

Demonstration organized opposing KSU's gym site

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More than 3,000 demonstrators will gather at the gymnasium construction site at Kent State University Saturday, according to the May 4th Coalition, a Kent, Ohio based organization.

The demonstration is expected to be larger than the Sept. 24 protest that made national headlines earlier this year, coalition member Chic Canora said.

During the Sept. confrontation, demonstrators broke down construction fences and occupied the gymnasium site. The gym is being built on the grounds where four Kent State students were killed in 1970 while protesting the Vietnam war.

The Coalition is holding the demonstration in order "to show the broad base of support," opposing the construction says Canfora. "We didn't have all the student support then during the Sept. 24 rally," she said in anticipation of greater numbers of protesters.

During the last few weeks, the Kent State administration has directed the contractor to erect a 10-foot fence embedded in concrete in anticipation of further trouble, said Joe Durbin, managing editor of the Kent State news service.

Canfora was confident the fence would not turn back demonstrators intent on making their views

known. "A fence is not going to stop them," she predicted. "The people will not let their cries be ignored."

A recurring theme throughout the confrontation has been "what goes up must come down," Canfora added.

The May 4th Coalition was originally organized to commemorate the shootings through such activities as closing down classes on campus for the day. Since the gymnasium construction issue began, they have led protests against the designated site.

The May 4th Coalition is skeptical of the need to build the gymnasium on Blanket or Freedom Hill, site of the shootings.

"The University claimed financial reasons why they don't change the site," said Canfora, who has been arrested five times during the course of protest activities. "But they've spent more money defending the structure, prosecuting people, hiring guards and putting up that \$30,000 fence."

The May 4th Coalition supporters believe the administration is deliberately trying to "bury" a piece of American history it would rather forget, said Canfora.

According to research done by the Coalition, Kent State originally made plans for a different gymnasium site and bought a 17-acre tract in 1968 for that purpose.

Martin announces candidacy

State Rep. Roger Martin announced his candidacy this week for the 1978 Republican nomination for governor and during a press conference Thursday in Eugene, said he believes incumbent Gov. Bob Straub can be beaten.

"Oregonians deserve and expect tough, creative leadership from their governor - and they are

just not satisfied with the incumbent," Martin said. "Straub just hasn't shown the spark of leadership that excites."

Martin said during his campaign he will emphasize five issues that need to be solved in Oregon in the next four years:

- Housing costs and availability — "It's getting so you can't find a house for under \$35,000," Martin said. "We don't want another government program — that's part of the problem."
- Quality of education in Oregon in secondary schools, colleges and universities.
- Strengthening the economy — with emphasis on "improving conditions for small business in Oregon."
- A "strong stance against"

further federal encroachment of Oregon's rights to control our destiny.

• A new long-range energy approach — Martin said he favors solar energy as a viable alternative source and mentioned wood pellets as another possible source. He said he supports Ballot Measure 2 which would promote use of non-nuclear energy sources.

Martin said he hopes to raise \$200,000 by primary time through people who "don't normally contribute to political campaigns."

He said he would "rather welcome the opportunity" to run against former Gov. Tom McCall.

"I don't think Tom has ever been in a race that was closely contested."

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amendment. There is one state that allows "passion killing" as a defense for men accused of murder, but not for women. In several states, women are not allowed to buy or sell property without their husbands' consent.

Some states called "community property states," have laws that allow a husband to control his wife's paycheck. Also, there are some state and federal laws that say women do not have the same rights and obligations for jury duty that men have.

Engelmann said such laws would be changed or repealed under the ERA. She and the other two panel members contended, though, that Oregon would be affected very little by passage of the ERA because it has already enacted most laws that provide women's rights.

The effect of a military draft on women was also discussed by the panel members. Paulus said if a draft were enacted, there would be nothing to prevent Congress from drafting women as well as men under the ERA. Engelmann said women would have to pass the same tests as men in order to go to the front battle lines in a war.

Both women said they felt such actions would be fair, however.

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Ford's aide linked in probe

WASHINGTON — A former South Korean intelligence agent testified today that he was told in 1975 that Korean rice dealer Tongsun Park had links with a high official of Congress and "an assistant to the President."

The president referred to was later identified as Gerald Ford but the names of the assistant and the official of Congress were not disclosed.

There was no indication the witness was referring to Tongsun Park's links with Betty Ford's personal assistant, Nancy Howe.

Howe, her husband, James, and their daughter were guests of Park in the Dominican Republic in 1975. Howe later committed suicide after White House officials began an inquiry into the trip.

KKK Meeting disrupted

SACRAMENTO — Demonstrators chanting "Death to the Klan" ripped a door off its hinges today as they attempted to break up an airport news conference held by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK).

There were no arrests and about 50 demonstrators, mainly college students, were dispersed without any violence, said sheriff's spokesman Bill Miller.

David Duke, a spokesman for the KKK from Metairie, La., said he was in the California capitol to try to meet with the highest state official who would see him.

Hijackers release 2 hostages

ATLANTA — A hijacker demanding \$3 million and a reunion with his imprisoned homosexual lover released the two stewardesses who were among 15 hostages he had held for more than 12 hours Thursday aboard a Frontier Airlines jet.

The two emerged from the plane shortly after 3 p.m. PDT and joined two people who had come out on the airfield from a cargo terminal used as an official command post. All four then returned to the terminal.

Violence flares in S. Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Police gunfire wounded a black youth Thursday as disturbances and protests flared across South Africa following the government's crackdown on the black press and black protest movements and leaders.

Even Afrikaaner academics joined the wide condemnation of the government by opposition whites and the opposition press.



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