Week of protest in rally on Mall

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The talk of war atrocities and administration cover-ups, which characterized previous rallies, lost out to welfare problems, unemployment, inflation, and the rapid decay of both the natural environment and the man-made one, America's cities.

There was little violence at the Saturday march and about two dozen arrests. PLF-SOS did try to organize a 3 pm breakthrough rally at the Employment Security Building, but it did not succeed, mainly because the area in front of the building was still packed with people marching to the Capitol.

An attempt by approximately 1,000 people to take over Dupont Circle, as was done in November, 1969, also failed when the demonstrators found the Washington Police had gotten there first.

Many observers and newspaper columnists agreed that the Friday and Saturday actions presented a blow to the Nixon administration. The New York Times editorialized that "the massive numbers of anti-war demonstrators who gathered both in San Francisco and the nation's capital over the weekend underscored the rising tide of national sentiment. "There can be no mistake," emphasized "Political Circuit" columnist Robert Healy, "about what happened in Washington over the weekend. In one of the biggest anti-Vietnam rallies was fashioned a coalition that will not be stopped until all the American troops are out of Vietnam."

One soldier crowed, "Johnny's coming marching home to kick ass," while another chimed in "Nixon's going to barn in hell for this war," to accompanying cries of "right on.

The medals were thrown over a small fence constructed to close off the speakers' area for the rally Saturday. By the end, the pile of medals and associated paper was about ten feet long, four feet wide, and an inch or so deep.

"Good conduct"

One soldier from Massachusetts seemed to sum up the feelings of all the veterans present that morning when he threw over his good conduct medal and remarked, "like my fellow Massachusetts resident Thoreau, all I regret is my good conduct.

That afternoon Senator George McGovern held public hearing "to allow the members of the House and Senate to hear members of the VVAW who are here this week to testify about their experiences in Indo-China." McGovern added that the group had shown "the highest kind of patriotism," that they had "reflected great glory on themselves and their country."

Eight witnesses testified that afternoon. Not all of them had something new to say; there were several common themes. A major sentiment was that the army did its best to indoctrinate the Vietnamese, North and South alike, were little more than sub-human animals, so there was no need to show compassion for more than "poodles, dogs, and stipes."

One vet defended the war, speaking mostly of the commitment this country has to the people of South Vietnam.

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