Troops Set for Any Disorders

Washington

The Pentagon said yesterday it is moving troops into the Washington area to be used in case of disorders during protest demonstrations at President Nixon's inauguration tomorrow.

Leaders of all of the demonstrations scheduled to coincide with Mr. Nixon's inauguration, however, have either pledged to be peaceful or said they plan no civil disobedience.

Three separate marches and rallies are planned for different parts of the city. The largest of these, cosponsored by the Peoples Coalition for Peace and Justice and the National Peace Action Coalition, is expected to draw "in the tens of thousands" of demonstrators.

Defense Department spokesman Jerry W. Friedheim said the government does not plan to station troops in Federal office buildings, a common practice during past anti-war demonstrations.

Instead, he said they will be stationed at nearby Ft. Belvoir, Va., and the Soldier's Home.

The request for the federal troops was made by the Justice Department, Friedheim said.

Fiedheim said for past demonstrations about 2000 troops have been brought in for security purposes, adding he does not know exactly how many will be involved for this action but expects it to be "in the hundreds."

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