

INTERVIEW OF JERALD L. SCHNOOR
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Schnoor: I am Jerry Schnoor, a student at Iowa State.

Interviewer: Why don't you start then on the first event on the chronology that you took part in the voting by GSB for the student strike?

Schnoor: O.K. Since I am President of the Government of Student Body and I knew how important and that our move into Cambodia was very important to the students. I drew up a resolution on Tuesday, May 5th, that we support a mass rally of all students on Wednesday afternoon starting at 12:00 at which time during that day on Tuesday I began to contact speakers and see about if we could have the Government of Student Body meeting, it was changed by a senator, Dana Craig, and he, his resolution asked that we vote for a student strike which would include a mass rally and this was passed 15 to 11.

Interviewer: Now was this meeting specially called or was it a regular meeting?

Schnoor: This was a regular meeting of the GSB.

Interviewer: And is this all you concerned yourself with at the meeting?

Schnoor: We had several other pieces of legislation but after adopting this resolution we decided there were more pressing things. There were a group of students gathered in the Armory that evening and I went from the meeting at that time and dismissed other business and went over to the Armory.

Interviewer: So, what you did then, was you originally wanted a rally and GSB voted for a student strike?

Schnoor: I wanted the mass rally, a peace rally, and I didn't think it was necessary to try and impose on all the students that we adopt a strike. I personally protest very much and am involved against our entry into Cambodia, but I didn't think a student strike was

necessary instead. Mostly because the word strike, it has, it tends to have a negative connotation and I wanted anything we did to be positive.

Interviewer: After the session was over and you moved over to the Armory did any other students, senators come with you?

Schnoor: Yes, there were several there, probably as many as ten.

Interviewer: And what was the purpose of going over there?

Schnoor: Just to make sure things were peaceful and we wondered, of course, what action, if any, would be taken on the part of the Dean of Students office and nothing was during the evening.

Interviewer: What time did you get there?

Schnoor: I arrived there at about 9:00 and I stayed til 12:00 or 1:00.

Interviewer: And then the next day on Wednesday, May 6th, was the rally on central campus. What did you do to prepare for it?

Schnoor: I had contacted many of the faculty members who participated. Wallace Ogg gave a brief talk on the economics of the war and how he had been changed over from a hawk once to a dove presently. And we had Rev. Belli and a Rev. Campbell gave a memorial service at the beginning of the peace rally that was at 12:00 which lasted until about 1:00. The flag was lowered to half mast and I talked to President Parks about that and he had given his O.K. and then I contacted these speakers.

Interviewer: How did you decide which speakers would speak at the rally?

Schnoor: Suggestions from students and faculty members who were concerned, mostly.

Interviewer: Did you yourself speak at the rally?

Schnoor: Yes, I spoke only briefly to talk about the student marshals that