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WEEK OF PROTESTS ON WAR TO START

Veterans to Honor Dead in Arlington Rites Today

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WASHINGTON, April 18 — The first contingents of an expected total of 1,500 Vietnam war veterans began arriving here this afternoon in preparation for a week-long series of antiwar protests named Operation Dewey Canyon Three.

Dewey Canyon Two was the code name for the invasion of Laos by South Vietnamese troops, which ended last month.

The veterans' operation, described as "a limited incursion into the District of Columbia," will begin tomorrow morning with a march from a park near the Jefferson Memorial, where the veterans were spending the night, to the gates of the Arlington National Cemetery across the Potomac River.

The veterans' group had planned a memorial service honoring American and Indochinese war dead at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier inside the cemetery but it was refused permission. A spokesman for the veterans said the service would probably be conducted outside the gates.

Later, representatives of the group plan to meet with a delegation of Congressmen to press their demand for an immediate end to the war.

'Crimes' Hearing Planned

While in the capital, the group, the group, called the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, will conduct demonstrations at Government agencies, including a "war crimes hearing" at the Capitol.

One organizer said the demonstrations were "the only way left to us to adequately bring home to this country the true story of what has happened in Vietnam."

The plans have run into a number of obstacles from the Nixon Administration. Although the Interior Department gave the group the use of West Potomac Park as an assembly point, it obtained a Federal injunction on Friday to prevent the veterans from using the Federal grounds around the Washington Monument as a sleeping area.

John F. Kerry, a 27-year-old former Navy lieutenant who is an organizer of the group, said the injunction meant that most of the members, many of whom are unemployed, would have nowhere to sleep during the week because they were unable to afford hotel rooms.

Former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, who is acting as counsel for the veterans, said the injunction would be appealed tomorrow. A spokesman for the veterans said his group would remain in the park tonight but would not violate the injunction by actually sleeping. "I guess we'll just have to drink a lot of coffee," he said.

Mr. Kerry, who graduated from Yale University in 1966 before entering the Navy, said he found the Government's attitude toward the veterans amusing, because under the injunction "we can dance and sing and even have a rock concert if we like, as long as we don't do anything quiet like lay down and sleep."

Capitol Protest Barred

In addition to being denied the Arlington service and the park "camp-in," the veterans, some of whom were to come here from as far away as New Mexico and Oregon, were also refused permission to hold a short rally this Friday on the west steps of the Capitol. They had planned then to turn over their combat decorations to Congressmen.

Vice President Agnew, who turned down their request, said that advance preparations would be under way in the area that day for a mass antiwar rally, planned for Saturday by another group, the National Peace Action Coalition.

Mr. Agnew readily approved a request by the group to hold a noon rally at the Capitol tomorrow.

The proposed march route for Saturday was also approved by the Administration with a single alteration. The Capitol rally will mark the first time that antiwar groups have been allowed by the administration to gather there in large numbers, although others have requested rallies there in the past.