

Citizen Support Urged Against Destroyers

Regents Vow to Keep University Open

The University of Wisconsin Board of Regents Wednesday vowed to keep the University open in the aftermath of Monday's fatal explosion and in the face of threats of more violence.

In a statement issued Wednesday night, the Regents urged members of the University community and the people of Wisconsin "to rededicate themselves to the preservation of the University of Wisconsin as a great educational institution."

"CLOSING the University or allowing interruptions of our educational function will in no way protect us from those who seek to destroy," the Regents said.

The statement was an expansion



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of an earlier one issued by Bernard Ziegler, West Bend, president of the board. Ziegler toured the bombed-out area early Monday morning.

"If future tragedies and disruptions are to be avoided, the citizens of the University community must join together in a determined effort to identify, isolate, and reject those who condone, encourage, or participate in actions which do violence to persons, property, and the concepts of academic freedom.

"WITH SUCH a community effort, the University of Wisconsin will continue to grow and develop as a great University," the statement said.

"The nihilists who struck at our campus with no regard for human life or property have an-

nounced their intent to change University, state, and federal policies. The ultimate target of their vengeance is the structure of our government and the freedoms on which this country was founded.

"However, the governor, Regents, and people of this state will not buckle under or be weakened by intimidation."

THE REGENTS said they were "sorrowed but resolute," and that they will continue efforts to preserve the school.

"Approximately 80 years ago, a declaration of purpose was made by the Board of Regents, later embossed in bronze and erected (on Bascom Hall). In

essence, it charged the Regents with the task of maintaining for everyone interested in higher education, an atmosphere conducive and responsive to a free exchange of ideas and opinions.

"WHENEVER any of the forces present in a university community cause this process to get out of balance, they must be reminded of our mission," the Regents said.

Most students attend the University at great sacrifice to themselves and their families, the Regents said. "We owe it to them — and those who follow them — to preserve this University as a genuinely open institution of higher learning."