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Celebrations In Berkeley

A crowd of almost 1000 chanted and danced up Telegraph avenue to Sproul Plaza in Berkeley last night in a "Celebration of the Demise o" Richard Nixon.

There were no injuries or damage reported and no arrests were made, although police hovered on the outskirts throughout the gathering, which began about 9 p.m.

Strings of firecrackers popped, sticks were banged on upturned garbage pails and there were happy shouts at the end of each chants of "Jail to the Chief" and "Hail to the Thief."

Another crowd of approximately 250 persons congregate at the intersection of Telegraph avenue and Haste street but, where the first crowd was joyous, this one displayed an undercurrent of bitterness and mockery to its elation.

These youths taunted passersby, especially motorists, jumping on car hoods and demanding the drivers honk their horns before they could pass.

Beer bottles were hurled, splattering the street with glass, and once the mob attempted to blockade the street with a newspaper vending machine.

Police, who had been watching from a corner, retrieved the newspaper dispenser with only a minor scuffle.

Later, because so many people were in the streets, police rerouted traffic past the intersection.