The crowd of over two thousand students attended a rally yesterday that started off in the defense of two Iranian students and ended up in a rap session that lasted most of the day. Photo by Ron Buzard

On the left is Bill Ouage, a member of the Berkeley chapter of the SDS, facing him is Jamshid Shehabi, a spokesman for the two recently arrested Iranian students. One of those arrested, Mohammed Fals-Sianavi, is seen behind Ouage. Photos by Frank Aldoretto

Even some ROTC members were signing petitions at yesterday's rally. Photo by Mickey Hicks

A meeting of about 300 students was held in the Beef Pavilion the night before the rally. See story on page three. Photo by Richard Grossmann

At the end of the Iranian rally some Aggies wanted to express their views so they formed a group and sang one of their favorite songs. Photo by Mickey Hicks
by PAUL TOKUNAGA
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A crowd of over two thousand students cheered and jeered at a rally held yesterday in defense of two Iranian students who were arrested during Poly Royal.

The 11 a.m. rally, held in front of the library lawn, was an effort by the Iranian Students to garner sympathy for Behdad Alizadi and Mohammed Faisal Sianavi as well an attempt to voice their disenchantment with the crisis in Southeast Asia.

Farrokh Shehabl, an important cog in the Iranian machinery, described the rally as a gathering of "all international friends." He spoke of a need for "solidarity for our Iranian brothers."

We want a hearing as soon as possible—before school gets out," said Shehabl. "We also want a public hearing."

Shehabl also demanded the final release of his "brothers!" "We want all charges against the Iranian students be dropped and we want a public hearing in a larger place."

Shehabl remarked about imperialism in the world, but he emphasized that most of it was centered around the United States. "We have been exploited by imperialism—mainly US imperialism. We cannot stop fighting against imperialism."

Imperialism wants to control the entire economy of this country. He related this imperialism to our situation overseas: The problem right now exists in Vietnam and this is the same form of imperialism found in World War II.

Roger Jones of the Black Student Union, also attributed "this sickness of the world" to imperialism.

He also commented on the actions taken by college president, Robert Kennedy. "We shouldn't be bought off by the president of this school who says there is nothing wrong here. If there was nothing wrong, there wouldn't have been roadblocks."

Jones referred to Governor Reagan's move as "fascism," as well as the actions that have been taken against Black Panther leader Bobby Seal.

Another SBU representative, Darryl Bandy, spoke of fascism, and made an appeal "to the people out there to come together to join forces against this fascism."

Bandy also spoke of the revolution that has been rapidly spreading across the colleges and universities of the nation. "The revolution is within us, individually. Does the revolution have to get you arrested to let you know it is here?" He spoke of the revolution being "here at Cal Poly."

Bandy described the literature passed out by Kennedy as an attempt "to protect himself." He referred to actions taken by Kennedy as moves "so he can keep his job."

Bandy also proposed a liberation front as a move to "confront pigs." "If you don't know what pigs are by now you should."

He believes that the "only way to attain liberty is through the unity of the people."

Students For New Action Politics (SNAP) representative Rue Malcolm, advocated a united front with power to the women of the country. She spoke of "women's oppression," and being used as "sex tools.

"Women are put on pedestals and are used for sexual fulfillment." She referred to this as another side of "male chauvinism."

Miss Malcolm sounded a plea to the women: "Women, don't let your body do your work for you."

She asked for total support from all students. "A student strike shows we are not going to propagate imperialism in this country. Let them know that this is power by the people—for the people."

Raymond DeGroot, also from SNAP, joined Rue Malcolm in an effort to unite the people: "We got to stand together against this kind of bullshit. Nixon wants us divided. He can't say he's working for peace with all this bullshit going on. We don't want any more war."

When an unidentified student yelled, "We want our education," DeGroot quickly retorted, "We are too goddamn busy getting an education to be a picnic, but we can do it."

Bill Ouaas, a member from the Berkeley chapter of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), spoke of his organisation and the stand they take with violence. "A lot of people associate SDS with violence. I'm not going to hide it—we're not against violence."

He added, "If we want to change the world, it's not going to be a picnic, we can do it.

Power to the people—smash imperialism."

All Torahist of the Iranian Student Association of Northwestern California (Berkeley) declared, "If you want to free a man in Southeast Asia, you don't need a man with a gun because he's going to go to another man with a gun."

He also advocated the releasing of the Iranian students and the dropping of all charges.

Following the end of the rally, which was quickly adjourned by Iranian students at twelve noon, there was a brief confrontation between the Iranians and a small number of students from the Agricultural Science department. The small hassle concerned disenchantment from the Aggies, who wanted to be given equal opportunity to voice their opinions.

