

COLLEGE HEAD HERE QUITS AFTER STRIFE

Dr. Murray H. Block resigned Sunday as president of the Borough of Manhattan Community College, following disorders last week, which forced the closing of the school.

The executive committee of the Board of Higher Education, which received Dr. Block's letter of resignation, would not disclose its contents.

Dr. Block could not be reached yesterday for comment, but board officials indicated that the resignation was related to the institution's internal student and faculty strife.

Last Thursday, 50 students were arrested during disorders resulting from a protest against President Nixon's Cambodian military operation. Previously, students had been demanding more control over the college's policies. The college was closed Thursday evening and

Friday. It was reopened yesterday under police guard.

The executive committee appointed Dr. Edgar D. Draper, dean of the college, as acting president. Dr. Draper, 48 years old, earned his B.A. degree from Howard University, and a masters degree and a Ph.D. from New York University. He held important educational posts in the United States and Africa before joining the City University system in 1966.

Manhattan Community College is at 134 West 51st Street and at 799 Seventh Avenue. It has an enrollment of 7,500.

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