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Class Boycott, Rallies Today

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Reagan Says Kerr Provoked Regents' Decision

Governor Ronald Reagan indicated Friday that Clark Kerr had forced the matter of his tenure on the Regents, and that they had acted wisely in firing him.

Reagan, who left the Friday afternoon Regents meeting before it adjourned was among the 14 Board members who voted to terminate Kerr's tenure.

In an official statement issued by his office the Governor stated, "The matter of a vote of confidence was brought up by Dr. Kerr. It was not on the agenda and his request came as a complete surprise to all of us."

Reagan said that Kerr had asked for "a decision one way or another," then added, "I believe the Board took a very reasonable action in dismissing President Kerr."

In appraising Dr. Kerr as an academician and educator, the Governor stated that he felt Kerr was superior in the field of educating rather than the field of administering. Said Reagan, "He did things I disagree with."

The Governor refused to make any further comment until he was able to see the formal statement
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Regents Discuss Tuition, Admissions

Tuition and student admissions to the University of California were among the items considered by Regents at their Thursday-Friday meeting in Berkeley. The topics were introduced by Speaker of the Assembly, Jesse Unruh and it was agreed that Board members will make clear their positions on tuition by the first part of March.

Unruh asked that the matter of President Kerr's "admission freeze" be clarified, as many Californians have been "frightened" at the threat of closed UC enrollment for the coming year.

Dr. Kerr reported that two
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ICHH COMMITTEE URGES BOYCOTT

The UCI "It Can't Happen Here" Committee (ICHH) has called on UCI students to boycott classes beginning at 11 today to express concern over the future of the University.

Plans for the organized boycott and demonstration were sparked by the firing of UC President Clark Kerr by the Board of Regents last Friday, and today's boycott is part of a demonstration being conducted on at least five University of California campuses.

Meeting spontaneously in the snack bar after word of Kerr's firing reached UCI, about 50 students formed ICHH and voted to conduct the campus forum and boycott of classes.

The committee, headed by Student Finance Committee Treasurer Dave Altschuler, urges students to stay away from classes today and to participate in rallies which will be held on the lawn.

According to Altschuler, a large portion of the faculty has been contacted, and faculty cooperation is expected in the boycott, and Chancellor Daniel Aldrich will speak at the forum at noon.

Students Take Action On Five UC Campuses

Student action is being taken on at least five University of California campuses today in response to the firing of President Clark Kerr.

Ad Hoc committees and student legislative bodies met Friday afternoon and evening after hearing the Regents' decision.

At Santa Barbara the Student Legislative Council met and voted to have a campus rally today at noon. All regular academic activities will be suspended and students, faculty and administrators will vote on a proposal which has been prepared by the Council.

The resolution asks for the adoption and support of a University-wide boycott of classes sometime during the week.

John Maybury, editor of *El Gaucho*, UCSB's student newspaper, stated that students there will probably proceed with the boycott even if the measure is not accepted at a University-wide level.

In lieu of an official student government, an *Ad Hoc* committee

at the Santa Cruz campus decided Friday evening to have a boycott of classes Monday.

UCLA Student Body President Bob Michaels has stated that a campus rally has been scheduled for noon Monday to discuss the possibility of a boycott of classes on that campus.

A dance Friday night at Davis was taken over by members of the student government and turned into a "love demonstration." Dancing was interspersed by talks in which Student Body President Bob Black made the proposal that students "love everyone including the Governor."

It was also suggested that students hold a vigil of the Capitol in Sacramento Saturday, although the proposal was not accepted.

Students at Berkeley have not as yet planned any official action against the Friday decision; students at Riverside, San Diego, and San Francisco were not available for comment on planned rallies and demonstrations.

Regents Fire Kerr With 14-8 Decision

In executive session Friday the Board of Regents voted to remove 55-year old Clark Kerr from his position as President of the University of California by a vote of 14 to 8.

The formal announcement was made by Ted Sorensen, Vice President of University Relations at Cal, to newsmen, students, and staff who were waiting outside the closed doors of the meeting.

