

Moratorium?

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A moratorium on the strike at UC Berkeley may soon be announced.

Manuel Delgado, a spokesman for the Third World Liberation Front, told BARB Wednesday that negotiations with Chancellor Heyns are now going on. TWLF conditions for calling a moratorium are being discussed.

Delgado indicated to BARB that Jolly Roger may soon agree to the key TWLF condition -- the immediate hiring of a chairman and four division heads of an interim Department of Ethnic Studies. The five people would essentially be chosen by Third World faculty and students.

If the five people were hired immediately by the University, Delgado explained, then the calling of a moratorium would not be a sellout of the strike demands. The TWLF policy would be to wait and see if the Administration were proceeding in good faith toward the creation of a Third World College in accord with the strike demands.

Delgado believes it would be

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The Central Committee of the TWLF proposed a plan to suspend strike activities at a Stiles Hall meeting Thursday night.

The understanding is that they can trade that for academic amnesty, which would prevent Third World students from being flunked out.

The suspension period would serve as a time to regroup forces for next quarter, and to see what Heyns will do about implementing Third World College demands.

Heyns is close to appointing the five men the strikers want to run the interim department of Ethnic Studies as advocated by the Academic Senate. Influential faculty members have pressured Heyns to do so.

At BARB press time (7 pm Thursday) it is not yet known if the meeting of Third World students will approve the Central Committee's proposed strike suspension. If the suspension is not approved then it is a good guess strikers' tactics will focus on next week's finals.

The AFT has voted to end its strike as of Friday morning.

better to have the five Third Worlders work out the details of the College with the University bureaucracy while a moratorium was on, than to have all those decisions being negotiated with Heyns by the strike leaders while the strike continued.

But if the beginning of an interim department of ethnic studies were merely a stalling tactic on the part of the Administration to break the strike, then the five people would tell the TWLF where it was at. Then the strike would resume more bitterly than before.

At BARB press time, however, it was not yet known whether the

negotiations would be successful enough to lead to a moratorium.

Delgado revealed that the main hangup in the negotiations was whether or not the "boundaries" for the chairman and division heads to work in were to be set up before or after their hiring.

The TWLF negotiations are demanding that the boundaries not be drawn up beforehand and "Heyns has always done things the other way."

If the negotiations fall through, then the dormant strike will almost certainly not revive itself until the beginning of next quarter, March 30.

Visible support for the strike decreased again this week. A combination of the oncoming finals, uncertainty over the strike's future and the TWLF's stop-go tactics have plucked the strike of its momentum.

Should it be necessary to continue the strike next quarter, however, it can be expected that the tactics will reflect a very determined, if not bitter, approach toward shutting the Motherfucker down.

Rain killed Wednesday's solidarity rally in Sproul plaza. Before the downpour began, Ron Delums, Berkeley city councilman, told the several hundred listeners of his "unequivocal" support for the strike.

Speaking to those who question the validity of non-negotiable demands, he said "Principles are never negotiable, discussable, debatable or compromisable."

After the downpour came, the rally continued in the YWCA but only about three hundred people could get in and many were turned away.

Monday and Tuesday were bum non-events for committed strikers as at times only several score

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instructing a political education class in the Girls Dormitory. The members of his class needed materials for poster paintings, so he went to the BSU office to get the paints. On the way he was stopped and questioned by two pigs. He explained who he was, showed his ID and was allowed to go on.

After his class he was stopped and questioned, and his pockets searched by the same two pigs. They sniffed suspiciously at the paint thinner fumes on his clothes, and refused to believe that it was from poster painting. The two cops took him down to the Hall of Justice and charged him with "Attempted Arson."

After he was first searched they had time to find out that he was Financial Director of the Third World Liberation Front and a member of the Central Committee of BSU. "It was simply a matter of being in the wrong place at the wrong time," Crutchfield said. "In other words, the right time for the pig."

He cited the incident as another instance of the harassment and suppression of the leadership of BSU-TWLF, "for the evidence is entirely circumstantial." The story in Wednesday's Examiner, headlined "Arsonist at State 'Rigs' Three Cars," appears to be strictly a police report of version.

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students manned the picket lines. The talked-about escalation never materialized.

Finals begin Monday and though there have been rumors of cool plans to disrupt the exams with the Man's favorite cannister, ye olde tear gas, nobody knows and few expect.

On Strike We'll Be Back, with an accent on the We'll Be Back.