

# Servicemen Will Lead S.F. Peace March Today

Several hundred active duty servicemen, in civvies and wearing black armbands, will lead the mass peace march today from The Embarcadero to Golden Gate Park.

Police estimate that 100,000 persons will take part in the march and a rally at the Polo Field in the park.

Organizers of the West Coast protest — paired with another giant demonstration in Washington, D.C. — are

banking on a combination of good weather and a resurgence of anti-war sentiment for an even bigger turnout.

The forecast is for breezy, sunny weather.

Joining the procession at various points along the six-mile route will be contingents made up of labor union groups, PTA members, students, business executives, conservationists, gay liberationists, Chinese, Latin-

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## The S.F. Peace March

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Americans, Indians and women's rights campaigners.

The parade is scheduled to start from California and Market streets at 9 a.m. and culminate in a rally at 1:30 p.m. at the Polo Field.

### RALLY

Among the two dozen speakers scheduled to address the rally crowd are Congressman Paul N. (Pete) McCloskey Jr., maverick Republican foe of the war, comedian Dick Gregory, mayor-elect Warren Widener of Berkeley and pacifist David Harris.

were several reports yesterday of minor harassment on

Bay Area military bases of servicemen drumming up support for the peace march.

At the Presidio of San Francisco, the commander of a 300-man MP unit canceled a special training exercise that would have kept the soldiers confined to post today.

### BASE

A Presidio spokesman said the exercise was called off "to preclude accusations that the unit was being restricted to base because of the peace march."

The National Peace Action Coalition, sponsor of the demonstration, is counting on an estimated 4000 monitors to keep the march peaceful, and police officials said they

expect no trouble.

A third of the city's 1800 policemen have been assigned to the massive protest.

### HEALTH

The city Health Department said it would have ambulances along the route.

Health Director Francis J. Curry urged those planning to participate in the demonstration to provide themselves with water in canteens or thermos bottles because of the scarcity of drinking fountains along the march route and at the Polo Field.

He also urged that food bought along the march be purchased from licensed vendors only.