

# The Spreading

## New York

President Nixon has been promised dozens of massive hard hat demonstrations across the country by the building trades and other unions in support of his Vietnam-Cambodia policy.

Peter J. Brennan, president of the New York Building Trades Council, said, "The President was very happy with our demonstrations in New York City and

some other places, and asked if we had plans for similar action elsewhere."

The New York union leader disclosed he had told the President that nearly 1000 telegrams were sent to building trades unions around the country urging them to hold marches or take other actions to show support for United States policies in Southeast Asia.

"The response has been terrific. Our people love this

country and our flag, and we have received thousands of wires and letters in response to our request, and dozens of cities are planning to do something to show our support for our boys in Vietnam and Cambodia."

The union leader said demonstrations similar to the one in New York last week are planned in San Diego, Buffalo, Boston, New Orleans, St. Louis, Chicago and Detroit, "among others."

# Hard Hat Rallies

Brennan joined other union leaders around the country in denying that the demonstrations planned or already held represent a new, politically rightward turn by blue collar workers or even political support for Mr. Nixon or Administration supporters in this year's elections.

## HELP

But there can be little doubt that the demonstrations will help Mr. Nixon and those who support his poli-

cies, even if the intention of those planning the actions is simply, as they insist, to show blue collar workers are behind the President on Vietnam.

Some of the demonstrators have shown not only their support for the war effort but also their anger against long-haired young radicals.

In New Brunswick, N.J., workers beat several students, and earlier this month at a smaller New York rally,

workers beat numerous anti-war demonstrators.

## UNREST

Thus, the hard hat demonstrations seem to go beyond Vietnam issue to the general unrest on college campuses and other matters.

For instance, to show what he called "the general disgust of workers with some of these young kooks," an aide to Brennan said that "at a couple of the demonstrations we put on, some young girls

shouted obscenities at our men."

"Now our guys use some pretty rough language at times, but, by God, we don't do it in public, out loud. So when these girls did — well, the men just picked up those things right there in the street, pulled up their dresses, pulled down their pants and put bare hand to bare bottoms like their daddies should have done a long time ago."

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