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Protest in Oakland

A battalion of Oakland police stood by quietly yes- publisher of the newspaper, terday and monitored the who mingled on the street peaceful activities of some 150 anti-war demonstrators.

Advance reports that the demonstration which began about 11 a.m. at Lafayette Park, was to be iolent, proved to be unfounded.

After a rally where speakers advised non-violence, the demonstrators, almost all in their teens or early twenties, moved downtown by way of 13th street.

They paused in front of the Oakland Tribune to chant "Sign the Peace Treaty End the War" and "William Knowland Is a Pig."

The last referred to the unrecognized - with the demonstrators.

A political conservative and supporter of current Southeast Asia policies. Knowland told a reporter:

"It doesn't look like they got as many people out today as they claimed they would, does it?"

The demonstrators put on several impromptu acts of guerrilla theater, passed out handbills, and peacefully attempted to buttonhole passers-by to solicit their signatures on anti-war petitions.

By 2 o'clock the demonstrators had dispersed.