

The boycott and the subsequent riot originated at the Hailey College of Commerce and culminated at the PU Law College where an examination centre for girls had been established. The agitating students attacked the Law College centre thrice in succession.

A faculty member of the Law College said, "We pleaded with the agitators. We told them that even if they wanted to boycott the paper, they could do it in a peaceful manner. But they would not listen to us. It seemed they had made this examination centre a specific target. The first attack was

of Hailey College Principal Ch Nazeer Ahmad from the scene despite several contacts has been viewed with concern. Dr Wahed Akhtar, chairman of the inquiry committee, was out of city when approached for comments.

The police officials, however, refused to take the blame. SSP Operations Lahore, Atab Cheema, told TNS the PU administration itself was responsible for the situation as it could not make up its mind whether it wanted help of a law enforcement agency or not. "We cannot enter the university premises without the permis-

member of the committee set up to look into the affair, told TNS the role of internal lobbying in complicating the situation could not be ruled out. He refused to give any more details.

Principal Hailey College of Commerce Ch Nazeer Ahmad agreed that the commerce examinations were always marred by boycotts and agitations. "The Cost Accounting paper was not out of course but slightly out of pattern," he said. He, however, was not willing to comment on the reports that the administration of some private colleges had instigated

Commerce has already given its decision after the matter was referred to it. The boycotted paper was re-conducted on July 5, only on those centres where a complete boycott was observed. There is a recommendation to register unfair means cases (UMC) against identified instigators of the riot and awarding of 15 grace marks to those who resisted agitation and did not resort to boycott.

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