



A NATION AT WAR • CAMBODIA • KENT STATE U.

Kent, Ohio (AP) - Four students were shot to death and 11 other persons wounded, four seriously, in a confrontation Monday, May 14, with Ohio National Guardsmen and police at Kent State University. A state official said the shooting started when a rooftop sniper opened fire on the guardsmen.

The gunfire broke out as guardsmen dispersed an anti-war rally on the campus. Adj. S.T. Del Corso said guardsmen were forced to open fire on their attackers.

"Regretably but unavoidably several individuals were killed and a number of others were wounded," he said in a statement.

"A lot of people felt their lives were in danger," said Brig. Gen. Robert Canterbury, "who was on the scene," which, in fact, was the case and the military man always has the right to fire if he feels his life is in danger."

"He has the right to protect himself."

Del Corso said tear gas was used several times in attempts to disperse the crowd.

"The guard expended its entire supply of tear gas and when it did the mob started to move forward to entice the guardsmen," De. Corso said. "At the same time, a sniper opened fire against the guardsmen from a nearby rooftop. All guardsmen were hit by rocks and bricks.

On Thursday, April 30, President Richard Nixon announced to a nationwide television and radio audience that the U.S. was sending troops into Cambodia for the purpose of destroying important North Vietnamese strongholds. The President, speaking in a moment charged with historical significance, grimly told Americans that he believed this most recent escalation would ultimately bring peace and U.S. troops out of Viet Nam. The decision was made entirely by Nixon, as he did not notify Congress before his announcement. The attacks began about an hour before Nixon spoke to the nation.

The initial raids were extensive, penetrating into the sites just north of the Demilitarized Zone in North Vietnam. A reported 128 fighter-bombers struck at targets that had not been authorized in the past eighteen months.

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The university said the four persons killed - two girls and two boys - were students.

In a statement to the press, President Nixon expressed sadness at the deaths, but reminded that "when dissent turns to violence it invites tragedy."

It was a dramatic moment for the president. Looking unusually haggard and worn, he made it understood that the decision was his own. Stating that he would rather be a one-term president who did the job than a two-term "do nothing" president, Nixon admitted that his decision would not be popular in several liberal camps. He promised the American people that Americans would pull out of Cambodia as soon as the threat of a North Vietnamese take over was quelled.

Critics of the move have insisted that it will only draw the war out longer and extend the geography of the fighting areas. Nixon however, insisted that the attack on Cambodia is the only method of acquiring final and honorable peace. He warned the North Vietnamese that the U.S. would no longer tolerate the disregarding of pacts. He also served notice on any countries that might choose to use the attack as a provocation for further issue-making.

KAREN DAVIS WINS PRIZE

Karen Davis, an eighteen-year-old student of Irwin Freundlich at the North Carolina School of the Arts, won first prize of \$1,000 in the competition for young pianists (under 23). This program is sponsored by the National Society of Arts and Letters. Award ceremonies took place at Firenzie House in Washington, D. C.

She played the Sonata by Alban Berg, a Sonata by Beethoven, the *Italian Concerto* by Bach, a nocturne of Chopin, and the *Fantasy in F Sharp Minor* by Mendelssohn.

"I was tremendously surprised because I know that I did not play my best--the pressure and excitement made me quite nervous," Karen said.

Miss Davis, who is graduating from high school this June, is from Bethesda, Maryland. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Davis, 5904 Plainview Road, Bethesda, Md.

BRAVE NEW WORLD - MICHAEL FERGUSON

The startling events of the last two weeks have had a disarranging affect on most Americans. First, in a totally unexpected move, President Nixon ordered U.S. troops into neutral Cambodia, a North Vietnamese stronghold, causing more fighting, more killing, and a sense of utter exhaustion with the war here at home. Yet, Nixon continues to believe that this action will lead to the eventual withdrawal of troops from Vietnam and "a just and honorable peace."

This war is difficult and frustrating to understand and cope with. It is a war that has dragged on with painful slowness, sapping Americans of their patience and energy. Most want the war ended. However, friction in the U.S. is caused by the methods suggested for concluding the war.

Certainly, at one time or another we've all wanted to believe (and probably did) that America's position

in Viet Nam was justifiable, if not particularly likeable. But the duration of our involvement, the staggering death lists, and the lack of any real progress toward a halting, have weakened America's spirit. The U.S. is in a vulnerable position. We have held off on any major, large-scale attack (until Cambodia), the kind that might end the war. Instead, we've played a deliberate waiting game, the result being many dead and wounded, nearly all weary of war.

But the fighting continues. Now, an end is unforeseeable. If Nixon's latest escalation move succeeds (and it well might), he will emerge as the hero who ended the war (not, of course, without several more thousands dead). If it fails and if the North Vietnamese continue to re-group and come back, the task of opposing this war may well be a life-time occupation for this generation.

Criticism of the President's decision has been divided and not entirely predictable. This latest move has caused many former "middle-of-the-road" politicians to express their disagreement. Many hawks applauded the move, for it is (seemingly) what they wanted: a possible step toward military

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