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There will be an emergency meeting of the Student Senate Sunday night at 7 p.m. to deal with the student strike called for Monday.

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Nixon Sends Troops into Cambodia:

Student Strike Monday

by Anne Foster



Students gather at rally this morning to hear student and faculty speakers urge support for class strike Monday.

Approximately 450 URI students and faculty responded to an emergency rally this morning to call a strike of classes Monday in protest of President Nixon's action in Cambodia.

Student Mobilization Committee Chairman Paul Crowley stated "We're all fed up. We're giving President Nixon an ultimatum—if he doesn't reverse his decision by Monday, students are going on strike. We're going to close down this university and close down the country until we get the hell out of Southeast Asia."

Vietnam veteran and SMC member Steve Innis added "We've been non-violent for eight years and we get a last night. Nixon wants peace — a piece of Thailand and a piece of Cambodia..."

Speaking in support of the strike Monday were Professors Arthur Stein, Leon Bouvier, and Alton Rayack. They all announced cancellation of their classes Monday, urging other faculty members to do the same.

Newly-elected Student Senate President Tony Robinson marked his first day of office by adding his support to the student strike. An emergency meeting of the Student Senate has been called for 7 p.m. Sunday to consider the strike.

All members of the URI community were urged to strike classes at 8 a.m. Monday. Students will gather on the

lawn of President Baum's house at 11 a.m. for a confrontation to demand a statement of his opinion of the President's action. President Baum was condemned for his apparent "pull" with the federal government which has resulted in URI having "the third largest amount of military contracts in the Northeast."

Plans for Monday are indefinite now, but will include picketing, non-violent demonstration, speakers and rap sessions, according to SMC Chairman Paul Crowley.

Although some of the SMC speakers advocated violence, Crowley stated that the SMC approves of no such action during Monday's strike. He said "By a forceful strike we mean that we will picket and demonstrate and we will refuse to move if confronted. If campus police try to force anything, however, I'm sure the students will fight back."

Crowley emphasized that "SMC does not support any action like the attempted arson at Keaney. I firmly discourage anyone from rock throwing, burning, or similar destructive action."

National SMC has approved all local action, according to the campus SMC speakers. It was announced that the National Student Association had already sent representatives to Washington to instigate presidential impeachment proceedings.

Fire Set In ROTC Office, Case Under Investigation

by John P. Silva

An office in the ROTC section of Keaney Gym was damaged by fire early this morning in what appears to be an angry protest of President Nixon's announcement last night of his decision to send American troops into Cambodia.

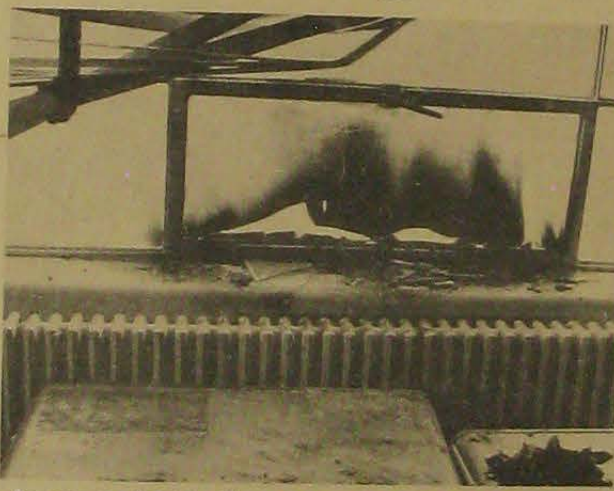
Campus police discovered the fire at about 3:30 a.m. during their regular patrol around Keaney. Joseph A. Oxley, director of university security, said that the South Kingstown police were called along with the university fire department to extinguish the small blaze.

Mr. Oxley conjectured that a volatile liquid was poured through a broken window in the office and was then ignited by the intruders. He said the bottle was probably thrown through the window after the fire when the police frightened the vandals.

Earlier it was thought that an incendiary device similar to a molotov cocktail was used. This theory has not been ruled out as yet.

The office belongs to Major Andrew Simpson, an ROTC instructor. Damage to the office was restricted to Major Simpson's desk which was singed and the broken window.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been called in



Damage in ROTC office was confined to a fire-blackened broken window and a damaged desk and blinds.

by Army officials to investigate the incident.

Clinton Salisbury, South Kingstown police chief, said his department was "working full-time on the case" along with the R.I. State Police and the state fire marshall's office.

Chief Salisbury, describing the incident, said "it looks like arson" adding that evidence has been sent to the state crime lab at URI for further study. When asked if he thought a bomb was used in the incident, Chief Salisbury responded "I know it wasn't a bomb."

It is apparent that this incident is directly related to

President Nixon's decision to extend the Vietnam war into Cambodia. Several thousand American soldiers are moving across the border into Cambodia to attack what Mr. Nixon described as "the headquarters for the entire communist military operation in South Vietnam."

The President said he expects the operation to last from six weeks to two months.

A strike at URI and across the nation's colleges has been called for Monday by members of the local and national Student Mobilization Committee to protest the Cambodia situation.

Robinson

As President-elect of the Student Body, I urge ALL STUDENTS, FACULTY and ADMINISTRATION to strike on Monday. URI must shut down to show the government that we will refuse to continue the insanity in Southeast Asia. The shit has continued too long. Now is the time for ALL the University community to get together and act against the sickness abroad which is destroying our country at home.

Tony Robinson
Joyce Kroeller

Editorial

We are apparently locked into a course of national and international destruction. President Nixon has probably sealed the end of peaceful protest and the beginning of violent civil disobedience. Across this nation it will soon begin.

It is now time for even moderate newspaper editors to put themselves on the line if that becomes necessary. This is not a question of politics; this is a question of morality. We must not go! We must strike Monday!

Chuck Colarulli,
Editor