

'People's Park' not worth the battle so far

The Los Angeles Times

BERKELEY, Calif. — The \$25,000 spent by the University of California Board of Regents on making the so-called "People's Park" into a playground and parking lot has been a poor investment so far.

Berkeley students refuse to use the new facilities, which include a basketball court, a tennis court, a playground and a volleyball court.

"We have no plans for the field at this time," said Dr. Andrew J. Hanson, acting vice chancellor for student affairs. "We won't force anyone to use it."

The school's department of intramural sports, which conducts basketball in the fall, soccer in the winter and basketball

competition in the spring among 100 campus teams, tried unsuccessfully a month ago to schedule two football games of the new field.

The letter Saturday's Chronicle noted that the field, which is located on Telegraph Avenue, is a "non-developed and unmanaged" park.

Nike DeLoach, a leader in last spring's unsuccessful effort to convert the university-owned property into a do-it-yourself park, said at Berkeley's Telegraph Avenue that he would picket any attempt to use the field.

March 20, 1969, a member of the Associated Students of the University of California, Berkeley (ASUCB), said more than 100 per cent of the students participating in a referendum last spring favored letting volunteers develop the land as a park.

Nearly 15,000 of the school's 27,000 students voted.

Dr. Angelo said the boycott was the students' way of demonstrating passive resistance to the regents' order ending the boycott.

"The regents violated the will of virtually the whole campus community—academically and even the administration," he said. "We know there is no way we can do anything to change it, so we're trying to show them the only way we can that they stand a chance."

One case was killed and about the previous were ignored last May 15 when Alameda County sheriff's deputies fired bullets and tear gas at a crowd protesting the

boycott of the "People's Park" by the university. National Guardsmen, some called out to cope with the demonstrators. The chaotic events were a two-week period included an aerial tear gas attack from a helicopter and a tank attack.

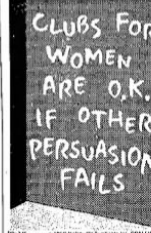
Berkeley Chancellor Roger W. Heyns strongly urged the regents to accept a compromise settlement in which the two-thirds of an acre of ground would be turned over to the city for a "non-developed and unmanaged" park.

However, a majority of the board voted June 25 to speed up the timetable for the acquisition of the land on the "park" site.



GAS GUN — San Bernardino police used a pepper fogger, one of the most riot-control weapons in the ever-growing police arsenal, on students at a San Bernardino high school assembly. The pepper fogger is a Flash Gordon-looking tear gas dispenser. UPI photo.

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Peace Corpsmen voice support for Moratorium

The Los Angeles Times

GEORGETOWN, Guyana—Douglas, the "peace" in Peace Corps, young volunteers in Latin America are becoming increasingly vocal in their opposition to the war in Vietnam.

Twenty-five of the 50 Peace Corpsmen working in this little country have signed a petition supporting last week's anti-war demonstration in Washington, and told applicants before that week would have signed if they had known about it.

The brief statement said that "one of the group said, 'enough is to take whatever risk may be involved.'"

The petition was presented to U. S. Ambassador Spencer H. King with a request that it be forwarded to President Nixon. The ambassador reportedly agreed.

Peace Corpsmen here said similar steps were taken by volunteers in half a dozen other Latin American countries, following a pattern established Oct. 15, Movement Day in the United States.

The brief statement here reads: "Two days this month are designated Vietnam war moratorium days in protest against U.S. involvement in Vietnam. We, U. S. citizens living in Guyana, together with millions of people throughout the world, want to know when will the killing stop. We deplore the countless and tragic U. S. policies in Vietnam and call for immediate withdrawal of all U. S. military forces in Vietnam."

A spokesman for the group, Anthony Canfield, 22, a bearded biologist from Syracuse, N.Y., said he thought the signatures had confirmed to Peace Corps regulations for quietly presenting the statement to Ambassador King.

"The Peace Corps Handbook enjoins volunteers to avoid discussing political issues," said U. S. of last country, through host country news media or at public gatherings.

"You say," the handbook adds, "express your views on U. S. issues in the American press or by petitioning U. S. government officials—only if you wish, your Peace Corps Headquarters."

The petition went much riskier than a statement: call month in the Dominican Republic, which was carried in a paid advertisement by a newspaper and radio station in Santo Domingo.

That declaration, signed by 25 of the 50 volunteers in the Dominican Republic, referred to the war in Vietnam as "unjust and inhumane" and led to a letter from Ambassador Clinton Kinn.

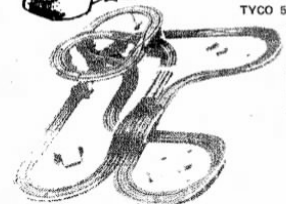
Both here and in Santo Domingo, spokesmen for the protesters made it clear that they were acting individually.



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