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BERKELEY FREE SPEECH MOVEMENT: A CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

- Spring 1964 - Discriminatory hiring practices led to picketing of Cadillac and other auto companies. William Knowland's Oakland Tribune was also picketed.
- Sept. 14
(Mon.) - Dean of Students Katherine Tolle prohibits political tables except for informational services.
- Sept. 30
(Wed.) - Eight students suspended for setting up illegal tables, soliciting funds, and recruiting members. In sympathy, 500 people sign complicity petition.
- Oct. 1
(Thurs.) - Eighteen groups, including Y-Gops, Y-Dem's, C.O.R.E., S.N.C.C., W.E.B. Dubois Club, Youth for Goldwater, and S.L.A.T.E., set up tables in front of the Administration building. At noon, Dean and police try to arrest Jack Weinberg. During recess students surround police car and block its exit. The blockade lasted thirty-two hours-2,000-3000 people during the day, and four hundred at night.
- Oct. 2
(Fri.) - Sympathetic students come from other colleges. At five p.m., 900 policemen from several cities mass on campus.
- 6p.m. - Ad hoc student leaders begin negotiations. Administration demands that students cease "illegal demonstrations". Result of negotiations: 1. Present demonstration to ~~Stop~~ University to drop charges against Weinberg. 2. Weinberg released. 3. Negotiating study committee created. 4. Cases of eight students to be judged by Professor's Academic Committee (this was later denied by the Administration).
- Oct. 3, 4
(Weekend) - The creation of the Free Speech Movement of the University of California. Many new groups join the movement (three religious groups, representatives from independent student groups, and a graduate student co-ordinating committee).
- Oct 5
(Mon.) - Formation of study group-contains 10 Administration picked people and 2 F.S.M. people. Total rejection by F.S.M.
-Administration betrays Article 4 of Oct. 2 Pact. Judges eight students by an administrative rather than a faculty committee. Students refuse to appear. American Civil Liberties Union take the case.
- Oct. 12
(Mon.) Study group reorganized (four administrators, four faculty, elected representatives, 2 non-F.S.M. student leaders, 4 F.S.M. student leaders). This change was a result of F.S.M. threatened protest and an open hearing at which students and faculty urged change in study group.
- Next five weeks - Committee proceeded very slowly. Meanwhile, F.S.M. calls a moratorium on political activities to await committee report.
- Nov. 7
(Sat.) - At the final session of study group, Dean Kidner proposes: Groups can advocate "lawful" demonstration in terms of state law (this would prohibit picketing like that of Spring 1964) This plan was rejected.

- Nov. 9
(Mon.) Demonstrations resumed; dozens of tables in front of Sproul Hall; 75 students served notice by Deans that tables were illegal. 832 sign petition of complicity.
- Nov. 10
(Tues.) 22/ Teaching Assistants join student group in front of Sproul Hall.
- Nov. 20
(Fri.) Regents meeting: (1) rejected moderate faculty committee (Heymen rpt.) on 8 students' penalties; (2) Mario Savio and A. Goldberg suspended for 6 weeks and put on probation for remainder of semester; (3) 6 other students suspended for 6 wks; (4) only "lawful" actions could be advocated- thus civil rights action in Bay Area was prevented; (5) punishments based on Sept. 30 crimes (which were supposedly final punishment for all crimes.) *And no further punishment!*
- Thanksgiv-
-ing In violation of Regents' meeting, students ordered to appear for
Nov. 26-29 further punishment. This bad faith by administration resulted in demonstrations at which students protest unfair treatment.
- Nov. 30
(Mon.) FSM drafts program: (1) charges against 4 students be dropped, no new charges to be levied, charges to be dropped against 6 organ. (2) full political freedom; (3) all schools' regulations should maximize political freedom but prevent interference with school operations. FSM threatens that if demands are not met demonstrations will be resumed.
- Dec. 2
(Wed) Sit-In Planned. Student efforts to meet with officials blocked. (Admin. refuses to meet with students) 1500 Students Sit-In at Sproul Hall 3000 watch outside with several hundred faculty. Faculty also observed later arrests. In the evening, 800 were still inside. Teaching assistants conduct informal classes and lectures; food brought in by rope. 1st floor used for singing and religious services; 2nd floor was used for movies and singing; the 3rd floor was used for classes and the 4th for a study area.
- 3am Chancellor Strong orders students to leave. Police arrest students on (1) trespassing (2) resisting arrest (3) disorderly conduct (4) disturbing the peace (5) unlawful assembly (6) refusing to disperse. In all, 814 people were arrested. Female and male students were beaten with clubs, thrown down stairs and kicked by police despite the fact that there were no attempts to resist police. Over 800 were treated this way. Girls had obscenities hurled at them and were threatened with rape by police. Groups divided and sent to outlying jails and prison farms.
- A typical example: 55 girls were kept in a 15' by 15' room with one toilet, no beds and no blankets. Police refused to turn on fan or give food for 5-8 hours. Arbitrary solitary confinement for students who did not give nationalities or religion. Police did not give any medical attention and refused to allow students to call anyone. 15 others were locked in a narrow cage in which they could not lie down for over an hour and a half. Everyone held for about 25 hours.
- Dec. 2,3
(Wed, Thurs) About 200 faculty members had watched arrests. Some went to Santa Rita prison Farm immediately. Emergency meetings held of all Departments which culminated in meeting of 1000 faculty.

