

December Protests Scheduled

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The Vietnam Moratorium Committee announced yesterday that antiwar demonstrations next month will take place on Dec. 12 and 13 and on Christmas Eve.

The activities are not planned as massive demonstrations with a nation-wide focus, such as Saturday's huge march here. Instead they will concentrate on individual community efforts with public meetings, visits to military bases and talks with congressmen.

Sam Brown, one of four coordinators of the Vietnam Moratorium Committee, told a news conference here that "traditionally, Christmas has been a time when people turn their attention to 'Peace on Earth.' This year, in addition to turning their attention to 'Peace on Earth,' they will be asked to turn their energies to this task."

Brown said the specific activities of the three days would be decided by local moratorium organizations. He said some of them may plan commercial boycotts as a means of protesting the war.

The White House noted yes-

terday that the weekend peace rally was "generally peaceful," but stressed again that President Nixon has no intention of altering his Vietnam policy.

This evaluation of the antiwar demonstrations was made by Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler.

Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) took issue with comments made Sunday by Attorney General John N. Mitchell and Herbert G. Klein, President Nixon's communications director, that the weekend demonstrations provided opportunities for widespread violence.

Mansfield said, "By and large 99.44 per cent of the demonstrators conducted themselves with dignity and decorum and put on an impressive demonstration . . . It was a way of separating the chaff from the wheat."

The Lawyers Task Force headed by former Attorney General Ramsey Clark said it would issue a full study of the demonstrations as soon as it has analyzed the written reports of its on-the-scene observers. A spokesman said preliminary oral reports indicated the march was overwhelmingly peaceful.

The Pentagon announced yesterday that the 9,000 troops brought here as a precautionary measure will be gone by this morning.