

Probers See UW Unrest 'As It Was'

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About 90 minutes of color news film taken during recent demonstrations at the University of Wisconsin was shown Wednesday night at the second meeting of a joint legislative committee investigating the disorders.

About 150 persons, almost all University students, watched the film with the committee in a fourth floor State Capitol hearing room.

NO TESTIMONY was taken at the hearing, which was adjourned to executive session immediately after the film, submitted by Madison's three commercial television stations, was seen.

Sen. Milo Knutson (R-La Crosse), committee chairman, said more film will be viewed tonight, when the nine-member committee may also call the first witnesses to testify.

Knutson said two Milwaukee television stations have been requested to submit film for tonight's viewing. He said the film was designed to give committee members some background.

The committee went into executive session "to confer with legal counsel," Knutson said. He added that the session would include discussion of "about seven or eight students who may be invited to appear at future hearings." He said subpoenas would be served to reluctant witnesses.

Asked to explain the reason for adjourning to executive session, Knutson said:

"Names are going to be named; people are going to be discussed."

The great majority of the students attending Wednesday night were sympathetic to the protests, which reached their peak five weeks ago today when National Guardsmen appeared on the campus.

The students broke out in brief spurts of laughter at several points during the film presentation. On two occasions Knutson gavelled for silence.

AFTER THE films were shown committee member Jack Steinhilber, a Republican assemblyman from Oshkosh, said, "It appears that several 'stars' of this film are in the audience tonight.

"If there's anybody here that would like to offer the committee any information, we'd be happy to receive their name," he continued.

Steinhilber's suggestion was greeted with more laughter, no takers.

His mention of 'stars' seemed to specifically refer to a red-headed student at the hearing who appeared often and prominently during the film presentation. He would not identify himself during a brief recess, but Knutson said his identity was known. Knutson would not divulge his name.

OTHER committee members present Wednesday night were Sens. Gordon Roselep (R-Darlington), Walter Terry (R-Stoughton), Assemblymen Herbert Grover (D-Shawano), Stanley York (R-River Falls), and Robert Jackson (D-Milwaukee).

Absent was Assemblyman John Shabaz (R-New Berlin).