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Antiwar demonstrators interrupting the Senate Foreign Relations Committee session

## *Sack-Clad Protesters in Capital Plead for Peace*

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WASHINGTON, April 26 —

Anti war protesters clad in burlap sacks and smeared with make-believe blood pleaded on Capitol Hill today for an end to the conflict in Vietnam.

The new tactic in the third wave of the spring offensive against the war was to beg and sob and cry mournfully for peace instead of demanding peace instead of demanding that the United States quit Vietnam immediately.

The People's Coalition for Peace and Justice thus began a week-long "people's lobby" directed at Congress and the Federal Government. It follows the demonstration last week by the Vietnam Veterans Against the War and the National Peace Action Coalition's rally over the weekend.

The "people's lobby" is expected to be largely peaceful. But in the fourth wave of protest, scheduled to begin this coming weekend, the May Day Tribe has promised to disrupt Government activity next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Today, young lobbyists, interspersed with a few middle-aged men and women, wandered in small bands through the halls of Congress, the two Senate office buildings, the Senate gallery and around the Capitol.

## Vigil in Scott's Office

About 15 of them started a vigil in the office of Senator Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania, the minority leader, and pledged, to remain there until Mr. Scott publicly endorsed Senator George S. McGovern's proposal that all American forces be withdrawn from Vietnam by the end of this year. Senator Scott was in Kansas City making a speech.

Senator John G. Tower, Republican of Texas, said that 30 to 50 dissidents had occupied his office briefly. But Senator John C. Stennis, chairman of the Armed Services Committee, had the door of his office locked to keep out protesters, dressed in Army fatigues, who attempted to stage a mock war maneuver there.

The Capitol police increased security all over the Hill, shutting part of the Capitol and office buildings from time to time.

The Senate gallery was cleared briefly when demonstrators shouted "Stop the war," "There are people dying" and "God have mercy on your souls."

Tourists passing the wailing and moaning demonstrators appeared embarrassed. The police seemed to take the protests in stride. One policeman said, "You gotta have a sense of humor to be a cop today." Others complained of weariness from the long hours that they have worked since the protests began a week ago.

There was a brief scuffle in the New Senate Office Building when demonstrators tried to enact their "guerrilla theater" there. The police stopped them on a stairway, then pushed and shoved when the protesters and spectators did not clear out fast enough.

There were nine scattered arrests, according to the Capitol police. One demonstrator painted a peace symbol in the center of the Capitol rotunda and was arrested when he could not wipe it off with his handkerchief when directed to do so by a policeman.

Late this afternoon, a good-natured crowd stood in the sun and wind on the House steps to listen to Representatives John Conyers Jr., Democrat of Michigan; Bella Abzug, Democrat of Manhattan; Ogden R.

Reid, Republican of Westchester, and Parren J. Mitchell, Democrat of Maryland.

The crowd was made up of supporters of the demand of the National Welfare Rights Organization that a family of four have a guaranteed annual income of \$6,500.

Meanwhile, about 40 of the 104 demonstrators arrested last night for blocking the New Jersey Turnpike remained in several jails in Camden and Burlington Counties until they could get the \$50 required for bail.

Plans for disrupting traffic appeared to have developed as cars and buses carrying demonstrators from Saturday's rally here were on their way home. They had brushes with the police in Maryland and Delaware and were waved across the Delaware Memorial Bridge by the police after stating that they lacked money to pay the tolls.

Once in New Jersey, some of those arrested said, the cars first slowed down and then stopped in an effort to make cars behind them travel at their place. After they stopped, however, the protesters decided to use the traffic pile-up as a protest against the war.

One protester said: "I wish we had sat there until they stopped the war."

About 50 state troopers gradually broke up the traffic jam, arresting those in front and taking them to Mount Laurel for arraignment. Jerseyites were set free on their own recognizance, while people from out of state were required to put up \$50 bail.