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Inaugural
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President Nixon will be sworn into office for a second term today, emboldened by his sweeping electoral triumph of last November and a Vietnam peace settlement apparently within his grasp.

In the most expensive inauguration in American history — the cost is officially estimated at more than \$4 million — Mr. Nixon will once again take the oath on a temporary stand outside the east front of the Capitol, then ride in a parade expected to draw 200,000 people to Pennsylvania avenue and its environs and millions more to their television sets.

Mr. Nixon is expected to allude to the Vietnam situation in his Inaugural Address, to which he put the final touches yesterday afternoon. But aides said it would be a mistake to expect detailed explanations on that or any other subject in a speech that has traditionally been general.

It will be the President's first statement to the American people since his television appearance on November 6, election eve. Since

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then the peace talks have collapsed, massive bombing of North Vietnam has been instituted and then called off and the talks have resumed without extended public comment from Mr. Nixon.

Not everyone in Washington will be celebrating with the President today. The police estimated that 20,000 demonstrators would take part in an anti-war anti-inauguration. They have been given permission to march to the Washington monument, within sight of the parade route but well screened from it by the police and other security forces.

The People's Coalition for Peace and Justice, one of the leaders of the protest, delivered a carton of peace-now petitions to White House guards yesterday afternoon. Dr. Sidney Peck, an official of the group, said the box contained more than 50,000 signatures — a sample of more than a million that, he said, have been collected in the past month.

The coordinators of the protest promised that there would be no violence. But security precautions were nonetheless rigorous, with manhole covers sealed, roofs along the parade route meticulously checked and interceptors ready to chase away any aircraft that might intrude into the airspace above the line of march.

A more silent protest will be staged by members of Congress who are angry at the President both because of his Vietnam policies and

because of his failure to give full briefings to Congress on key national issues. They will simply stay home.

No repetition of the snowstorm that snarled the inauguration of John F. Kennedy in 1961 was expected today. Washington has been in a kind of false spring for several days, and, despite a rainstorm yesterday afternoon, forecasters predicted that temperatures would be in the high 50's, with the skies partly cloudy, when the ceremonies begin at 8:30 a.m. PST at the Capitol.

BIBLES

Mr. Nixon, who returned Thursday night from Florida to take part in yesterday's final round of pre-inauguration festivities, will take the oath of office with his hand on the same two family bibles that he used when he was sworn into office as vice president in 1953 and as President in 1969.

The bibles will be opened to Isaiah 2:4, the familiar passage that advises men to "beat their swords into plowshares," as Chief Justice Warren E. Burger administers the oath.

* See Lawrence van Gelder, NYTimes
24 Oct 72, this file.