"I have an announcement to make," said Sorensen. "The Regents of the University of California have today terminated the tenure of President Clark Kerr, effective today. The vote was 14 to 8."

The Board action came as a surprise and shock to everyone including the President himself, who was not present at the meeting. Kerr said in a press conference later in the day that he had not been asked by Governor Reagan to resign, nor did he have any idea that such an action would take place.

Kerr has been embroiled in trouble at Berkeley since December 1964 when students demonstrated for more political freedom on the campus.

Governor Reagan, who was attending his first Regents meeting, left the closed session an hour before Kerr's dismissal was announced. He gave no indication of what had happened in the meeting as he left to catch a plane for Los Angeles.

At the Southern California airport the Governor expressed surprise over the decision. He said that he had left before balloting began and did not vote on the firing.

This statement, however, was not true. A roll call vote, made public, revealed that Reagan had voted "yes" on the motion to terminate Kerr's Presidency.

Chairman of the Regents, Theodore Meyer, told newsmen that Reagan had discussed the firing of Kerr with Regents before Friday's meeting.

Assembly Speaker Jesse Unruh said the motion to fire Kerr was brought up by two of the Regents. One of the newest members of the Board, Allan Grant, who is the

President of the State Board of Agriculture, originally made the proposal. However, he withdrew it because of his newness.

The motion was reaffirmed by Laurence Kennedy, Jr., of Redding and passed.

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Kerr Says Regents Acted 'Too Quickly'

In a news conference Friday afternoon, Clark Kerr accused the Regents of responding "Too quickly to the swirls of political winds in the state."

He flatly stated, "I don't believe in the policy that because there is a new Governor of the state there needs to be a new President of the University. This has never happened before."

Addressing a large number of newsmen, students, and staff members, Kerr talked for several minutes about some of the policies which had been foremost in his career as President, including diversity among the various campuses, de-centralization of University administration, the maintenance of high quality faculty and student life on the campuses and the establishment of certain freedom rights for students.

He spoke of atonement among Regents as being the most important, however, indicating the obligation of the Board to be a buffer against "shifting political winds."

"The University should serve truth, and not political partisanship," he commented.

The ex-administrator stated that he does not see the University ever falling under a "police state," referring to one of Governor Reagan's threatened changes — that of bringing UC jurisdiction to state legislators and out of the hands of the Regents. "They couldn't have solved the problems any better."

Anthill Editorial

Politics Infect Higher Education

The firing of Clark Kerr by the University Regents should not have come as a surprise to anyone who has been observing the trends within the University since 1964 and the political events in Sacramento of the past three weeks. This irrational action, the firing of one of the University's finest presidents for clearly political reasons, is the inevitable out come of these trends that have infected the state's higher educational bloodstream. The firing of Dr. Kerr has underscored some of our worst fears about the future of higher education in California.

We do not propose here to reiterate the case against the Governor's tuition and budget proposals since this has already been done extensively in the University community. Rather, we support a course of united action for the student body and faculty. We believe that now is the time for those concerned — which should include all of us — to make an active demonstration of that concern.

If you are concerned about Governor Reagan's disastrous proposals for a budget cut and for tuition; if you are disturbed by the proposals now before the legislature to radically change the Board of Regents; if you are angered by the dismissal of President Kerr; you will be able to make your influence felt tomorrow in an organized and orderly manner by participating in today's boycott of classes and the rallies on the lawn.

We believe that today's collective action is indeed moderate in the light of the radical and disastrous Reagan proposals, and we believe that this rally would be wholly unnecessary if the Governor were to understand the true value and meaning of higher education. Education most inherently questions the status quo if it is truly to be called education, and this must be disturbing to a man whose very platforms advocate the entrenchment and institutionalization of the status quo.

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Chancellors (unnamed) had sought his advice regarding admissions acceptances; the first notifications were to have been mailed to prospective UC students January 15.

