Rampage Follows Insult to Pat Nixon

MIAMI BEACH—(AP)—Police arrested more than 120 antiwar protestors to-day after they blocked a major intersection near Convention Hall and, according to officers, beat on passing automobiles and 'harassed elderly residents of the area.

Witnesses said about 200 nondelegates ranged along streets near the hall, breaking a few windows, hitting passing cars with sticks and jostling delegates arriving for the afternoon session of the Republican National Convention.

The protesters blocked the intersection at 20th Street and Washington Avenue until about 100 policemen equipped with riot batons and helmets corraled them, the witnesses said.

The youthful protesters of-

fered no resistance to arrest and police said no demonstrators or officers were injured.

Police had no sooner cleared the area around the convention hall than about 500 Vietnam Veterans Against the Warmarched to the Fountainebleu Hotel and blocked traffic on Collins Avenue.

The veterans came up against a phalanx of policemen, pulled back and gathered around the hotel's entrance, sitting and standing in the street. Three lanes of northbound traffic were blocked.

There was no immediate attempt by police to break up the demonstration.

The arrests came about three hours after two young

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female protesters slipped into the. Fontainebleau and one shouted insults at Pat Nixon while another 150 protesters and 100 young supporters of the President traded taunts outside the hotel.

Those arrested were taken to the Dade County jail in yellow police vans and rented moving vans. As they were loaded into the vehicles, they chanted: "We just want to give peace a chance."

Rocky Pomerance, Miami Beach police chief, said, "I had a lot of complaints from hotel owners and others that the old people sitting on their front porches were bothered." He said the group of protesters, described as "a hard-core offshot" of the approximately 4000 demonstrators in the city, were charged with abusing delegates arriving for the convention and abusing autos.

The witnesses said the protesters burned an American flag and then began climbing poles around the convention center to tear down bunting, which also was burned.

The police processed the arrests on the spot, taking Polaroid photographs of those arrested before loading them into the vans.

One witness said the demonstrators smashed windows in a burlesque house and tore down every American flag they came across.

One demonstrator reportedly suffered a head injury when a flag pole he was climbing broke and he fell to the ground.

Earlier, 19 year old Fran Conn of Buffalo, N.Y., and Marsha Monestersky, 20, of Boston, somehow eluded scores of police and security officers at the Fontainebleau and ran briefly into a ballroom where Mrs. Nixon was having a brunch for the Republican women. Miss Monestersky shouted. "Miss Pig" at Mrs. Nixon and her guests.

Officers grabbed Miss Monestersky, questioned her briefly and then released her outside the hotel where the two women were hailed by the picketing protesters.

Dozens of police and security officers stood by to keep protesters and Young Voters for the President apart as they staged their respective demonstrations outside the hotel, and a security helicopter hovered overhead.

"Four more years, four more years," shouted members of the Young Voters for the President.

The protestors. led by members of Students for a Democratic Society, countered with cries for an end to the Vietnam war and to racism and sexism that they claimed was represented by Mrs. Nixon's "Women of Achievement" brunch.

"Nixon now, Nixon now," yelled the young voters, bringing chants of "Racist, sexist, we say no. Richard Nixon's got to go," from the opposition.