

'Hard Hats' Hit Campus; Guard Standby Asked

Gov. Richard B. Ogilvie was asked Tuesday noon to place National Guard troops on standby for possible duty at Illinois State University.

The request was made after threats against ISU by an estimated 400 to 500 Twin City construction workers.

No troops actually had been called to their armories or committed to the ISU campus at 12:30 p.m.

The request was made by Gordon Millar, chairman of the board of regents, governing body for ISU.

As the request was being made for Guard help, 21 ISU cars and trucks were stationed in a protective circle around the main campus flagpole.

The flag there flew at half-staff, ordered lowered for the birthday of Malcolm X, slain black leader.

Inside the circle were 44 ISU security officers and sheriff's deputies.

Troopers Called

About 40 troopers from three state police districts, called to Normal by ISU officials, were inside Cook Hall near the flagpole.

President Samuel E. Braden in a speech before noon to about 2,500, mostly ISU students, read the state's criminal trespass act.

He said that anyone who entered the circle would be arrested.

The "hard hat" workers were reported gathering at various spots in Bloomington-Normal and had made no attempt to move en masse to ISU.

But Moss Carver, secretary of the laborers' local, said at 12:30 that his men would honor a request by Normal Mayor Charles Baugh not to enter the police circle.

Called Millar

Mayor Baugh contacted Mr. Millar at Waterloo, Iowa.

The mayor asked Millar to order Braden to raise campus flags.

In a return call to the mayor, Millar informed Mayor Baugh of his request to the governor and said he was unable to con-



Braden Faces Workers

President Braden (back to camera at right) asked construction workers to leave ISU after flags were raised. Later the workers were reported massing at

different places off-campus. However, a spokesman said at noon they would not violate security perimeter established at central flagpole. (Pantagraph Photos)

tact President Braden up to that time, about 12:30.

Mayor Baugh originally got into the act about 9:30 after a handful of construction workers raised the quadrangle flag for the second time.

Situation 'Tense'

Mayor Baugh fired off a telegram to Governor Ogilvie and also contacted State Sen.

William C. Harris, R-Pontiac.

The mayor urged the governor to order President Braden to raise campus flags immediately to relieve "a tense situation."

Baugh contended that the flag "should not be lowered and raised at the whim of black or white groups."

Mayor Baugh also contacted State Sen. Bryan Wohlen, aide to

Governor Ogilvie, told Baugh that the governor could not order President Braden to raise the flag.

He said only ISU's board of regents could do that.

The mayor said he would request Guardsmen if the governor's office didn't do something about the situation "immediately."

Before calling Millar, the mayor went to President Braden's office with City Manager David Anderson and Police Chief Richard McGuire.

Baugh informed Braden that he (Braden) "would have the full support of the community if he raised the flag."

The ISU president told the mayor that would not raise the flag, that he had called for state police and that he wanted Normal police to "give primary support" to university enforcement of the criminal trespass code.

"We're not going to support the flag at half-staff," the mayor declared.

'Off the Hook'

"We hoped the governor would get you off the hook," Baugh said. "If you don't raise the flag, I'm going to call the governor and ask for the National Guard to be called in."

"I hope it won't come to that," Braden said.

"I've got to read the criminal trespass act to them as I said I would. If we can't carry it out, we can't," Braden said.

Later, the mayor called Millar, explained the situation and urged Millar to instruct Braden to raise the flag.

"We can handle minority elements far better than the labor element," the mayor told Mr. Millar.