War Protests Set For 12 Campuses Beginning Monday

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 19 Plans for teach-ins to rekindle student opposition to the war in Indochina are gathering steam on a dozen campuses throughout the country.

The protests, to be addressed by prominent political and academic figures, represent an attempt to break the "silence" over the war issue that the sponsors say has descended on many college campuses.

The first teach-ins are scheduled for next Monday at Harvard and Yale. Similar events are being organized at Princeton, the University of Pennsylvania, Notre Dame, Alabama, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Kansas State, Duke, North Carolina State and the University of North Carolina.

The sponsors, a group of students and faculty members at Harvard and Yale, say that among the speakers expected at one or more of the protests are Eugene J. McCarthy, Senator Edmund S. Muskie of Maine, W. Averell Harriman, Julian Bond, Ramsey Clark, Cyrus R. Vance and Representative Bella Abzug of Manhattan.

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"This is an effort to resensitize people," said Gregory Craig, a second-year law student at Yale, who is one of the organizers. "We hope it will produce visible student opposition to the war and prove by this that the war will be a central political issue in the 1972 campaign."

In a sense, the move represents a return to an early tactic of the antiwar movement. "We are going back to square one," remarked Prof. James C. Thomson Jr. of Harvard, a former staff member of the National Security Council. "But politics is the art of doing things over and over again."

He added that a new generation of students had entered college since the first teach-ins aroused student unrest three years ago. The goal, he said, is to "give a prod to those sleepy, doves on capitol hill" and "assure the Administration that the peace movement in moderate form is not dead."

The teach-in concept emerged two weeks ago at a meeting of several Harvard professors who were alarmed at United States operations near Laos. The participants were David Riesman, the sociologist; Stanley H. Hoffman, professor of government; Benjamin I. Schwartz, an Asian specialist; Martin H. Peretz, assistant professor of social studies; Everett I. Mendelsohn, an historian, and Professor Thomson.

"A lot of people say people are in despair," Professor Peretz said. "At the minimum, they should be in informed despair."

At the Harvard protests, the speakers are expected to include Mr. McCarthy, the former Senator from Minnesota; Tom Wicker, associate editor of The New York Times; Walter Pincus, former staff director of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Professors Peretz, Hoffman and Thomson. The Yale group is expecting Mr. Harriman, Mr. Vance and Mr. Clark, among others.

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