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"Freedom's coffin" is carried to Humphrey campaign headquarters.

1500 Protest Here in Wake Of Convention

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About 1500 young men and women marched and sang here yesterday in a largely peaceful protest against the war, the Democratic National Convention, the Chicago police and Vice President Hubert Humphrey.

The demonstration was organized by three students, who last week formed the Committee for True Democracy, which enlisted the aid of area peace groups.

After speeches starting at 2 p.m. in Lafayette Park, demonstrators carried a coffin to Humphrey campaign headquarters at 1100 17th st. nw. They sat briefly on the sidewalk there at 4 p.m. to sing "We Shall Overcome" and "America."

Afterwards, demonstrators marched to Dupont Circle, with most dispersing there about 5 p.m.

The founders of the Com-

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mittee, John Hubbard, Carl Applebaum and Geoffrey Carliner, said they were college and graduate school students. They said the demonstration stemmed from their outrage over "barbed wire" tactics at the convention in Chicago last week.

Many of the demonstrators appeared to be supporters of Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy (D-Minn.). His name was often mentioned and loudly applauded during the speeches at the park. Many demonstrators wore McCarthy buttons.

One of the demonstrators' villains was Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley. His name was jeered frequently when mentioned by speakers who accused him of police-state tactics. One sign carried by a demonstrator read: "Send Mayor Daley to Vietnam."

Demonstrators also showed hostility to the Vice-President, the Democratic nominee for President. They loudly chanted "Dump the Hump, Dump the Hump," as they marched in Lafayette Park and towards the Humphrey headquarters.

In a speech at Lafayette Park, Carliner, one of the demonstration's organizers, proclaimed the Humphrey camp no longer count on the vote of youthful liberals and dissenters.

"If he thinks he can use us to get votes in November, he's mistaken," Carliner asserted to loud applause.

A number of the protesters criticized the tactics of the Chicago police in suppressing demonstrations during the convention. These protesters shouted "Pig" and "Oink" at the Washington police, who watched the demonstration.

But Hubbard and other demonstrators had praise for the restraint of the Metropolitan police.

As the demonstrators approached the intersection of 17th and L Streets northwest, with their coffin, they were stopped by Third Precinct Lt. F. B. Verrier.