated in a fencing event. Welford (George) Sanders had a successful 4-1 record for the day in matches against teams from the University of Chicago and from the University of Illinois — Chicago.

A dance from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday in Gordon Commons was held to raise money to support the student strike. It was quiet even there as attendance fluctuated from 100 to 150 persons.