

Four Nuns Arrested in White House

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Four nuns of the Sisters of Notre Dame order were arrested inside the White House yesterday when they broke away from a tour group to kneel, pray and sing to protest the U.S. bombing in Cambodia.

The nuns, wearing casual clothing, were turned over to metropolitan police and charged with unlawful entry.

Two of the four — Sister Beverly Bell, 46, and Sister Katherine T. Coor, 31 — gave Baltimore, Md., addresses. The others, listing no address, were Sister Christopher Lamb, 35, and Sister Judith Larenina, who also gave no age.

The four sisters slipped past the ropes in the tour line inside the White House and knelt in prayer in the vicinity of the State Room. Secret Service officials said.

They were asked to leave by members of the Executive Protection Service, but refused.

The nuns were released by members of the order and the tour resumed. Secret Service officials said the nuns were not arrested until they had left the White House grounds.

The nuns were seen praying outside the White House in a group of about 100 people. The nuns said they were protesting the U.S. bombing in Cambodia.