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POLICE SEIZE 200 IN CAPITAL MARCH

Group Arrested in Attempt to Go to White House

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More than 200 demonstrators were arrested late today as they attempted an unauthorized march from a building of the department of Health, Education and Welfare near the Capitol to the White House, about a mile away.

The demonstrators, headed by civil rights leaders, were charged with parading without a permit and, in contrast to a similar number arrested yesterday outside the Selective Service headquarters, were allowed to post a \$50 collateral bond.

Yesterday, the arrested demonstrators were kept in custody until their cases could be heard by the Court of General Sessions, which remained open most of the night. Police officials said they were accepting collateral because no arrangements had been made to keep the courts open again tonight.

Noisy Demonstrations

The abortive march was the climax of an afternoon of noisy demonstrations at the Health, Education and Welfare buildings. Earlier, several dozen of the demonstrators, who were attempting to reach the offices of departmental employees, pulled down a temporary wall in the building's main lobby. They said they wanted to meet with the employes to press their demands for a guaranteed annual income of \$6,500 a year for a family of four.

The wall, made of wooden panels, was erected across the building's main corridor last night in an attempt to keep the demonstrators confined to the lobby area and to a large auditorium where they had been given permission to hold a so-called teach-in with staff members.

At the teach-in, a number of speakers, including Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and Dr. George Wiley of the National Welfare Rights Organization, repeatedly attacked the Nixon Administration's proposed family assistance plan as inadequate.

Nixon Portrait Addressed

Speaking from a stage backed with a mural that showed a white family of four enjoying a bountiful picnic lunch in a park, Dr. Abernathy called for a portrait of President Nixon to be brought over so he could "preach" to it.

"Richard, we have come here to serve notice on you today," he said to the Presidential portrait, "that if you can serve your four dogs food that costs \$2,800 a year, we need more than \$1,600 a year."

The Administration's family assistance plan, if approved by Congress, would originally have set \$1,600 as the basic yearly stipend for a family of four. Now it would provide \$2,400.

Madeline Gold, one of the employes who helped arrange today's meeting, told the hundreds gathered in the auditorium that "Maybe the administrators don't want you here, but the employes do." She said an informal pool of staff members last week had shown that 70 per cent supported the \$6,500 guaranteed annual income.

The contingent from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference arrived at the building around noon, marching behind a "mule train" that had left New York City for Washington on April 2. They were met there by a group of welfare mothers representing the National Welfare Rights Organization and members of the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice, the group conducting this week's lobbying at various Government agencies.

Yesterday, the demonstrators visited offices of the Internal Revenue Service and tomorrow they plan to go to the Department of Justice and ask to see the dossiers they believe have been compiled there about each of them.

At today's discussion, which was attended by about 30 members of the H.E.W. staff, the temporary restraining wall in the hall became the major point of contention.

The Rev. Hosea Williams, an official of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, called upon those assembled to bring it down. "I haven't been to jail in three weeks," he said. "I'm just itching to go."

Leave and Return

The crowd filtered out into the hallway and there was some initial shoving with a squad of policemen, all of whom were black, who were guarding the wall. After a few minutes, the demonstrators called a conference and most of the 200 or so left the lobby and gathered on the building's front steps.

Just before 4 P.M., those intending bringing the wall down returned and found that the policemen, were gone. One by one, the panels were removed to the cheers of those who had remained to watch and were carried outside for an impromptu victory celebration.

But when the first of the demonstrators stepped through the wall, they found the missing policemen, along with several dozen reinforcements, standing in a phalanx on the other side. The policemen would not permit the protesters to pass, but watched as the rest of the wall was torn down and carried away.