

Demonstrate Against Free Speech Suppression . . .

# Students Protest Berkeley Policy

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Approximately 75 students gathered on campus at noon Friday to listen to speakers protesting the suppression of free speech at the University of California's Berkeley campus.

The leaders of the demonstration — members of the University chapters of Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and Students for a Democratic Society — circulated a petition which will be sent to Calif. Gov. Pat Brown; Clark Kerr, president of the Berkeley campus; and Edward Strong, chancellor of the Berkeley campus.

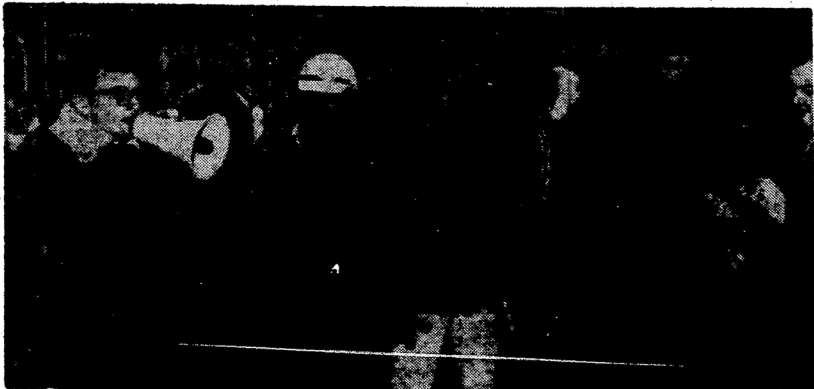
The petition, which is now being circulated in the housing units, reads: "We the following students of the University of Illinois do fully sympathize with the students at Berkeley who have been arrested in the past days.

"Furthermore, we protest the fact that officers of the law had been called out for the purpose of squelching a completely orderly demonstration.

"Although happy that they have been released on \$80,000 bond, we are not charmed by their arrest and do sympathize with the strike which is to take place between Friday and Tuesday at noon.

"In conclusion we feel that the University of California administration has acted contrary to the interests it supposedly seeks to serve and is guilty of making arbitrary and irresponsible decisions."

John Quirk, first vice president of the Young Democrats, addressed the small crowd which shivered in freezing weather on the Quadrangle in front of the Administration Building. Quirk admonished University students for not protesting the approval of the intramural building as strongly as students at Berkeley



**COLD BUT DETERMINED**, Illini demonstrate in Quad Friday over arrests of 814 student demonstrators at Berkeley. Roger Ebert, graduate in English, leads students in demanding the lifting of free speech gag rules at the University of California. (Daily Illini staff photo)

have protested their loss of a campus free speech area.

"Liberty and democracy cannot survive where students aren't allowed to speak freely," he said and pointed out three areas of power where students can work to force changes in the University administration: the power of embarrassment, economic boycott and political power through higher authorities than the campus administration.

Joe Allen, junior in LAS, said the students at Berkeley are only defending the rights which the students here have yet to win.

Allen read a telegram from the Free Speech Movement at Berkeley which asked for the support of the University chapter of SDS through money contributions, public statements and sympathy demonstrations. It read in part: "We

must prove to Gov. Brown and the press that free speech is not a local issue, but has meaning far beyond our campus."

Roger Ebert, former editor of The Daily Illini, accused the UI of not wanting students "to rock the boat or let cats out of bags." He also accused the student body of apathy, saying, "We don't even have 801 students who would understand why 810 students would want to be arrested for denial of a free speech area."

Police arrested 801 California students and sympathizers Thursday as they staged a sit-in protest in one of the university's buildings.

Andy Cohen, member of the executive committee of SNCC, said contributions could be turned in to the SNCC office in the YWCA where copies of the petition also would be available for signing.