

Protest

Karen Peter of the Coalition for Peace in the Middle East, who spoke at the CBS "town meeting" Thursday, opened her energetic speech by quoting Martin Luther King Jr.: "Silence is betrayal!"

"Why are we the world's policemen?" Peter asked. "It seems like we have selective justice. We're able to ignore what's happening in China, but we welcomed them with open arms when

we thought that they could vote for our U.N. resolution."

Peter questioned the motives of the United States. "Why are we there? It's easier to find an outside enemy than to concentrate on our real problems at home," she said. "I think we're there because of our defense industry."

She ended her speech with the King quote: "Silence is betrayal, so let's be

loud. Let's tell our president, let's tell our Congress that we know what they're doing, and that we're not going to take it anymore. Let's raise our voices in protest!"

Lewis Pitts, a constitutional lawyer, emphasized the power of the people in government. "It's time to activate the fourth branch of government — the people." He used the American Revolu-

tionary War, the civil rights movement, the anti-war movement of the 1960s and the Berlin Wall as examples of the power of the people.

But the power of the people is also a paradox, Pitts said. "If we don't believe we have the power, we ain't got it. Nothing can be too radical to prevent the slaughter that is about to happen."

Bryan Harter, a senior psychology

major from Greensboro, said he attended the rally because he strongly opposed a U.S. invasion. "Things need to be changed. I oppose prematurely appearing to use force when sanctions are working."

"We could give more time (for sanctions to work) if war doesn't happen," he said.

Saturday's rally was the fourth in the

Triangle sponsored by the Coalitions for Peace in the Middle East. Another march and candlelight vigil is planned for 7 p.m. today in Durham. Tim Tyson, a graduate student at Duke University from the Duke coalition, said the procession would begin at the Durham post office on Chapel Hill Street and end at the Community Shelter on Liberty Street.

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School-system report card criticized for including race

From Associated Press reports
GREENSBORO — State officials are defending their insertion of race into the equation for grading the performance of North Carolina's public school systems.

Last week the state Department of Public Instruction released the first state report card grading each of North Carolina's 134 school systems.

The department tried to balance the results by measuring actual performance

against potential for the final grade. Minority status, defined by the report as being black, Asian, Hispanic or American Indian, was one of six factors used to size up systems' performance.

The other factors were the amount of local spending, parental education, chronic absenteeism, the percentage of students who receive free or reduced-price lunches and the percentage who are in federal education programs for the disadvantaged.

Statue

He said he believed the vandalism was not the work of groups openly opposed to the location of the sculpture but rather the result of people acting independently and possibly under the influence of alcohol.

"This is a particularly expensive and mindless kind of action," he said. "I'm very, very upset about it and disappointed, obviously."

Hardin said he had consulted with several University officials about possibly relocating the sculpture, and that he planned to release a public statement today or Tuesday.

"This is a little bit of a setback, but I don't think it will have any effect on my announcement," he said. He declined to reveal his decision.

Hardin said he did not know whether the sculpture was insured, but that he expected the damaged statue would be repaired. He said he could not estimate how much the repairs would cost or how long they would take.

Several students looking at the damaged statues Sunday said they thought the vandalism was related to

the opposition to the statues.

"I'm not surprised," said Irene Snyder, a senior psychology major from Raleigh. "I figured these statues would be a target of vandalism because of the controversy surrounding them, but I don't approve of it."

But William Massey, associate vice chancellor for University relations, said the vandalism might not have been related to controversy over the sculpture.

"You can't assume that the reason that seems most obvious was the one motivating the vandals," Massey said.

"I would question the easy connection between any disagreement and concern and controversy that this statue has caused and this action, because it just as easily could have been done by two or three people who wanted to have fun in their own way."

"We had a very close basketball game (Saturday) night," he said. "Could you not conclude that a die-hard Virginia fan could have done it?"

Hardin said he expected most opponents of the statues would disapprove of the vandalism.

"The sculpture has been the subject of animated conversation for several months," he said. "Those people who engaged in the conversation I expect would be united in their disgust at this action."

Freeze

Tuchi said having a high number of vacancies made it difficult for the University to operate properly.

"Let's face it, this cannot make things any easier," he said. "The real question now is how much more difficult it will be."

"On a given day, it makes it extra difficult to operate, meaning to do what we are designed to do. The more powerful problem is found when one measures what the likely negative cumulative effect will be in the future."

If the University administration now wanted to fill a vacancy, they must appeal to the State Office of Management and Budget. Tuchi said the length of the appeals process was uncertain.

"Who knows how long it will take?" he said. "In the case of a faculty member, a vice chancellor or a directorship, it may take some time. It will take a good deal of effort to get exceptions to

Massey said placing a permanent guard on the sculpture would be impractical.

"Part of the idea of public sculpture is that it is not under lock and key," he said. "That would not be public."

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