On May 4, 1970, four students were killed and nine others wounded by National Guard troops called in to put down student protests at Kent State University in Ohio against the U.S. invasion of Cambodia. This year on May 4, 1978 marked a step backward. Two days of commemorative activities were organized by the May 4th Task Force, a group which came into existence after the shootings mainly to education about what had happened in 1970, and which has traditionally organized the memorial ceremony.

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1500 Rally At Kent State On May 4 Anniversary

On May 4, 1978, the Kent State student organization called the Revolutionary Student Brigade (RSB) held a rally to commemorate the 1970 Kent State shootings. The rally was held on the College Green, at the center of the campus, and was attended by approximately 1500 students.

The rally began with a moment of silence, followed by speeches from RSB members and other supporters. The speeches were followed by a reading of the names of the four students who were killed during the shooting and a moment of silence.

The speeches at the rally were passionate and articulate, but lacking in revolutionary content. The organizers of the rally emphasized the importance of education and the need for solidarity with other student movements around the world.

The rally was peaceful and well-attended, but it was clear that the organizers were not satisfied with the level of revolutionary fervor among the students. The organizers called for a more militant approach to the struggle.

In general, the rally was a success in terms of raising awareness and solidarity among the students. However, it was clear that more needs to be done to foster a revolutionary struggle among the students of Kent State and across the country.