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BERKELEY, Calif., May 18— Several persons were injured today during the fourth day of disturbances over Berkeley's so-called People's Park.

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At least six persons were arrested by policemen, sheriff's deputies and National Guardsmen.

A march around the University of California campus by a crowd estimated at 4,000 broke up when the protesters met a solid wall of armed officers in the campus fraternity district. About 100 hard-core demonstrators who stayed behind were swept from the street by deputies and soldiers.

It was then that the injuries, none of them serious, occurred. At least four youths were hurt when they were struck by clubs wielded by Alameda County deputies.

The authorities braced for possible new trouble tomorrow, when a noon rally is planned on the campus.

Today, a planned afternoon vigil—to protest the wounding of several demonstrators last Thursday by sheriff's deputies with shotguns—was called off after 200 guardsmen ringed Herrick Memorial Hospital and the police closed streets in the area to all traffic.

However, about 800 gathered in a vacant lot several blocks away in an attempt to hold a rally. They were dispersed by guardsmen and sheriff's deputies.

About an hour later the crowd of 1,000 marchers gathered north of the university. They walked around the campus, shouting "we want the Several Hurt as Police and Guard Break Up March by 4,000 at Campus

park," until the crowd was dispersed.

The atmosphere in downtown Berkeley was charged. Shattuck Avenue, usually visited by hundreds of strolling window-shoppers on sunny Sunday afternoons, was patrolled instead by guardsmen and law enforcement officers who prevent pedestrians from entering the area.

Thousands of civilians—protesters and the curious alike milled outside the cordoned area, but soldiers, policemen and deputies moved quickly to break up any groups that began to form. Policemen were dispatched to two neighborhood parks in the quiet residential hillside area about a mile from the downtown district to rout hippies and students gathering there.

Emergency regulations prohibiting public assemblies remained in effect throughout this city of 120,000.

Yesterday, tear gas and bayonets dispersed demonstrators on and near the university campus and at least 26 persons were arrested in sporadic incidents of violence that continued late into the night.

The abortive vigil today was called by protest leaders "to honor our dead."

That referred to persistent rumors that two people injured in Thursday's street fighting had died on Friday. A spokesman for Herrick Hospital denied the rumors.

The disturbances began Thursday morning after policemen and highway patrolmen evicted about 75 squatters from People's Park, a university-owned lot several blocks south of the campus, which had been turned into a recreational area with volunteer labor and materials.

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