

FACULTY BOYCOTT IS ON AT BERKELEY

Several Hundred Reported Out to Protest Tear Gas

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BERKELEY, Calif., May 21 —Aroused members of the University of California faculty, protesting yesterday's aerial tear-gas attack on hundreds of students, began a boycott of classes today on the Berkeley campus.

Although no official count was available, several hundred members of the faculty were reportedly involved in the boycott.

Aside from the faculty-led action, it was quiet on the campus this afternoon. But there was an unmistakable air of tension as hundreds of students milled about in the Sproul Hall Plaza.

It was in the plaza yesterday that the gassing took place. A National Guard helicopter began swooping over students, faculty members and other demonstrators shortly after Guard troops attempted to disperse the crowd that had gathered at the home of Chancellor Roger W. Heyns.

The guardsmen also fired tear gas, but it was the helicopter attack that brought the bitter response from the faculty.

'Pretty Shook Up'

"They're pretty shook up by it," Dr. Thomas Parkinson of the university's English department said. "There is no doubt about that."

Other faculty members charged that the campus had been turned into "an experimental lab for the National Guard."

The call for the boycott was followed by a demand that Mr. Heyns offer his "immediate resignation."

The campus newspaper, The Daily Californian, declared the university closed. "This university," an editorial in the paper said, "is not safe for human beings."

A confrontation was threatened here late this morning when determined members of the faculty led a vigil in the plaza. Nearly 2,000 students joined in the demonstration. Helicopters whirled about overhead and police and guardsmen massed but the vigil continued without interruption.

Under the emergency restrictions imposed on this city last week by Gov. Ronald Reagan rallies and assemblies of any kind are prohibited. But no effort was made to disperse the crowd that gathered in the plaza this morning.

Yesterday's violence began

shortly after a "funeral march" that was held for 25-year-old James Rector, a bystander who suffered gunshot wounds in a clash last Thursday and who died on Monday.

University officials said this afternoon that they had opposed the use of the helicopter.

Maj. Gen. Glenn C. Ames, commanding general of the National Guard forces in California, defended the aerial drop of tear gas. He called it "perfectly logical." However, he pointed out that the drop was

not ordered by him but by local law enforcement officials and officers under his command.

According to the police, 14 persons were injured yesterday and 101 were arrested. Since the dispute began here last Thursday 288 persons have been arrested.

The confrontation here grew out of the official closing of a plot of university-owned land that had been improved by students and other youths as a "People's Park."