250 in State Dept. Sign a War Protest

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WASHINGTON, May 8-More than 250 State Department and foreign-aid employes have signed a letter to Secretary of State William P. Rogers criticizing the United States military involvement in Cambodia.

Mr. Rogers accepted the petitions, but was reliably reported to have urged that there be no public dissent among career diplomats that could embarrass the Administration.

In addition, at the Peace Corps, about a dozen antiwar demonstrators today occupied part of one floor of the headquarters building, overlooking Lafayette Square in front of

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a Vietcong flag. About two made public. dozen more picketed in front Aides to the Secretary said peace in Indochina.

seph H. Blatchford, said at a any of the signers. news conference this afternoon Reliable sources said that Mr. that he had refused to call in Rogers was annoyed at pubthe police to evict the demon-lished reports suggesting that strators, some of whom were he had opposed the Cambodian former Peace Corps volunteers operation, and that he has overseas, and that both Secre-passed the word through his tary Rogers and Interior Secre-department that no officials tary Walter J. Hickel supported were to discuss this or speculate

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cept to say that he supports the closely what Mr. Blatchford President's decision. termed the "discontent and distermed the "discontent and dis-illusionment" among young peo-men did not comment on the ple across the country.

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of the building, calling for that Mr. Rogers had agreed to receive the petition, though not The Peace Corps director, Jo-necessarily to discuss it with

on it publicly.

These developments stood as His spokesmen have refused

Peace Corps demonstration. The letter to Mr. Rogers ex-Formally, the Peace Corps oppressed "concern and apprehen. erates under the Secretary of

States policy in Southeast Asia." took the responsibility of de-The letter made clear that ciding against a forceful evicanyone signing it was doing soltion of the occupiers.