

COPTER USED AT BERKELEY CAMPUS: National Guard copter spreading chemical over Sproul Hall Plaza at the University of California. Protesters and other persons fled. United Press International

## COPTER BREAKS UP BERKELEY CROWD

Stinging Powder, Dropped From Air, Ends 'Funeral' for a Gunshot Victim

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BERKELEY, Calif., May 20—A National Guard helicopter swooped over the University of California today and dropped a white, skin-stinging powder on several hundred students, faculty members and "people's park" demonstrators.

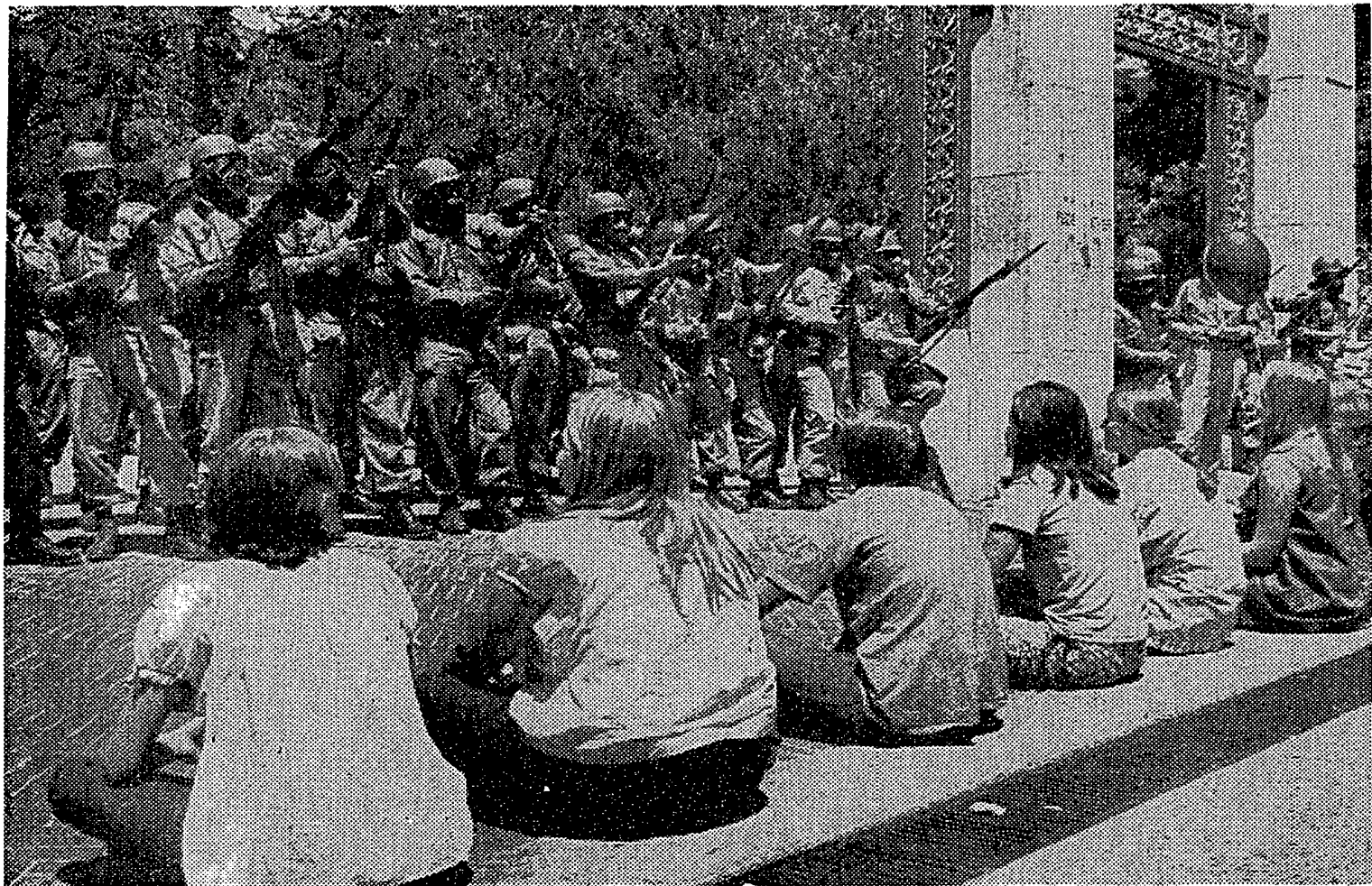
The powder dropped by the helicopter was identified by officials as "C.S.," a dry form of tear gas.

