

# Minorities Blame Baxter For Melee

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A group of Americans of Mexican descent has blamed the "environment" created by Fresno State College President Dr. Norman A. Baxter for a melee on campus yesterday which left eight injured, two seriously.

Spokesmen for the group also said they will do "something" to bring about reinstatement of the La Raza studies program which has been the focus of current campus unrest.

The spokesmen, Jess Quintero, chairman of the Concilio of Mexican-American Organizations of Fresno County, and Mrs. Hope Arroyo, a "concerned citizen," read a short statement following a meeting of about 50 Negroes and Americans of Mexican descent in Roeding Park.

Quintero said the group is discussing several moves, includ-

ing possible legal action and requesting an investigation by the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The interruption of registra-

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What's new in high school news?

The new look of the Youth World page in the Women's Activities section of The Fresno Bee.

Beginning today the page will carry feature stories about students written by high school reporters, as well as a calendar of events and newsy briefs of students and their activities.

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tion by about 125 persons yesterday was an "attempt by the Mexican-American community to communicate the frustration and despair over the cancellation of the La Raza studies," Quintero said.

On the violence, Quintero said:

"Black and Chicano students attempted to demonstrate their concern at registration. It was peaceful and orderly until the police encouraged and provoked innocent students to attempt to cross the nonviolent demonstration line.

"In the ensuing physical melee Mexican parents and children were knocked down. Some students were injured. They were injured by the environment that was created by Dr. Baxter."

Taking part in the meeting were Richard Keyes, former head of Ethnic Studies, and Eliezer Risco-Lazada, former head of La Raza. Both were not rehired last May by then Acting President Dr. Karl L. Falk.

Quintero accused Baxter of failing to compromise in recent negotiations over the hiring of

La Raza staff.

During a series of meetings, said Quintero, Baxter "would not compromise. He would not allow the Mexican-American community definite recommendation and consultative roles in the negotiations."

Asked about the effectiveness of the demonstration, Quintero replied: "We made our point."

Said Mrs. Arroyo, "We wanted to show the (Spanish-speaking) community was behind the students and that's why we had mothers and children there. We wanted to make it very evident we are behind the student concerns.

"The Chicano and black communities are determined to do 'something' to open the La Raza studies program as soon as possible. They are reluctant to continue having fruitless meetings with Baxter, which thus far have been as efficient as the Paris peace talks on Vietnam."

Quintero indicated there will be more meetings today among the Spanish-speaking community on what course of action to take.

But he declined to predict what will happen when classes begin tomorrow.