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Antiwar Speakers Attract About 500

'Quiet' Rally Held at MSU

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It may have been "fall fever" brought on by the sunny, beautiful day, but the latest antiwar rally at Michigan State University Friday afternoon was rather quiet.

The rousing rhetoric and bitter barbs of last spring's demonstrations and rallies were replaced by speakers who talked in even tones and avoided four-letter shock words.

About 100 sat on the still rain-wet grass near Beaumont Tower, while 300 to 400 stood in a loosely gathered c r o w d. Some spectators stopped on their way through campus, listened a while, then wandered on.

Loudest sound came from

the Beaumont Tower's chimes.

Speaking for the organizers of the rally, the Student Mobilization Committee (SMC), Philip A. Heald, a Watertown, Mass., senior, urged all likeminded people in the Lansing area to join in a massive antiwar demonstration today in Detroit.

Aims of the SMC, Heald said, were to end the war in Viet-

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nam now, to campaign for "our fundamental civil liberties," to help high school students organize and to get warrelated research and ROTC off campus, as well as to help UAW workers strike for a living wage.

Telling the crowd that it was

necessary to show the workers that the war is relevant to them was Milton Tamber, president of Local 1640, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employes of Detroit, which has more than 500,000 members.

ALLIANCE

Tamber urged "a student-labor alliance" and said "you have to keep talking to the people again and again."

Richard P. Oleksa, MSU assistant professor of business law and office administration and a lawyer, said that he is one of a group of attorneys which is preparing a defense for the 40 persons arrested in the wake of the Kent (Ohio) State University killings last May 4.

"We have resources and are ready to move," he said.

Oleksa, who was also the initial defense lawyer for 132 young people arrested in the MSU Union Building last May 19 for staying beyond closing hours, said he was unable to find out from Ingham County Prosecutor Raymond L. Scodeller "what is going on with the MSU 132."

He said Scodeller wouldn't talk to him by telephone, and he couldn't find out the status of the defendants' cases.

TRESPASS TRIAL

(Eight of the 132 were acquitted Oct. 2 after a three-day trespass trial before a four-person jury and since then Scodeller has not announced if he will prosecute the remaining 124.)

Alan Shelly, MSU instructor in economics, said the UAW workers' strike had become a struggle to maintain living standards, and that a turn to the right presently in some segments of society is "also a revolt against the war, although they may not realize it."

George Bouse, Social Workers Party candidate for governor of Michigan, said that President Nixon's five-point peace proposal was just another way of undercutting the rights of the Vietnamese to determine their own destiny.

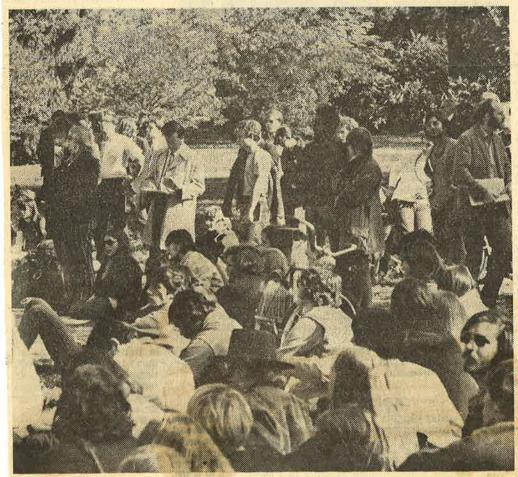
Demonstrations will be held in more than 43 U.S. cities Saturday, Bouse said, and complained about the lack of publicity by all the news media.

'MUST REACH OUT'

Cecil Lampkin, black SMC leader from Detroit, said they must reach out to GIs, laborers, blacks, Chicanos, and other world minorities.

A young woman member for the Student for a Democratic Society said that SDS was demanding the U.S. get out of Vietnam, that "troops" get out of the ghettos, that suppression of women workers be stopped and that there would be no negotiating.

Music before and after the talks was by The Street Corner Society — adorned with white paint on their faces and peace symbols—who also presented a spoof of President Nixon and Vice President Agnew.



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Students Gather at Beaumont Tower for Antiwar Rally