

## Antiwar Protest Takes Many Forms

# Slogans, Signs... and a Cross

"I'm so glad my dad's here with us," said Margaret Golden, a student at Northern Illinois University. "People looked at us marching along and they saw his gray hair and they say we're not all crazy kids."

Her father, Bill Golden, stood next to her, blanketed in an orange poncho. He said he was a World War II "veteran of four Pacific beachhead landings" and had brought three of his 11 children to Washington for the march.

"We," he said, "are the real silent majority."

When police began using tear gas on Pennsylvania Avenue Saturday evening, the wind carried the fumes to 300 Indiana Ave. NW—police headquarters.

Officers were observed sneezing and crying in the hallways.

As the violence began in front of the Justice Department, marshals who tried to hold back the crowd were denounced by some demonstrators as "mobeheads" and "liberal heads."

An American flag torn from its flagstaff was passed through the crowd and furiously torn to pieces.

"Tear it up, kill it, it's dead, the flag is dead," a young girl screamed.

Mobilization marshals and metropolitan policemen were startled when they saw heavy clouds of smoke rise from the middle of the march as it wound around the corner of 15th Street toward the monument grounds.

Several officers, including a captain, rushed toward the smoke amidst considerable scurrying and cries of "tear gas." The excitement, however, diminished when the object of the smoke became known: a D.C. Transit bus



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A smiling metropolitan police sergeant responds to marchers with the peace sign.

starting its engine.

Among the signs displayed on The Mall were these:

"Peace is patriotic," "Another Silent American For Peace," "Why?," "The Apples Have Come to the Worm," "Spiro Eats Grapes," "Ho Chi Minh was a Jeffersonian Democrat," "I'm a Spock Baby," "This War is Unhealthy (National Institutes of Health) and Insane (National Institute of Mental Health)," "The

World Will Long Remember  
What We Do Here Today,"  
"Pull Out, Tricky Dick"

By 10 a.m. yesterday, the sidewalks of 16th Street NW

were jammed as far north as Military Road with people waiting for D.C. Transit buses to take them to the demonstration.

As they waited, cars heading downtown—many with peace stickers on their bumpers and windows—pulled over to pick up four, five and often six demonstrators.

Ed Bloch, 45, a union organizer from New York, wore his ill-fitting World War II marine captain's uni-

form to the rally, complete with the Bronze star and Purple Heart he won as a rifle platoon leader on Okinawa.

"The uniform stands for the wrong things now," he said. "We've let all these professional patrioteers take over the uniform. Its proper place is right here."

In sign and slogan, no target of the demonstrators was more conspicuous than Vice President Spiro T. Agnew.

"The Noblest Greek of

All," read one marcher's sign. "Effem. in Defense of Liberty is No Vice," said another. "Snobs for Peace," read a third.

Marching to the monument, the Yippies counted cadence with Agnew chants: "Peace, peace, peace, peace." "Get Agnew back to Grace," they shouted. "Free Agnew, Agnew is an asset."

Despite the precedents of Woodstock, the Pentagon march and the counter-inaugural events, very little marijuana was sniffed or seen on the Mall. The joint-passing tradition, however, prevailed.

One marcher received the following items from passing stranger: A pretzel, an American flag, a loaf of Syrian bread, a fried chicken leg, a half-slice of pizza, a hard-boiled egg, two shots of Jack Daniels and numberless mimeographed handouts.

On H Street, a jeep-driving Guardsman from the 260th MP group buzzed by the crowds, flashing the peace sign and saying "Stop the war."

At 8th Street and Pennsylv-

ania Avenue, a District policeman acknowledged the symbolic greeting so many times that he was given a bouquet of flowers by demonstrators. Then he stood holding the bouquet in one hand and giving the sign with the other.

Daniel Webster Billings Jr., a powerfully built man from Cincinnati, walked the entire parade route dragging a 300-pound wooden cross over his shoulder.

"If Jesus Christ were here he would impeach Richard Nixon and Lyndon Johnson," Billings said. "He would be sick at the stomach over the war in Vietnam."

The flag staffs around the Washington Monument were hammered yesterday until a group of weathermen hoisted flags of the Vietnam peace movement and a rotten apple, an apparent reference to Vice President Agnew's speech on "rotten apples" in the anti-war movement. Dominick V. Amerame, 20, of Buffalo, was arrested on a charge of destroying government property when he allegedly painted a purple peace symbol on the monument.