



Gymnasium Packed by 4,500 in Show of Patriotism

McCormick Gymnasium at Illinois State University was packed for noon rally Friday. Tupper Swaim, a junior from Kankakee who headed "concerned students" or-

ganizing the rally, stands at right in this photo. Other speakers were Brig. Gen. Richard Dunn, commander of the Illinois National Guard, and State Rep. Harber

Hall. ISU President Samuel Braden led in singing of the National Anthem. This was one of students' requests for the unusual rally.

'Faith in the System'

By Dave Haack

The "no longer silent majority"—estimated at 4,000 to 4,500—gathered Friday noon at Illinois State University's McCormick Gymnasium to show their faith in the American system of government.

They applauded and shouted in response to speeches by Brig. Gen. Richard Dunn, commander of the Illinois National Guard; Normal Mayor Charles L. Baugh, and State Rep. Harber Hall, R-Bloomington.

ISU President Samuel E. Braden stood at the edge of the speaker's platform and joined in singing the national anthem after telling the crowd:

"I'm proud of the student

body of this university. I'm proud to be part of it and I want to continue to be part of it."

500 Turned Away

Students, faculty, storekeepers, office workers, construction workers and many others from the Twin Cities jammed the gymnasium.

Some 500 were turned away, ISU security police said.

Some Bloomington-Normal business places closed their doors during the noon hour to permit employes to attend the session sponsored by "concerned students within the ISU community."

An even larger crowd might have assembled if rain had not

forced the meeting inside. It had been scheduled for the ISU quadrangle—scene of numerous protest rallies over the past two weeks.

Tupper Swaim, ISU junior from Kankakee, was master of ceremonies at the meeting.

Dissidents There

About 50 dissidents attended the noon rally. They were silent for the most part.

One, who temporarily refused to stand for the national anthem, jumped up after a construction worker used his foot to spur him.

A man from the community and a student stood in front of closed doors as 40 to 50 moved toward the exit during the national anthem.

The "concerned students" group had submitted five requests to President Braden at a session Thursday. One was that he join the group and other students in singing the anthem.

Other Requests

The others call for:
—ISU security police to retain their arms to protect the entire student body. Dissidents have urged Mr. Braden to disarm security police.

—Immediate dismissal of Dr. Carrol B. Cox Jr., ISU English teacher.
—Flying an all-weather American flag 24 hours a day on the ISU campus, with proper lighting.

—President Braden to give ISU community support to a resolution to be submitted to Congress calling for a national week of "mourning and unity."

Friday's assembly was told the group had not made these requests "demands" because Mr. Braden "is pressed by demands from all sides."

Violence Decried

General Dunn, a Bloomington lawyer and former legal counsel to ISU's governing board, urged the audience to "indicate complete and total disapproval of violence as a means of dissent in attitude, practice and beliefs."

"Let those who act violently know that they are social outcasts and no better than any common criminal," he declared.

He quoted the Kerner Commission report in emphasizing that "unless rule of law prevails, our society will lack not only order but the environment essential to social and economic progress."

'Speak Out'

General Dunn closed his talk with a quote from John W. Gardner, former secretary of the Health, Education and Welfare Department:

"Those of us who find

authoritarianism repugnant have a duty to speak out against all who destroy civil order.

"The time has come when the full weight of community opinion should be felt by those who break the peace or coerce through mob action."

Representative Hall said the state legislature is vitally interested and concerned with academic freedom—"it is just as well protected by the legislature as it is by the faculty and college administrations."

The university, he said, needs to express itself. "But don't let the minority run things," he added. "Rely on the wisdom of the entire community for the best program."

"We (the legislature) will find some way to strengthen college administration so that it can say 'so far, but no farther.'"

New Idealism?

Mayor Baugh asked the crowd if "revolt and unrest" should be accepted "as a new idealism, a learning process" or "should we see it as disrespect and disconcert?"

"We cannot," he told the crowd, "foresake the heritage and symbolism that afford the opportunities to seek wisdom, truths and knowledge for the future."

"With all of its shortcomings," added the mayor, "there has yet to be in the history of man, a governmental structure as unique as the one we have in our country."



How She Stands

A university coed showed her feelings by arm band. Officials said 500 were turned away from packed gym. (Pantagraph Photos by Bill Owens)