Students Plan To Lay Protest Before Chancellor

1,000 From Morehead
May Go To Capital

Today; Ousted Dean
Raps 'Dirty Politics'

MOREHEAD, Ky., May 24 (AP)—Students leaders today made plans to stage a demonstration before members of the student body of Morehead State Teachers College to protest the actions of President Harold P. Nickell and the dismissal of Dean of Men Charles A. Babb.

The students, assembled in morning convocation, heard a heated debate over the actions of President Babb and the dean, at which Nickell charged Babb with failure to keep up with the times.

When the convocation was opened President Babb announced that the meeting was being held because there might be some misunderstanding about his announcement that he was "unwilling to do so" because the students had not returned to their classes.

Then he said: "You are dismissed."

Immediately James Stuart of Greenup county, who said he was elected president last Tuesday, took the rostrum and shouted:

"We are not dismissed. All those who want to remain stay.

Ousted Dean Speaks

"It had been charged that I am seeking to get rid of the President Babb's job. If this had been true I could have had his job long before the governor ordered the resignations of all heads of state institutions.

"It has been said that there is no change to be made at Morehead because it would hurt the college. This is a complete and through a crisis. President Babb is here today because I spoke for him on that occasion.

Ostracism Attempted

"President Babb has attempted to ostracize the students and has suspended faculty members and employees, not to speak of the students. It has come to tears."

A small group headed by the president got together two years ago and fought to save the school. "I have never been for his job and I am not going to allow them to get rid of me."

The dean was challenged to an interview by President Babb and members of the faculty and student body, but announced that he would not appear before the governor.

Rhett's announced plans for riding transportation for "up to 1,000" of the student body to the state capital.

President Babb, asking the students to remain "as you are," said the protest would be observed.

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Students Will Make Protest

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both sides of the controversy," followed Dean Nickell on the rostrum and related, the accomplishments and developments at the school since he assumed the presidency.

"When I became president of Morehead in November, 1936, there were 550 members of the student body; this year there are 1,055," he said.

Babb Charges Falsehood

"Nickell’s statement he could have had the presidency in 1936 is a falsehood. At that time I held a four-year contract given me before Governor Chandler came into office.

"My predecessor, Dr. John Howard Payne, was broken in health and spirit because he had been brow-beaten and chagrined by the same group that now is trying to undermine me.

"Dr. Payne told me when I came to Morehead as president that Nickell had been forced down his throat by Senator A. W. Young (founder of the college, now dead)." Dr. Payne told me he protested to the senator but the latter said that Nickell ‘has just been elected to the state senate and we will have to give him a job in order to control him.

"I have tried to get along with Mr. Nickell. I have raised his salary from $2,100 to $3,600 a year and never have contributed personally $100 to his unsuccessful campaign for Congress when he ran against Virgil Chapman.’

In Cahoots’ With Editor

President Babb said Nickell was ‘in cahoots’ with Jack Wilson. Wilson, editor of the Rowan County News, was beaten several months ago by two sons of President Babb after he (Wilson) had published one of a series of editorials attacking the Babb administration of college affairs. The boys and a companion paid fines of $5 each and costs.

"Nickell, Wilson and others have been after my job with attempts to undermine me with falsehoods,” the president charged.

"They went behind my back when I was in New Orleans two years ago to have Judge W. A. Caskey of West Liberty put on the board of regents. They succeeded but Judge Caskey turned out to be honest and voted as his conscience dictated and they could not control him as they thought they could.”

Dr. Babb concluded by saying that he was ready to discuss the situation with any recognized group representing the students.

CHANDLER SAYS HE WILL WELCOME STUDENTS

FRANKFORT, Ky., May 24 (UP)— "Never step into a fast ball; it’ll come to you anyway," Gov. A. B. Chandler said today when advised that a group of Morehead College students, aroused over the letting out of their dean of men, would "march on Frankfort."

"I’ll be glad to see them, of course," Chandler added, laughing at his baseball phrase, "but until then I have nothing to say."

Dissension between President H. A. Babb and Dean Clarence E. Nickell of Morehead came to a head Monday when the college board of regents followed Babb’s recommendations and failed to re-elect Nickell and several others.

Babb was re-elected by the regents last winter for a term ending in July, 1940, and Harry W. Peters, state superintendent of public education and ex-officio chairman of the Morehead regents, said “the board simply decided to let Babb run the college, as long as he was its president. At least that’s my idea of what happened.”

Chandler gave no indication of whether he would interfere to have Nickell re-elected, which would require another board meeting. Nickell was understood to be favored by the governor. Under the ouster act Chandler could replace enough board members to carry out his will, but Superintendent Peters, who as ex-officio chairman would have to call the board meeting, indicated he favored letting the matter alone. He and Chandler have differed on many policy matters before.

Honor Marion Miley Today

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cance, and which have landed her a place on the United States Curtis Cup team.

The entire program of the Optimist Club today will be devoted to Miss Miley. Mayor Wilson will be a speaker, as will Neville Dunn, sports editor of The Herald. The latter will recount briefly Miss Miley’s achievements in tournament play against the best women players the nation has produced. The program will also include a number of songs by the members of the Margie Alvin Chorus.