

# Peace Vigil Start Ready

## 14 Grinnell Students Oppose A-Testing

Washington (AP)—Fourteen Iowa college students began a 72-hour vigil for peace in front of the White House Thursday. They plan to take no solid nourishment, only water, during the period.

The 18-21-year-old group includes both male students and co-eds from Grinnell College.

Nine states are represented in the group, which plans to walk back and forth in front of the White House carrying placards.

Their aim?

"... We oppose atmospheric nuclear testing because of the dangers of radioactive fall-out and because of its acceleration of the arms race," the students' statement said.

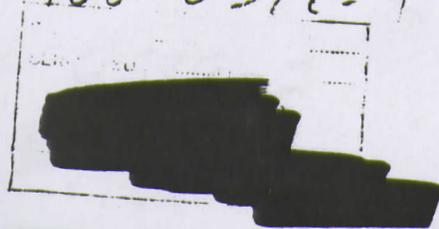
"We condemn Russia for their (sic) test series and we support the President's reluctance to resume testing. We urge Russia and the United States to reach an agreement which will prevent further atmospheric testing as a move to reduce international tensions..."

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# New Pickets Join Protest

## Grinnell Group Ends White House Fast

Washington (UPI) — About 150 collegians marched in front of the White House Sunday in a continuing protest against nuclear tests.

Groups from Syracuse and Cornell Universities joined the demonstration, now in its fourth day. The new arrivals gathered at the Pentagon Sunday morning.

Fourteen students and one alumnus from Grinnell College in Iowa ended their three-day "fast for peace" Saturday night. Other students from Bluffton College, O., continued to go without food.

Nine young men and women, who said they represented "Young Americans for Freedom," picketed the fasters.

As they joined the anti-test demonstrators, the Cornell and Syracuse students carried signs reading: "No atmospheric testing," "Don't mimic the Russians," "Fall-out kills people."

The Bluffton group has an appointment Monday at the Soviet Embassy. The Grinnell students went there last week.

The Grinnell students ate nothing and drank only water during their 72-hour fast. They said they were weary but in good condition at the end.

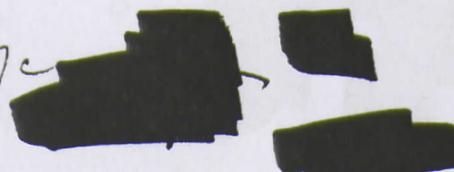
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A group of Grinnell College students Thursday started a three-day vigil for peace outside the White House in Washington, D. C. The students said they plan to take no solid nourishment during the capital vigil.

## Vigil Begun By Grinnell Students

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Fourteen Grinnell College students who are "fasting for peace" here expect to talk with Russian officials at the Soviet embassy Friday morning.

Michael Horwatt, spokesman for the group, said an appointment had been obtained from the embassy for 11 a. m. Friday.

Thursday afternoon, the group was to be received at the White House by Mark Raskin, aide to Presidential Assistant McGeorge Bundy.

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### Begin Fast

Horwatt said the students began fasting at 7:30 a. m. Thursday and will continue until 12:01 a. m. Sunday.

From 7:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. Thursday and from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Friday, the group was to stage a continuous walk around the White House, carrying two placards.

Each person was being given a 15-minute rest period during each hour, he said.

### Walk in Rain

The students walked Thursday in a light drizzle of rain. He said the group had drawn attention of several "authorities" in government who seemed favorably impressed.

Particular commendation came from a group of South Americans, he said, who told them:

"The whole southern hemisphere wants peace."

The 14 students are staying at Gauntt Student House, a private student residence.

### Arms Race

The Grinnellians initiated their trip to Washington as a protest against possible resumption of atmospheric testing of nuclear weapons by the United States.

They have since expanded their statement of purpose to include their "concern about the danger of a nuclear arms race and to show our willingness to work for peace."

### Other Colleges

Distribution to other colleges of a resolution endorsed by the Grinnell College student senate, and of the demonstrators' statement of purpose has resulted in groups from two other colleges going to Washington.

Fifteen students from Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio, were to leave there at 7 a. m. Friday, probably arriving in Washington Friday night.

### Carleton Group

Another group of 13 to 20 students was to leave Carleton College, Northfield, Minn., Saturday morning.

Horwatt said these groups probably would take up the White House vigil next week, after the Grinnell group had completed its stint.

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### At Grinnell

GRINNELL, IA. — Phillip Brown, campus leader for a "sympathy fast" to be conducted here Thursday night, said 160 students and faculty members had signed up by Thursday morning to participate in the fast.

The campus group will fast from after lunch until midnight. Instead of eating dinner at 6:30 p. m., they will attend a program in the chapel, at which brief speeches will be given by representatives from men's and women's residence halls, and a 10-minute period of silence will be observed.

## Fast Pickets Are Picketed

### Rivals Say 'Better Fed Than Red'

Washington (UPI)—Collegians "fasting for peace" to protest atmospheric nuclear tests paraded in front of the White House for the third day Saturday while rival pickets marched near by, munching fried chicken.

The weather, brisk but sunny, was fine for picketing and the White House sidewalk was jammed with placard-carrying marchers.

Fourteen youngsters from Grinnell College, Ia., and one alumnus concluded the final 12 hours of a three-day fast, unbroken by coffee and orange juice which the White House offered Friday night at President Kennedy's own behest.

#### New Group

Their ranks were increased by 14 students from Bluffton College, O., beginning a three-day hunger march, and two New York City co-eds. A new contingent was expected from Cornell University Sunday.

The Iowa students launched their "fast for peace" to dramatize their denunciation of Russia's resumption of above-ground nuclear tests and their hope the United States won't resume them.

Picketing 50 or so yards from them was a group which said it represented "Young Americans for Freedom," their signs included "Plan Ahead—Remember Pearl Harbor," and "Better Fed Than Red."

#### Good Condition

These nine young men and women, relieved by some others later, nibbled fried chicken and sipped hot coffee during their picketing.

The Iowa students, who ate nothing and drank only water in their 72-hour "peace vigil," said they were in good condition, though weary. And they said that of course they had lost weight.

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### Iowa Students in Peace Vigil at White House

A group of students from Grinnell College in Iowa, making a 72-hour "fasting for peace" vigil at the White House, planned to go to the Russian Embassy Friday to protest that coun-

try's resumption of atmospheric nuclear testing. "There is no excuse for it," said Michael Horwath, 20, spokesman for the 14 Grinnell students. He

added the Grinnell demonstration will be repeated by groups from Bluffton (O.) College and from Carleton College, Northfield, Minn.

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