War Protests Move Across U.S.

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More than 20,000 anti-war demonstrators, the majority students, marched in cities across the nation last weekend.

Protesting American involvement in Viet Nam, the Marchers carried signs saying, "I Was Only Obeying Orders — Eichmann," "Get the US Out of Viet Nam," and "50,000 Vietnamese dead, 1200 Americans dead."

The protests varied widely in style and size.

In Madison, Wisconsin, eleven demonstrators attempted a citizen's arrest of the Truax Air Force Base Commander "for accessory to murder, violation of international law, and crimes against humanity in relation to the war in Viet Nam."

Mock Funeral

In Austin, students staged a parade and mock funeral, complete with coffin, wreaths, and black armbands, a drummer, and three persons wearing huge death masks in the Mardi Gras style.

In New York, a 22-year-old pacifist student, David Miller, burned his draft card during a protest demonstration.

In Houston, a Friday symposium on Viet Nam attracted an overflow crowd of 300 to Rice University. Saturday night nine demonstrators staged a midnight march through Hermann Park to mourn the American and Vietnamese dead.

Largest Protest

In Berkeley and New York City demonstrations each drew about 10,000 participants. The weekend was the nation's largest anti-war protest since the 1930s.

Other protest marches and demonstrations were held in Chicago, Portland, Me., Philadelphia, Buffalo, Ann Arbor, Santa Barbara, Detroit, Lawrence, Kan., Salem, Ore., Seminole, Okla., Pittsburgh, Colorado University, Yale University, and Washington, D.C.

Demonstrations against United States intervention in Viet Nam also occurred outside the United States; in Paris, Oslo, London, Dublin, and Toronto.

The weekend of protests and teach-ins was promoted by the Madison, Wisconsin-based National Coordinating Committee to End the War in Viet Nam.

Many of the local protests across the nation were organized by the Students for a Democratic Society, a national student organization claiming 300,000 members. The SDS is also active in civil rights, urban ghetto community development, and recently a program to encourage conscientious objection to the draft.

Violence

In many cities the protests sparked resistance, with occasional violence. In Berkeley, a tear-gas grenade was lobbed at demonstrators, apparently by a member of the crowd on the sidewalks.

In New York, some 50 young men in a phalanx crashed through police barricades to smash down protesters with flying tackles and punches. In Portland, Ore., a counter-picket carried a sign saying "Draft These Punks Now." United States Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach charges that Communists had been active in the marches.

While some observers reported that "some of the marchers had dirty jackets, jeans and long hair . . . serapes . . . and black knee-length boots or black hose," other reports cited students (admittedly Texans), "dressed in coats and ties."