

Thousands in City March To Assail Lindsay on War

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Several thousand construction workers, longshoremen and white-collar workers marched through the financial district yesterday in a clamorous demonstration against Mayor Lindsay.

They shouted threats at long-haired youths, occasionally vaulting police lines to chase those who raised their fingers in the "V" peace salute. Some invaded buildings that tilted to show a flag.

They raised their own American flags over the old Tweed Court House, behind City Hall, and on the Wall Street Journal building on Broad Street. When an employe of that newspaper protested the invasion, a policeman refused to make an arrest and ordered the employe to be quiet, saying, "We don't want any trouble."

Police estimates of the number of marchers ranged from 500 to 5,000. It was the biggest of the workers' demonstrations that have paralyzed traffic in the financial district for parts of almost every day since last Friday, when brawling construction workers beat up more than 70 students protesting United States policy in Indochina.

Commenting on that day's episode, Mayor Lindsay infuriated the workers by calling them a tough and organized mob.

Mayor Meets With Leary

The Mayor met for an hour and a half at Gracie Mansion last night with Police Commissioner Howard R. Leary and other high police officials to discuss the department's investigation into what Mr. Lindsay had called "police failure" in last Friday's demonstrations in Lower Manhattan.

After yesterday's session a spokesman said the Mayor was satisfied with the progress of the inquiry. He added that Mr. Leary had told the Mayor he had set up a special investigating team of high police officials headed by Supervising Assistant Chief Inspector Joseph McGovern.

The team, according to the spokesman, is making contact with "every eyewitness complainant" to last Friday's events. The Mayor also urged any other eyewitnesses to call or write the Police Department or the Mayor's office.

The Mayor's spokesman said meetings had begun between the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and the Police Department to establish a group of independent observ-

ers made up of young lawyers, to monitor future demonstrations. The Police Commissioner and the Mayor will meet again next week, but the spokesman said the investigation would probably take another two weeks.

Yesterday the marchers carried signs calling the Mayor a rat, a Commy rat, a faggot, a leftist, an idiot, a neurotic, an anarchist and a traitor.

A coffin was held aloft by some workers with the epitaph: "Here Lies the City of New York, Killed by Commissar Lindsay."

Workers on the skeleton of the 50-story U.S. Steel Building, Broadway and Liberty Street, made the downtown canyons clangorous by banging their hard hats against the steel girders as the parade went by.

Besides reviling the Mayor, the workers lauded the Nixon Administration and its war policies.

A big sign said: "We Love Nixon, Agnew, Mitchell, His Wife, and Reagan."

The marchers passed petitions among the spectators calling for the impeachment of Mayor Lindsay. A massive police barrier protected City Hall. Barriers also separated spectators and demonstrators at Broad and Wall Streets.

Youths who waved peace symbols in front of the Stock Exchange were chased into the building at 20 Broad Street by construction workers who leaped over a barricade but were stopped before they could invade the building.

There were no arrests.

Elsewhere, workers and students glowered at each other across barricades but there was little physical contact. On East 42d Street, where several hundred construction workers and their sympathizers held a demonstration, a youth identified as Dennis Burns, 19 years old, of 327 East 54th Street, complained to the police that he had been kicked by a spectator after suggesting that the demonstrators could not have very good jobs if they had all that time to march.

The midtown marchers carried an effigy of Mayor Lindsay with a sign that read: "This is a Lindsay doll. Wind it up and he turns to the left."

Sedition Laid to Mayor

The Mayor, who was in Detroit for the funeral of Walter Reuther, the labor leader, was accused by City Councilman Angelo Arculeo, Brooklyn re-

