

## 5,000 Chinese Students Hail Journalists

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Wearing colored headbands and shouting slogans against censorship, more than 5,000 students paraded today on bicycles to the offices of several official newspapers to show support for journalists who have called for greater press freedom.

The demonstration was a reaction to a petition submitted to the Government on Tuesday in which more than 1,000 journalists called for greater independence in the press. While demanding truth in reporting, the university students also continued to press their demand for "real" dialogue with the nation's leaders and criticized what they said was the Government's paternalistic, unresponsive attitude toward them.

"The most serious problem for a revolutionary party is that it doesn't hear the voice of the people!" the students shouted, echoing an old saying by the senior leader, Deng Xiaoping. 'You Cheat the People!'

The cycling parade drew tens of thousands of spectators along the 30-mile journey. The students wove their way past the Central People's Broadcasting Station, the Central Television Station, the New China News Agency, the People's Daily and the Guangming Daily, whose name is translated Brightness Daily. At each of the headquarters, they stopped and chanted slogans.

"People's Daily, you cheat the people!" they shouted. "Brightness Daily, you bring forth no light! Central Television Station, you turn white into black!" There were no run-ins with the police, and no streets were cordoned off as they have been during previous protests. Even the traffic police seemed to defer to the students. The result was that there were numerous traffic jams, as waves of bicycles blanketed the streets or threaded their way among cars and pedestrians. Some

### Worker Annoyance

In the first sign that the students may be annoying workers more than inspiring them, some pedestrians on their way home appeared irritated at the traffic tie-ups caused by the tangle of bicycles, buses and people.

"They should announce beforehand when they plan to march, so that we can avoid them," one bystander said in exasperation.

A young man said angrily: "Another demonstration? I think one or two is enough. Is there no end?"

Some students brushed aside such complaints, saying the traffic jams were one way to attract the Government's attention. As night fell, the crowds poured out from their homes to the roadsides where they cheered on the students. Some pedestrians directed traffic to help maintain order, as they shouted their support for the students.

"We can't lose the support from the people because we are voicing their opinions, too," said Zheng Zhi, a 20-year-old aerospace design student.

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