

# U. of C. Rebels Leave Building After 15th Day

## Students Depart Singing, Hold Final Rally

### LEVI COMMENTS

U. of C. President Levi issued his first statement on sit-in. Text on page 2.

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Students who seized the University of Chicago administration building Jan. 30 marched out of the building at 3:15 p. m. yesterday, singing "Solidarity Forever" as they gathered on the front steps for a final rally.

Their departure came after 15 days, 3 hours, and 15 min-

### END OF THE SIT-IN

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utes of occupying the building in a futile attempt to force the university to rehire a faculty member and make other concessions to students.

Before they marched out singing the workers' song, the students sang a song in Italian in the lobby of the administration building. The principal words to the song, said a student, were "Forward you people, Raise the red banner."

### Surrender Is Delayed

The surrender of the building originally had been set for noon by the students, who in a five-hour night meeting voted to end the sit-in. The withdrawal was delayed, however, and university officials made no attempt to enter the building while the students were there.

"It's all over for now," the students said in a mimeographed statement announcing the rally to spell out their unmet demands. The statement announced student meetings at 3 p. m. Saturday and Sunday.

### They Plan Defense

"We will appear in Mandel hall for a collective defense of our actions next Wednesday," the statement said.

Edward H. Levi, U. of C. president, upon being informed that the sit-in was coming to an end, issued his first public statement since the building was taken over 15 days earlier.

"The university has sought . . . to exemplify the values for which it stands," Levi said. "In a world of considerable violence, and one in which violence begets violence, it has emphasized the persuasive power of ideas.

### Calls Response "Unique"

"It has sought — and the unique response of faculty and students has made this possible — to handle its own affairs in a way consistent with its ideals."

Levi had refused to call in police to eject the demonstrators from the administration building at 5801 Ellis av. at any time while students were in control. University security guards remained in the building throughout.

Levi hinted, however, at dif-

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# SIT-IN DRAGS TO A DELAYED END AT U. OF C.

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facilities in the future arising from the decision not to employ force to regain control of the building and at consequences to the university, which "will be disappointing to many."

"We must make the best of them," Levi said.

### He Meets With Aids

Levi met with top officials of the university at 8 a. m. in the center for continuing education, which he had made his headquarters after the student seizure of the administration building.

Even before the building was cleared of sit-in students, the university disciplinary committee resumed hearings on possible suspension of some of the demonstrators.

The committee has suspended 82 students since the sit-in began and issued summonses to another 50 to appear before the committee for taking part in a disruptive act. Six suspended students who had been notified by university officials to vacate university dormitories by noon yesterday made no attempt to get out. An official said the university, in such cases, has never made any attempt at forcible eviction.

### Clean-Up Is cursory

The administration building received a token clean-up from the students. However, they left office furniture stacked in an elevator. Desks, file cases, and other equipment barricaded two elevators and entrances to the building. Obscene words written on walls, both inside and outside the building, remained as evidence of the sit-in.

The seizure of the building was aimed at forcing the university to rehire Mrs. Marlene Dixon, 32, a leftist assistant professor of sociology whose three-year appointment ends next Sept. 30.

A faculty committee had been appointed and was reviewing the decision when the sit-in began. The committee reported on Wednesday that it recommended Mrs. Dixon be given a one-year terminal extension in the committee on human development, which like the sociology department is a part of the social studies division at the U. of C.

### Extension Is Declined

Mrs. Dixon, however, did not accept the extension, taking the steam out of the original goal of the sit-in.

Altho students in the building Thursday night and Friday morning voted on various demands they would continue to propose, there was no agreement on the specific demands. It appeared they had dropped demands for amnesty and for an equal student voice in the hiring and firing of faculty members. However, they said they would continue to demand recruiting of more students from working class families and minority groups, a day care center for children of faculty, students, and staff workers, and an end to demolition of old buildings in the Woodlawn community.

Mrs. Dixon appeared before the sit-in students in the administration building shortly before midnight of their last night there.

### "Changes Will Be Slow"

"No matter what they do to me, their damn university isn't ever going to be the same," she told the students. "Changes here will be slow and will not come overnight.

"The irony is that I understand the sociology department is now scouring the country for a woman teacher and a radical. Dig it, dig it.

"You have given me a gift. When they sacked me, I said '\_\_\_\_\_.' I feel liberated. Now I am a radical and I can't go back to what I was before. You have set me free.

"The university's reputation as a liberal school is destroyed forever. The myth of this university is dead. But none of you have to hang your heads when Columbia or San Francisco State are mentioned. You have set a record. And you liberated me, a slave of the 'establishment,' and I love you all very much."