

# Rocks Fly, Fires Lit in Outbreak

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A mass demonstration protesting the presence of South Vietnamese Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky at the Fairmont Hotel broke up this afternoon in scattered scenes of violent disorder.

Roving bands of dissidents — mostly young persons — stoned police, smashed some car and residence windows, started fires, tipped over at least one automobile, smashed bus windows and tried to take over cable cars.

About 100 persons were arrested.

The disturbances began with bottles thrown at police on Mason Street, outside the famed hotel, and quickly spread to various streets and intersections in the Nob Hill area.

## Hand to Hand

Officers at one point were reported in "hand to hand" combat with a band of more than 100 at Huntington Square, Taylor and Sacramento Streets.

At other locations, they struggled with mobs of 45 or 50 persons who had broken off from what was previously orderly picketing opposite the hotel.

A crowd that Supervising Captain Jeremiah Taylor estimated at 3000 to 3500 had taken part in the earlier demonstration.

Taylor commanded a force of 217 uniformed men, about 20 mounted police, and some 50 plainclothesmen — the latter, for the most part, inside the hotel during Ky's address to the Commonwealth Club of California.

## 2nd Blaze Aborted

Those outside had their hands full.

One fire was set in generator equipment owned by the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. at Clay and Mason Streets, but was quickly extinguished by firemen.

Police helicopters overhead

reported that debris was stacked at the intersection of Leavenworth and Pine Streets in an apparent attempt to start another blaze there. That attempt, however, was aborted.

Two officers were reported injured at Sacramento and Jones Street, where a large crowd armed itself with debris from a construction site.

A crowd of more than 200 youths carrying Viet Cong flags threw rocks at police at California and Leavenworth Streets and slashed the front tires on a No. 80 Municipal bus. They also tipped over a police officer's three-wheel motorcycle.

An object was thrown through the window of an apartment at 1190 Sacramento St., shattering the

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glass and causing extensive damage to furnishings.

The earlier demonstration had been orderly for the most part, despite bitter taunts hurled at police by some members of the crowd.

Until the widespread disorders broke out, there had been only one arrest — that of a youth who gave his name as Gary Von Euer, 18, of San Francisco. He was booked for investigation of assault and resisting arrest.

## Tight Security

The scene inside the Grand Ballroom of the Fairmont, where Ky addressed about 1000 Commonwealth Club members, was one of intense security.

At least 50 officers patrolled the dining room. No one was permitted to leave for any reason once he had entered.

Nevertheless, there was a disturbance there, too.

As Ky approached the end of his prepared address, a man identified as Richard Lippman, 25, a lecturer in the English Department at

San Francisco State College, leaned over the edge of the balcony where television and still cameramen were stationed.

He threw a red-and-blue flag of the National Liberation Front down into the audience, and shouted:

"This man is telling you lies!"

## Shouts of Rage

Security men moved in immediately, placing an armlock on the demonstrator and hustling him out of the ballroom, as members of the audience shouted in rage.

Lippman, police said, had obtained entry to the balcony with an unauthorized press pass.

His outbreak coincided closely with the disturbances on the streets, which continued for more than an hour before police formed lines at Clay and Washington Streets for a sweep of the area.

All traffic was halted at Powell and Sacramento Streets while authorities attempted to herd demonstrators off the streets.

The earlier demonstrations

had taken the form of a moving picket line that circled in U-formation on Mason Street, opposite the Fairmont, and down California and Sacramento Streets.

## Leads Chants

The Rev. Cecil Williams, one of those who had endorsed the demonstration, stood atop a rented red van with sound equipment, directing the marchers and leading chants.

Until the disturbances began, the demonstrators had followed his orders for the most part.

There was one minor incident on the steep California Street hill alongside the hotel when a squad of about a dozen helmeted officers with curved batons—members of the Crime Prevention Detail, formerly known as the Tac Squad — herded about 100 taunting demonstrators up the hill to Mason Street.

Police lines were formed there, holding non-marching crowds in tightly drawn areas along the sidewalks.

The only movement allowed during that phase of the demonstration was that of the moving picket line. To-

ward the end, however, even the pickets stopped marching.

It was then that some bottles were thrown, and the outbreaks of violence began.

## Bottles Thrown

One group of early demonstrators had taken up a position at California and Powell Streets — as if they were unaware that Ky and his wife, Mai, were already inside the hotel.

Any hopes they had of intercepting the couple were fruitless, however.

## Early Arrival

Actually, the Vice President and his strikingly beautiful wife had slipped into the Fairmont early today under massive security protection.

They were escorted from San Francisco International Airport by several carloads of Highway Patrolmen, and Secret Service men surrounded the Nob Hill hostelry as the visitors arrived at 2:50 a.m.

Ky, who had conferred privately for an hour yesterday in Washington with Vice President Agnew and then attended an elaborate State

## Ky Is Reagan's Guest Tonight

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SACRAMENTO — South Vietnamese Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky and his wife were invited to dinner tonight with Governor and Mrs. Ronald Reagan at the Governor's residence here.

Other guests will include the ambassador from South Vietnam, the commander of the South Vietnamese Air Force and Mrs. Anna Chennault, widow of Clair Chennault, commander of the Flying Tigers in the China-Burma theater during World War II.



### AT THE SPEAKERS' TABLE

Club president John Buserud and Nguyen Cao Ky

Department dinner, still was dressed in formal evening wear under a leather top-coat.

His wife left her limousine carrying a huge bouquet of long-stemmed red roses.

They were greeted briefly

in the Fairmont lobby by Vernon Kaufman of Mayor Alioto's office, and were then whisked upstairs to rooms in the Fairmont Tower.

About a dozen members of

Women for Peace staged a protest in Zellerbach Plaza at Kearny and California Streets during the morning rush hour.

They chose that location,

Examiner coverage of the General Ky speech and demonstration was by reporters Christian Holmes, William O'Brien, Ed Montgomery, Dexter Waugh and Hubert J. Bernhard and photographers Bob Palmer, Seymour Snaer, Fran Ortiz, Charles Doherty and Gordon Stone.

explained Mrs. Judy Nakadegawa of Berkeley, "because nobody walks in front of the Fairmont on the way to work."

Walking under an intermittent drizzle, the women carried signs protesting "tiger cage" confinement for Vietnamese political protesters.

They also passed out mimeographed leaflets urging people to join the demonstration later in the morning at the Fairmont.

Major sponsors of the anti-Ky demonstration included the Downtown Peace

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**Protesters, held back by police, encircle Pacific Union Club, across street from Fairmont**

—Examiner Photo



**Fleeing from police sweep, demonstrators swarm up steps of Grace Cathedral near Fairmont**  
—Examiner Photos



Mounted police, moving against crowd, freed protesters on Nob Hill's Huntington Square



Police with batons as they cleared intersection at California and Mason Streets during Ky talk

—UPI Photo