The decision made was to temporarily withhold sending the letters until after the Wednesday afternoon meeting of all the Chancellors, when the matter could be discussed. There was a problem, Kerr explained, that admissions for the next year might have to be cut if slashes in the requested UC budget were made. In a telegram to each of the Chancellors Kerr notified them of the situation.

However, explained the educator, members of the press got a hold of the communique that was intended as an "internal matter." Consequently, the charge that an admission freeze was in effect was made. "Actually," Kerr repeated, "it was only a temporary situation until the Chancellor could meet and discuss the matter."

Unruh then asked if there was to be any change in admissions policy. Dr. Kerr responded that there would not be, that students qualifying under three categories could be admitted. This included students eligible from their sixth semester high school records, junior college transfers and graduate students who have been endowed with grants or scholarships for research projects.

Unruh felt this position should be made clear to the public. He made a formal resolution: (that) "The Regents hereby reaffirm the general policies of students' admissions to the University which has been followed under the board outline of the California master plan for higher education, insofar as admissions of California residents is concerned."

The problem of "quality within the University was brought up. Several Chancellors and Regents pointed out that the tradition of high quality work which has been a part of the University should not and could not be forfeited. Regent Frederick Dutton of Sausalito asked that Unruh's motion be amended to include the statement that "It is the intention of the Regents to maintain the present educational standards of the University for all students who are admitted."

Unruh's motion was passed without Dutton's clause, which was, however, passed later in the day.

The real controversy came Friday morning when Regent Norton Simon of Newport Beach asked what the implications of Dutton's and Unruh's proposals were if the budget is reduced. Kerr answered him by saying that in admitting students, the Chancellors would

proceed on the basis of lower state financial aid.

Dutton piped up again stating that an extensive study should be made by the advisory committee to the Governor which was formed several weeks ago at an emergency Regents meeting at UCLA. He asked that the group investigate and bring to the next meeting details concerning the following issues:

1. What are other sources of income for the University besides tuition?
2. What are the tuition policies in other states?
3. What are alternatives to tuition and what are various types of tuition which could be imposed?
4. What would be the nature of the loan program for students needing University support?
5. How many scholarships would be needed if the tuition is imposed?
6. What are examples of scholarships offered within other states?
7. What is the number of prospective students who could not afford the University with tuition?

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issued by the Regents or, "Until I have had the chance to assess the situation."

Members of the Board of Regents issued various statements on their feeling about Kerr's dismissal.

Mrs. Randolph Hearst, wife of the newspaper magnet said Kerr had "delivered a second ultimatum to the Regents to the effect that they must either give him a vote of confidence or release him from his office of President. He stated that he never would resign."

"Faced with a second such precipitous action on the part of the President I reluctantly came to the conclusion that the President lacked the qualities of stable leadership so imperative to the future of the University." She stated that Kerr was fired "for lack of administrative ability."

Regent William Coblenz, who voted not to end Kerr's role as President, commented, "The prob-

lem of unrest at Berkeley, the restlessness of students cannot be cured by the termination of employment of one man. There is no ready or easy answer yet the Board of Regents seems to think this is the panacea, the answer."

He continued, "Some will call this a day that shall live in infamy in the history of the University, the far left and right can now rejoice at the action taken today."

Max Rafferty, non-partisan State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was not present at the Friday meeting of the Regents. He nonetheless had a comment to make about Kerr's dismissal. "... If it is an attempt to clean up the mess at Berkeley, then it's a step in the right direction."

He added, however, "That just firing Dr. Kerr or anybody else would not solve the problem." Longer-range solutions at the UC campus are needed.

Theodore Meyer, chairman of the Regents, stated that the major arguments for firing Kerr were that he had "lost the confidence of the people and Regents and was no longer useful." Meyer was among those favoring Kerr's dismissal.

One of the eight Regents voting in Dr. Kerr's favor was Jesse Unruh, California Speaker of the Assembly. Unruh said, "The timing is most unfortunate ... It will have potentially chaotic results."

