

Big Peace March Planned To Protest Ky Address

By George Murphy

South Vietnam Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky's visit to San Francisco December 1 will touch off "the biggest peaceful demonstration in San Francisco history," it was predicted here yesterday.

Assemblyman John Burton told a press conference about plans by peace groups to protest when Ky arrives here to speak at a special Commonwealth Club luncheon at the Fairmont Hotel. It will be a "symbolic, peaceful protest against the (Indochina) war," he said. "It will be peaceful, with longshoremen, priests and nuns acting as monitors."

Ky is in this country on an "unofficial" visit, a State Department press spokesman told *The Chronicle* from Washington.

DEMONSTRATION

Meanwhile, a broad spectrum of peace groups planned the December 1 demonstration.

They plan to ring the Fairmont Hotel with pickets beginning at 11:30 a.m. that day, and will conclude their activities with a rally, the site of which was being discussed with San Francisco police and has not been determined.

While Burton and a majority of the peace movement spokesmen planning the demonstration said they did not oppose Ky's speaking here ("but we do protest the policies he stands for"), two of the participating groups are urging the Commonwealth Club to withdraw its invitation.

These are the Downtown Peace Coalition and San Francisco Women for Peace.

'TRADITION'

But club president John H. Busterud said the club will not withdraw its invitation. "It is not in the club's tradition," Busterud said.

Busterud added: "I just feel that one of the more important functions the club has is to provide a forum for speakers on all sides. We have had (former Soviet Chairman Nikita) Khrushchev, Governor George Wallace, Saul Alinsky, and other speakers representing many differing points of view."

The National Coalition Against War, Racism and Repression yesterday urged the Board of Supervisors to adopt a resolution saying Ky "is not an official guest of the city and county of San Francisco," and that they send Ky an letter "informing him) of the policies of the people . . . as expressed by Proposition J (which passed earlier this month, calling

for a ceasefire and withdrawal from Vietnam)."

UNOFFICIAL

But Board President Dianne Feinstein said yesterday:

"I see no reason for adoption of this resolution. At the State Department's request, this is an unofficial visit anyway, and there will be no extension of formal city protocol.

Among the groups planning to participate in the demonstration are the California Democratic Council, the Marin Peace Coalition, the Peace and Freedom Party, the Socialist Workers Party, World Federalist Youth and the Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Southeast Asia.