

4th Annual 'Smoke-In'**Pro-Pot, Anti-Nixon Rally**

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More than 500 Yippies and their supporters, many unabashedly looped on marijuana, marched on the Capitol late yesterday afternoon demanding legalization of the drug and impeachment of President Nixon.

Shouting war whoops, slogans and obscenities, the raggedly organized crowd tramped to the west steps of the Capitol after an all-day marijuana "smoke-in" and haphazard rock concert on the Mall.

Hundreds of marijuana cigarettes were passed out at the Mall by YIP organizers and smoked openly by members of the crowd. Police in the area took no action.

A young woman sold cigarette-rolling paper with an "Impeach Nixon" label on them for a nickel apiece.

The crowd, which began

forming as early as 6 a.m. on the Mall near 13th Street, built up to more than 1,000 by mid-afternoon but only about half joined the march to the Capitol.

The combined impeachment march and smoke-in, organized by the Youth International Party, was calculated to show how "pot law violations are not as destructive as some of the violations of law in the White House since Watergate," explained YIP organizer Mike Chance of Madison, Wis.

Yesterday's event marked the fourth annual YIP smoke-in here. The demonstrations have dwindled in size since 1970 and yesterday's was one of the smallest.

After a long day in the stagnant heat of the Mall, the crowd went to the Capitol, following a flatbed truck carrying a 20-foot-long paper

mache replica of an insect bearing President Nixon's face. It had large earphones attached to the ears and was dubbed "the bug" by the crowd.

At the Capitol many in the crowd frolicked in a large ornamental pool to escape the heat, set up a home-made guillotine and then dismembered a mannequin of President Nixon originally intended for the guillotine.

Featured speaker at the Capitol was noted researcher into political conspiracy, Sherman Skolnick of Chicago who elaborated on his theory that foul play was involved in the United Airlines plane crash in Chicago last December in which the wife of Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt was killed.

The crowd began to disperse around 8 p.m.