Davis President Bob Black announced late Friday night that a University-community meeting will be held tonight to discuss possibilities of Kerr's reinstatement as UC President.

Regents, faculty, students, and the public have been invited.

Floyd Norris

Don't Let UC Become A Second Rate Institution

For the past two weeks, the citizens of California have been bombarded with headlines that can only be considered alarming. First there was the budget cut and tuition, then the freeze on admissions, and now Clark Kerr has been fired. I am concerned about the future of UC, as I am sure most of the students are.

Today on the lawn there will be a mass meeting of all UCI students to show this very concern. For one day we will be staying out of classes to let the public, the Regents, and the legislators know just how scared we are that the University is going to be turned into a second-rate institution.

This boycott is not going to be a Berkeley-type demonstration. It will be for one day only and we're not going to sit-in or lie-in or capture any police cars. We are simply going to boycott classes.

None of us are so naive as to believe our actions are going to make Reagan see the ideology of slashing everything 10%. Nor will it convince the Regents that Kerr should be rehired. This is not why we are boycotting. We merely want to show them that we refuse to sit passively by while the University is sold down the river in the name of economy.

'Acting' Governor Speaks With Forked Tongue

by PHIL PEARLMAN
Anthill Editor-in-Chief

Governor Reagan is remarkable. On one side of his face he denies any knowledge of Kerr's firing, while on the other side he votes "yes" for Kerr's dismissal.

Arriving at the Los Angeles Airport, Reagan told newsmen that he had left the Regents' meeting before the balloting and therefore did not vote on the firing.

Once the roll call vote was made public, however, it clearly indicated that Reagan had indeed voted — yes.

This is not the first time the new Governor has proven himself to be an out-and-out liar. Do you recall that he even went so far as to deny ever advocating tuition?

Reagan was a good actor because he was able to memorize his lines; but as a politician he is not even able to tell the same story twice.

People of California! What have you done?

Students, Faculty, Administrators Don't Understand Harsh Realities

by ERIC PHILLIPS

"Help stamp out reality." I noticed this plea printed neatly on a sticker on the bumper of a car in one of the UCI parking lots. It seems to describe a general attitude existing on the University campuses, an attitude which has permeated a large number of the arguments attacking Reagan. No one likes to face the harsh realities of the financial world. This seems especially true when they have been living in a rather grand style. "If you won't support me in the style I'm accustomed to I'm going to cry" is what a large number of UC students, professors, and administrators seem to be saying. It doesn't phase them that the money is simply not there. After living in a subsidized academic utopia it is much too harsh a reality to face.

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In a roll call vote, 14 of the 22 Regents present voted to terminate Kerr's tenure. These included Regents Boyd, Canaday, Carter, Chandler, Finch, Forbes, Grant, and Haldeman.

Also in favor of the Presidents dismissal were Regents Hearst, Higgs, Kennedy, Meyer, Pauley, and Reagan.

Eight of the Regents voted "no": Coblenz, Dutton, Heller, Mohn, Mosher, Roth, Simon and Unruh.

There were no abstentions and only two of the Regents did not vote; neither Kerr nor Rafferty was present during the session.

Chairman Meyer held a press conference after the meeting had adjourned, during which he stated, "President Kerr, being human, has strengths and weaknesses even as you and I. His strengths are obvious to all and his weaknesses I do not intend to discuss."

"It is perfectly apparent and known to all the state of uncertainty which has had all sorts of

unfortunate effects ... The Regents wouldn't assume that one action would end all troubles."

Meyer, who is the President of the Mechanics Institute, went on to say that the action against Kerr was the decision which Regents had reached after much deliberation.

Meyer also commented that Kerr may return to his professorship and begin teaching again "if he wants." Kerr is a professor of Industrial Relations in the School of Business Administration and Department of Economics.

UC Vice President Harry R. Wellman, 67, was named acting president until the Regents determine Clark Kerr's successor.

According to Theodore R. Meyer, Board Chairman, no time was devoted during the meeting to discussing a possible successor.