

Federal and Local Forces

Security for Inauguration

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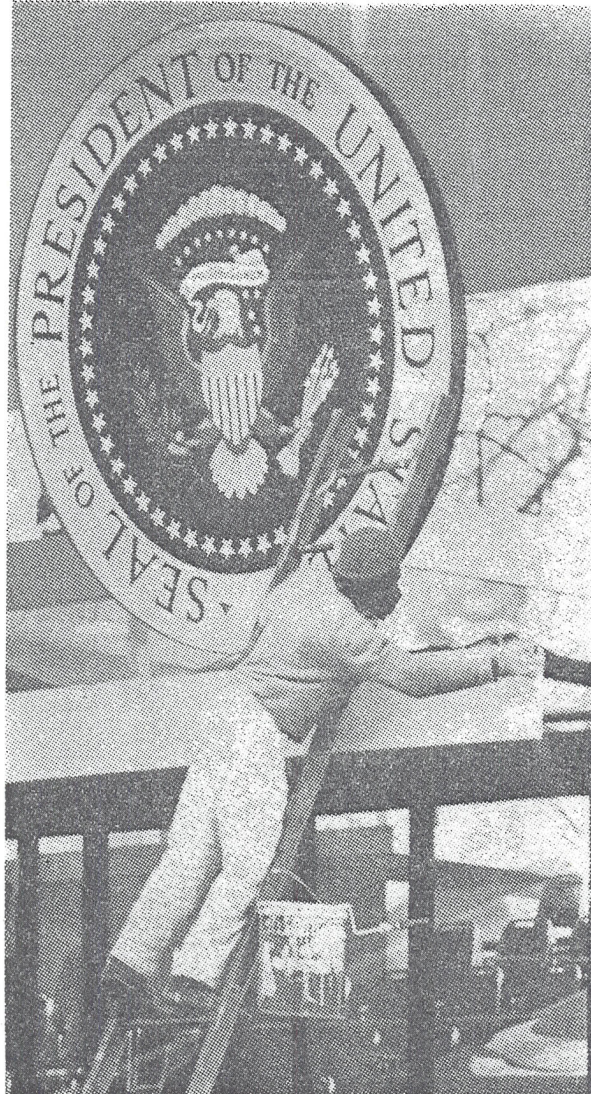
With protests against the Nixon administration's policy in Vietnam—ranging from vigils, marches and religious services to rallies—planned throughout the inaugural weekend, local and federal authorities are joining forces to ensure that the inauguration of President Nixon and its surrounding ruffles and flourishes are not disrupted.

The logistical problems of any inauguration in Washington, compounded by three planned protest marches on Saturday and other demonstrations from tomorrow afternoon through late Sunday, are made even more complex by the closely defined jurisdictions of security forces.

The several security forces that are coordinating their efforts for the weekend included the Secret Service, the 5000-member metropolitan police, the National Guard, the Capitol Police, the National Park Police and the military.

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Representatives of each of these forces, totaling 22 persons grouped into what is called informally a "public safety committee," will work out of the police department's fifth-floor command center, a large room equipped with huge maps, communications equipment and a television console that can receive an aerial view of the city's avenues and parks from the camera-equipped department heli-



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Painter worked on Mr. Nixon's reviewing stand

copter.

The department's personnel will start their day at 6 a.m. prepared to stay on duty—and on overtime pay—as long as necessary.

About 1000 members of the District of Columbia National Guard will be sworn in as

peace officers for the weekend. Housed in the armory, they will be assigned generally to routine work in the so-called districts, or precincts, freeing policemen for inaugural duties.

The Guardsmen may also be used to direct traffic at

some of the 397 traffic posts set up around the city. According to General Charles L. Southward, their commanding officer, they will not be armed.

The Secret Service, which has been checking rooftops and buildings along the inaugural parade route—rooftops are off-limits except for specific areas designated for television and still cameramen, and all windows are to be shut—is drawing an unspecified number of agents "from field offices throughout the country," according to spokesmen.

Secret Service agents, who include the 800 members of the Executive Protective Service charged with safeguarding the President and other top-level dignitaries, go on duty today for the duration.

"I'm not expecting any trouble," said a spokesman for the metropolitan police, but there are contingency plans in event the demonstrations should spark more than minor disturbances.

Both the District of Columbia Superior Court and the U.S. District Court will be open as usual on Saturday, but there will be an extra judge on duty in the local court, and others available to be called to both courts if necessary.

The city's department of health has placed 31 first-aid tents to take care of tourists' aches and blisters and to cope with any injuries arising from the demonstrations. The department also has provided ten "warming tents" for use in case of chilly weather.

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