The action in Sproul Hall Plaza came 30 minutes after troops guarding the campus home of Chancellor Roger W. Heyns fired tear gas to disperse a crowd of 500, many of whom were shouting curses at the chancellor's wife.

The violence grew out of a silent "funeral march" led by demonstrators in memory of a bystander who suffered buckshot wounds in riots last Thursday. The victim, James Rector of San Jose, died last night in a Berkeley hospital. The coroner's office ruled that the wounds were the cause of his death.

Mr. Rector, a carpenter, was reported to have been visiting a friend. He took refuge on a roof when the trouble started

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**GIRLS VS. GUARDSMEN:** Girl students sit facing National Guardsmen who defended University of California campus at Berkeley yesterday with bared bayonets. Guardsmen also wore masks against chemicals used to disperse students. United Press International

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Thursday. According to witnesses, an officer took aim with a shotgun and fired.

The new violence came in the fifth day of turmoil that followed the official closing of a plot of university-owned land that had been improved by students as a "people's park."

Law enforcement agents armed with shotguns ejected a group of "street people"—hippies, students and nonstudents—from the land last Thursday. At least 70 were injured, and frequent demonstrations ensued.

Today, the police and guardsmen broke up the "funeral march" of more than 2,000 people and split it into smaller groups.

As tear gas and bayonets were used to stop the 500 marchers advancing on Mr. Heyns's residence, students screamed "Murderer! Murderer!"

Mrs. Heyns, protected by private security guards, was in the house.

### **Clouds of Tear Gas**

Clouds of gas floated across the campus, and isolated skirmishes between dissidents and police were reported.

The silent funeral march, led by 25 to 30 faculty members, set off across the university campus at noon toward the downtown shopping district.

More than 2,000 sympathizers filed behind the leaders. They carried one large yellow placard that read: "Faculty Vigil."

At the edge of the campus, the march was met by a company of guardsmen and a line of Berkeley policemen.

After the crowd was broken up, one segment marched to the chancellor's home. Another part of the crowd marched to the campus administration building. A third group went to Sproul Hall Plaza, where a social welfare professor, Mark Pillsuck, said the National Guard had agreed to permit a funeral vigil.

However, they were later dispersed.

A Berkeley policeman said that the order to drop gas from the helicopter had to have come from the Sheriff, Frank I. Madigan, who is field commander of the operation at the campus.

### **Calm Is Restored**

Relative calm was restored to the city before nightfall, although sporadic skirmishes continued into the night, and traffic remained congested because of police barricades.

Eye-smarting gas hung in the air in many areas of Berkeley, and commuters trying to get home were forced to walk when buses were rerouted.

New trouble was predicted for tomorrow. A number of faculty members said they planned

a vigil at 11 A.M., but they declined to say where.

One national guardsman was reported to have been arrested by military policemen after he threw down his rifle, gas mask and helmet. However, a Guard spokesman said he was led away after he "got sick."

Reporters saw several soldiers take their unsheathed bayonets off their rifles before confronting demonstrators. Other guardsmen were seen giving the "V" for victory sign with their hands to dissidents.

The Berkeley City Council voted unanimously today to request an investigation by the Alameda County Grand Jury.

It asked the jury to explore the circumstances surrounding the current street violence, the means used to repress the outbreak and the means used to incite the violence.