- Results: (1) demand that University drop charges against students; (2) raised
of \$8000 in bail; (3) many went to Santa Rita to drive students back
Faculty meet to campus- the faculty cars formed a procession 2 miles long out-
side of prison gates (4) demanded that bail be lowered and threatened
that if charges were not dropped against students, bail lowered and
students not released immediately, the faculty would Sit-In at
Sproul Hall.
- Dec. 3,4 General boycott and confusion. Many professors announced they would
(Thurs., not teach the following day. Example: Professor Leon Litwack,
Friday) visiting professor of History from the Univ. of Wisconsin, told 1000
students in lecture hall and closed circuit T.V.: "I cannot lecture
about the American rebels of the past, without taking my place among
the rebels of today. I am joining the strike." On Friday, the
strike- as estimated by the Public Relations Dept. of the Univ.-
was 85 % effective.
- Dec. 7 Strike 82% effective.
(mon.)
- Dec. 5,6 People rested and there was an organized general strike. Chairmen
Wkend of departments meet with Prof. Scalapino head. Result: no concessio
to FSM platform, except there would be no disciplinary action until
Dec. 8. It did not guarantee that civil courts would not prosecute.
Meanwhile, an open committee of 200 professors met under chairmanship
of Profs. Searle and Leggett and proposed that the basic FSM program
be accepted. The strike continued on Monday.
- Dec. 7 As a result of Chairmens' meeting convocation called for in open-air
(Monday) Greek Theatre. 17000 people attended. Prof. Scalapino chaired
11 am meeting and spoke followed by President Clark Kerr. Both indicated
that no further disciplinary action would be taken against any
students for participation in "all Fall demonstrations." They did
not, however, give any indication that amnesty would be granted the
814 arrested in Sproul Hall. Further, they granted no substantive
changes in University regulations concerning political freedom. They
condemned the FSM demonstrations and called for an end to illegal
forms of protest.
- Mario Savio was denied permission to speak by Pres. Kerr and Prof.
Scalapino without consent of the other members of the Chairmens(
committee. Savio attempted to speak after the meeting had been
adjourned, but he was dragged by 3 policemen away from the microphone.
He was finally permitted to speak. Result:
- 12 noon (1) 15000 students at Sproul heard several Dept. Chairmen repudiate Kerr,
Scalapino policy. (2) FSM leaders called for continuation of strike
until midnight. (3) FSM leaders plead that faculty support full
political freedom. Strike continued. 82 % effective.

Dec. 8 Faculty Academic Senate Meeting. Result: voted 824 to 115 in favor
(Tues) of supporting FSM. (1) content of speech not to be regulated; (2)
disciplinary action against students in areas of political freedom to
be determined by faculty; (3) regulations to permit and encourage
free expression without hindering University activity; (4) no
punishment for all past activity.

General celebration at faculty and students. Students and faculty
united.

Dec. 17, 18
Thurs, Fri. Regents will meet. Kerr to present Faculty Academic Senate Proposal
as well as Kerr- Scalapini proposal. Results unknown.

FUNDS NEEDED FOR DEFENSE OF 800

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The WSA Student Senate has passed a resolution supporting Berkeley FSM objectives