The Aggies were later found grouped on an edge of the lawn, singing along to the tune, "The Oaktie From Muskogee."

A.S.I. Vice-President Dick Barrett, who interviewed about the rally, "I feel this freedom of speech was not exercised by the Iranian students. They didn't bring out a lot of the facts and they didn't talk on the outside. I heard they were saying they want a democratic process, but they are demonstrating actions contrary to that. It was unfair not to have speakers from both sides—those able to function this manner at Berkeley and at Stanford—and they should let them operate in the same fashion here."

Following the rally, a report session involving a few members developed into a large group of people exchanging ideas about what actions they should take.

There were more than 350 students present when Raymond Haight, instructor in the Political Science department, and a candidate for the Governor of California, was introduced.

He emphasized the point of "working together." He stated, "I'm not going to give you any leadership—I'm going to be with you. He was accorded a standing ovation from the crowd.

Haight read from a newspaper, an article about his alma mater, UCB, and added this, "I challenge you to this today. The UC just recently passed action to give the students the flexibility of choosing their own alternatives in regard to their education. They are: attend classes as usual, withdraw and take an incomplete for the semester; or do community work for credit."

Many views were exchanged at the gathering, and an 11 a.m. rally was proposed for today in front of the library lawn.

An unidentified student challenged the students with this: "Tomorrow we do our own."

This incited an argument that became heated.

"It's the same form of Imperialism. Let's come together—educate our classes and tell your instructors I'm going to the rally, and split. Right on!"

The crowd chorused, "Right on!"

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Aggies plan their strategy

By RICHARD BOCCHETTI
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A group of approximately 300 students met Monday night in the Student Pavilion in what was apparently an attempt to set up security defenses in case violence became an end result of the Iranian student rally.

The meeting, which was allegedly headed by Paul Banke, Pete Vandeneynde and Dave Kresge, was held so different groups could be assigned to meet the different areas of the campus. Along with the assignments, warnings were given over and over again for this stated that violence was not the people who set up the rally wanted.

The meeting apparently was held without the knowledge of President Kennedy or the Administration.

Kennedy stated: "I do know a number of students contacted me about the 11 p.m. rally and about the posters (announcing the speakers at the rally) put out. Students came to me and wondered more about since it was brought up. The meeting was on such a short notice that people were cold. Up until today (Tuesday) no one knew what was going on."

Kennedy also said that at 9 p.m. the organizers, who had contacted people earlier to be group leaders, met with these people to discuss their plans. "From the looks of things they were mostly club leaders."

Kresge was called for everyone to keep their cool and not to get involved in any violence.

Kresge called later, "The leaders of the gathering met with me at 7:30 that night and asked me to speak. The meeting was on such a short notice that people were cold. Up until today (Tuesday) no one knew what was going on."

Kennedy was asked if he was going to strengthen security on campus replied, "I have done what I would normally do if I anticipated a large group of people on campus who could get carried away. But, I did not call any police in. I'm trying to do it the way the students wanted it."

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The Mustangs will present itself with a severely weakened tennis team at the CCAA individual tennis championships in Pomona next weekend.

Greg Piers, in the no. five spot for the netters, can not be present for the event because of mononucleosis. Piers has sparked all season, earning a cumulative total of 394.

This will mean that the Mustangs will be crippled not only in the singles but the doubles also, since Piers and doubles teammate Joe McGahan had compiled a 7-4 record in league competition.

The Mustangs who won the CCAA championship with an undefeated 8-0 record, were favored to take trophies at almost every position.

The doubles teams were especially strong, with Paul Summers and John Rose sporting an 8-0 league tally, and Larry Morea and Burt Easley earning a 1-0-4 league total.

Heading the list in the singles is Joe McGahan, no. three man, has a 7-1 league total. Burt Easley, no. four man, also has a 7-1 record dropping his sole match to U.C. Riverside's Jerry Carlos in late April. Junior Paul Summers, no. 6 man earned a 6-3 league record in his first year for the Mustangs.

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San Luis Obispo's Babe Ruth Baseball League has the opportunity to raise needed funds for equipment and uniforms this Saturday, May 18.

Mel Hall, owner of Ed's Take Out at the corner of Monterey Street and California Boulevard, has offered to donate all proceeds on that day to the league, according to Harry Henderson, Babe Ruth League president.

Henderson and other members of the board of directors have expressed their hope that hungry baseball fans will make the opening day of the season a success by eating at Ed's. The first game of the season will take place on May 18.

Banners, pay phone, window, linoleum and carpet.