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University students and faculty members urged Friday the continuation by the United States of the present voluntary international ban on nuclear tests at a rally on campus.

About 250 students and faculty joined in a procession from Goldwin Smith Hall to Willard Straight Hall, where Prof. Philip Morrison of the Physics Department spoke to an estimated 400 persons.

Professor Morrison stated, "We want a test ban arrived at with inspection." He said that since it is very difficult to conceal an atomic explosion, there is less risk in Russia cheating than there is danger in the current arms race.

The force of world opinion has

stopped atmospheric tests by a succession of unilateral agreements, according to Morrison. "With a new administration, we can succeed in gaining a successful test ban treaty in Geneva in February. This is the first step on the journey to disarmament," he declared.

An immediate result of the rally was the sending of a telegram with over 280 signatures to President-elect Kennedy. The message, which was sent Saturday, urged Kennedy to try to conclude negotiations on a controlled nuclear test ban in Geneva this February.

The rally had no connection with another campus group, SANE, which has been advocating a "sane" nuclear policy in recent weeks, according to rally spokesmen Charles A. Haynie and Alfred W. Metzner, both grad.

There were two minor incidents at the rally. Prof. Douglas Dowd of the Department of Economics was heckled at the initial gathering on the steps of Goldwin Smith by a student perched on the top of the Andrew Dickson White statue, and a couple of pennies were thrown following Professor Morrison's talk.

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