War Protesters Marching Before Rally in Capital

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Rock Concert To Climax Activities

Washington—(AP)—Tens of thousands of war protesters gathered in the nation's capital today for a march and rally expected to run into the night.

Hitchhiking, back-packing demonstrators by the thousands moved through Washington streets in a jubilant flow to the Mall. Others came by bus, train, plane and auto from many points on the Eastern seaboard.

The sponsoring National Peace Action Coalition says all activities will be peaceful. Police expected about 100,000 to participate.

Parading 16 Blocks

Beginning about midday from a staging area near the White House, the protesters are parading 16 blocks up Pennsylvania ave. to the Capitol for a rally that will include addresses by peace activists.

A rock concert that will follow the rally on the Washington Monument grounds is expected to run well into the night.

The massive rally, one of dozens of varying sizes in this town over the past four years, signals the end of a week of antiwar activities here by the over 1,000 veterans who camped out on the Capitol Mall. And it kicks off a two-week spring "peace offensive" by a more radical group of anti-war dissidents who claim they are also lobbying for various social domestic causes.

Nonviolent Step

That group, the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice, says it will take nonviolent steps to shut down the Government in order to make its points.

Meantime, jeep convoys of Military Police sped into the underground garage of the new Executive Office Building one block from the White House.

The Pentagon alerted federal troops for possible duty during the demonstration but said none have been moved or pre-positioned.

While sponsors of the protest vowed nonviolence, many capital store owners, victims of vandalism in past demonstrations, had boarded their windows.

Blinds Drawn

At the Justice Department—in response to agency directives—all window blinds were lowered to deflect any thrown objects.

And for the first time in memory, hastily erected barricades blocked access to the west portico of the Capitol where demonstrators planned to end their daylong parading.

Capitol police said the wood-and-wire fencing was merely "to protect the flowers," and not to bar the marchers.

March in San Francisco

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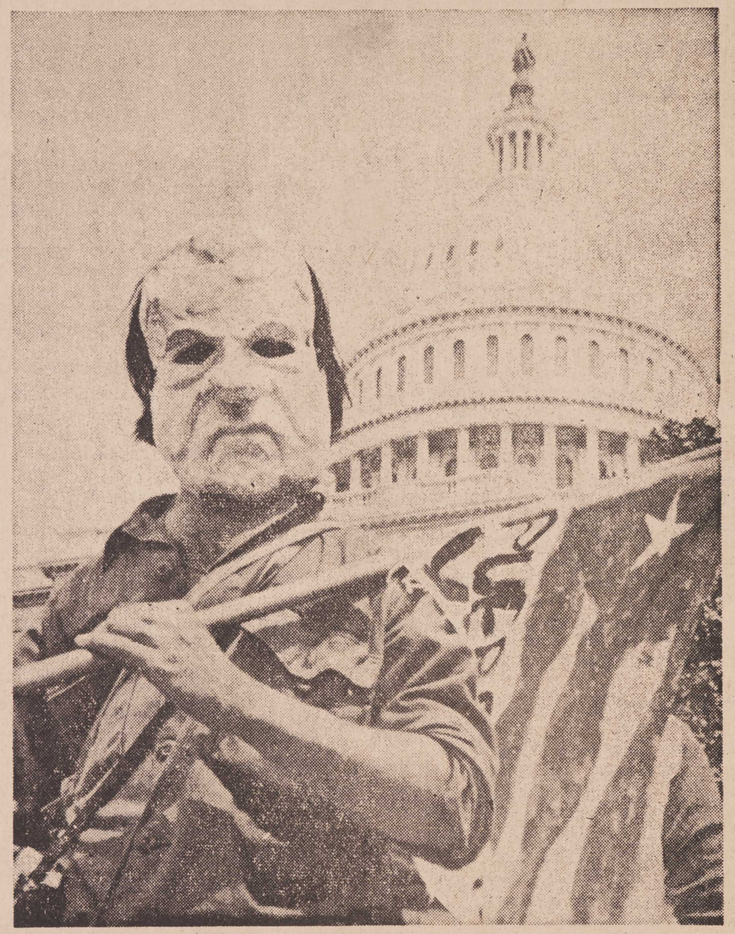

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ANTIWAR DEMONSTRATOR wearing a mask supposed to resemble the face of President Nixon stands on the grounds of the Capitol in Washington.

Scenes in Washington during hippie surrender march.

Antiwar Rally

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what the city's Board of Supervisors designated as End the War Day with a mass march and rally.

—Rep. Paul N. McCloskey (R-Calif), in San Francisco to speak at the rally, said he was resigning his commission as a colonel in the Marine Corps Reserves because he cannot swear complete allegiance to the commander-in-chief.

—Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont), Senate majority leader, said he was reassessing his long-standing opposition to legislation to cut off funds for the war.

—Campus Coalition, which includes about 120 student leaders on 60 campuses, announced a campaign to oppose campus antiwar demonstrations because "the university is not the place for partisan political action."

10-Day Protest

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lateral each. However, 71 demonstrators, 41 men and 30 women chose to stay in jail pending court appearances.

Left behind when the last bus load of prisoners departed were Mr. and Mrs. David Hartsough, of Wallingford, Pa., and their two children, Peter, 2, and Heidi, 6 months.

The parents, who are members of Philadelphia Friends Meeting, insisted upon being arrested with their children.

Insp. W. C. Trussell, of the metropolitan police special operations division, explained that the children would have to be separated from their parents.

"You can't," Mrs. Hartsough said. "I'm nursing the baby and I'm her only source of food. And Peter would have hysterics."

"I won't arrest them," Trussell kept saying about the children. They were finally persuaded to get into an unmarked police car and were taken to the third precinct headquarters. After further discussion there they left voluntarily.

Plans for the vigil originated with the Albany (N.Y.) Friends Meeting, which sent letters to 400 congregations throughout the country.

Those who were not arrested continued the vigil and were joined later by some of those who had been arrested earlier and had posted bond.

At 11 p.m. about 150 demonstrators stood across the street from the White House, most of them holding candles.

Turnpikes Blocked By War Protesters

More than 1,000 persons, many of them apparently returning from Saturday's antiwar rally here, blocked New Jersey Turnpike traffic for hours last night after stopping their autos on the road about 6:30 p.m., state police said.

The incident occurred several hours after a smaller group, said to include many of the same persons, blocked and delayed traffic on the John F. Kennedy Turnpike north of Aberdeen, Md., police said.

Although no connection could be established, the incidents appeared to exemplify a tactic that members of a militant protest group have suggested they will employ here next week to impede operation of the Pentagon and other government agencies.

Some of the same protesters refused to pay tolls on the Delaware Memorial Bridge and were dispersed from a restaurant in Delaware after they began taking food without paying, authorities said.

The New Jersey incident occurred near exit two at the southern end of the turnpike, a key north-south link. Both north and southbound lanes were blocked by the protesters, police said. The cars involved were said to have New York and New Jersey license plates.

Police closed about 25 miles of the turnpike and rerouted traffic. At the memorial bridge south of the tieup feeds northbound traffic onto the turnpike, no traffic jams were reported around 10 p.m.

Maryland State Police said that about 200 or 300 protesters left 40 autos and one bus on the side of the Kennedy highway about 2 p.m. and walked onto the highway, to demonstrate and hold a rock festival.

According to police, the protesters sought to flag down other motorists, advising them "this is a rest stop."

Traffic was backed for a mile and slowed to 20 miles an hour. Police said the protesters left when tow trucks came about 3:30 p.m.

—Martin Weil

A protester with a horn, playing a ragtime tune, picks up where the all-night concert left off.