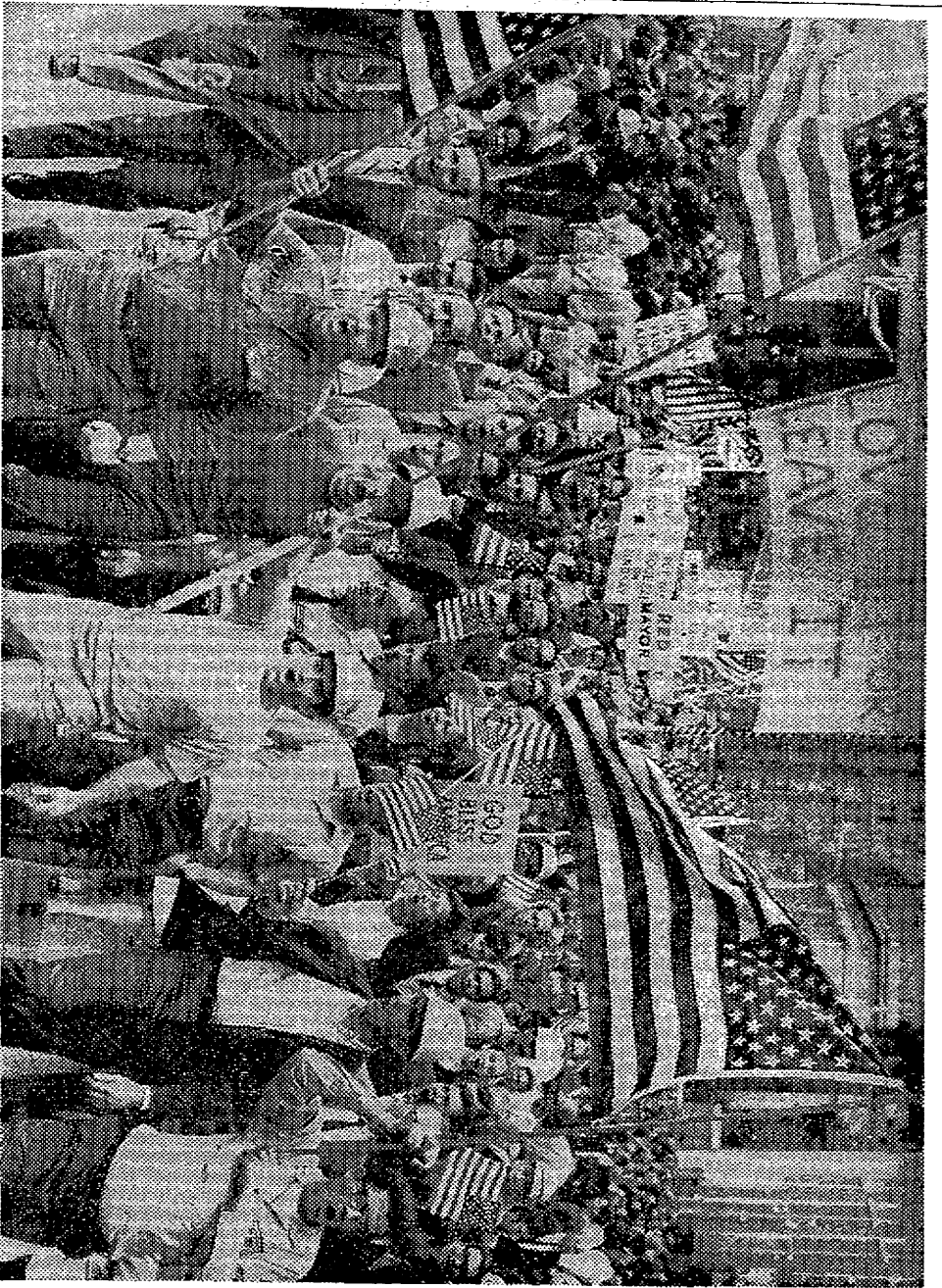
publican, of having made "seditious statements."

Councilman Arculeo said he was alluding to Mayor Lindsay's remarks at the University of Pennsylvania, when Mr. Lindsay was reported to have said he had "unending admiration" for men who obeyed their consciences and refused to serve in Vietnam. The Mayor has denied making any such statement.

Outside the Wall Street Journal Building, demonstrators began chanting "Raise the flag" after noting that the flagpole extending out from the fourth floor was bare.

A group of workers finally pushed through the police lines and made their way to the fourth-floor cashier's office. On being told that the building was managed by a different company and that no flag was available, the workers hoisted their own. One of the group said he would return Monday to recover the flag, and "you'd better be flying your own by then."

Thousands of policemen, about 2,600 on overtime, kept order during the parades. A third midday demonstration, by 200 students, was held at 47th Street and First Avenue, under the auspices of the City University Coalition to protest the war and support free tuition at the city colleges.



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WORKERS CONTINUE ANTI-LINDSAY MARCHES: Construction workers, longshoremen and white-collar workers parading through the intersection of Wall Street and Broadway. The demonstration paralyzed traffic in the area.