

# Congressmen Assail Disruption Attempts

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — The attempts by anti-war forces to disrupt the government have drawn almost universal criticism from members of Congress, many of whom said they feared the civil disobedience would harm the cause of peace.

An exception, however, was Rep. Parren Mitchell (D-Md.), who said yesterday that "if thousands today have turned to civil disobedience the fault lies in ourselves."

"We taught these people to believe in our system, to have faith that we can correct our faults. And they are calling on us, in restrained, if illegal, ways to respond."

## Dellums Shocked

A mixed reaction came from Rep. Ronald Dellums (D-Calif.), who said he was "shocked by the Gestapo tactics now being used to repel today's demonstrations."

"I see the police venting their frustrations on a small bunch of dogmatic young people who see disruption as the only means of halting our tragic adventurism in Southeast Asia. I disagree with the demonstrators over tactics, but I am more repelled by the force thrown against them by the police and the military."

But most of the comments were critical.

Sen. Edmund Muskie (D-Maine) said:

"I am concerned that the politics of confrontation and provocation may well alienate the millions of Americans who otherwise support set-



Asst. Atty. Gen. Robert Mardian photographed protesters.

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ting a deadline for withdrawal."

## Sen. McGovern

Senate Republican Leader Hugh Scott accused some

Democratic leaders today of praising "obstreperous riot prone" protesters when it was "politically advantageous," but withdrawing their support when the anti-war demonstrations involved vandalism.

Scott made it obvious he was talking about Muskie, among others.

Sen. George S. McGovern of South Dakota, an announced Democratic presidential candidate and a dove, said:

"I cannot condone the illegal acts by those who seek an end to the Indochina war. These acts undermine the efforts of Congress to bring about a withdrawal of our forces by the end of this year."

He called the demonstrations a "direct result of the failure of the administration to listen to the American people."

Sen. Gordon Allott (R-Colo.) said he thought some of the demonstration leaders were trained in Communist conspiracy and added that more demonstrators seemed to be coming from Massachusetts than anywhere else. Asked why, he said:

"Well there's something wrong with their thinking up there."

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) said the cause of peace "is being damaged by violence in the name of ending the war and by irresponsible actions directed toward ordinary citizens trying to go about their normal pursuits without harassment."

# Courts Process 7000

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Courtrooms in the nation's capital, where the slightest misdemeanor is a federal felony as judges worked overtime setting bond for 7000 anti-war protesters arrested for disrupting the streets of Washington.

Some lawyers contended the courts were trying to keep the demonstrators off the streets by setting excessive bail. The judges indicated the government is interested in convicting the demonstrators.

There were claims that some of those arrested had nothing to do with the waves of demonstrators who had played tag with police while slowing rush-hour traffic.

A man identifying himself as a psychiatrist said six young persons under treatment for mental disorders were swept up by riot-garbed police near George Washington University. The patients and two attendants were said to have been arrested as they went for a therapeutic walk.

Dr. Benjamin Spock, the pediatrician, anti-war activist and one of the first released on bail, said a 12 year old boy and a 13 year old girl were held with 2000 demonstrators in an outdoor compound until their parents arranged for their freedom.

Robert Hibbard, 28, of Austin, Tex., another released on \$10 collateral, said the compound also held a little girl carrying school books, an Army lieutenant, several businessmen, an off-duty policeman, three medical students, a doctor and two nurses.