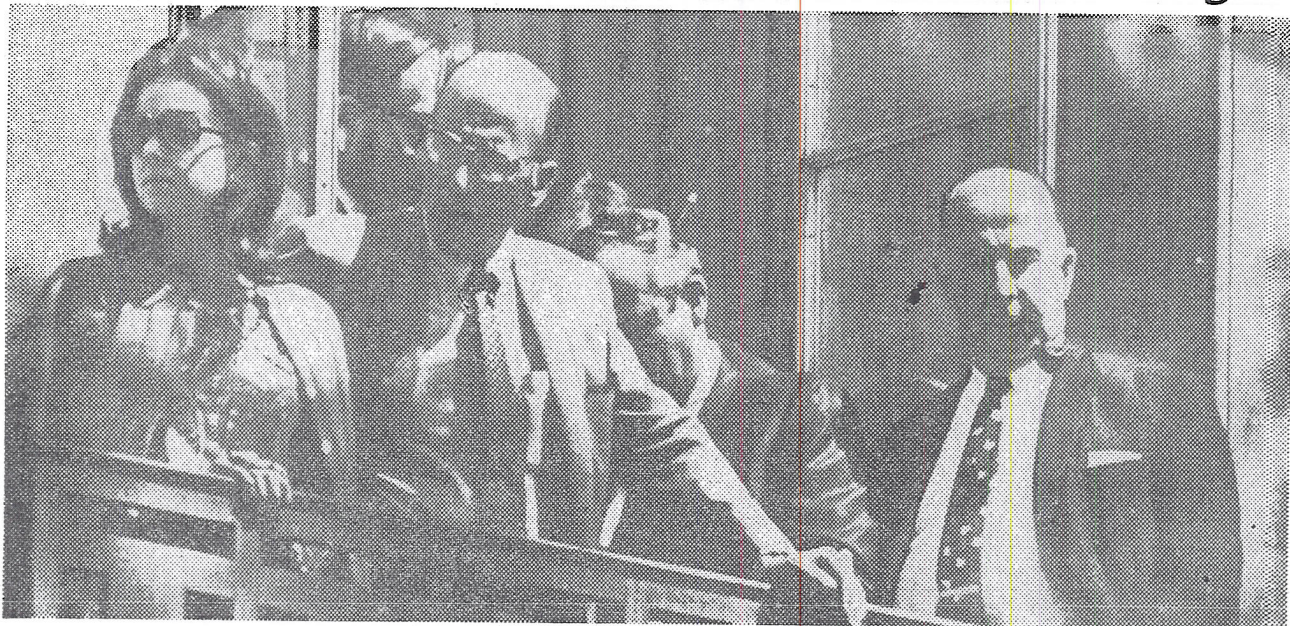


# 2,000 More Demonstrators Arrested in Washington



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Attorney General John H. Mitchell views antiwar protest below his office balcony. With him are Assistant Attorney General Robert C. Mardian, with glasses, and Deputy Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst, turning at center.

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WASHINGTON, May 4—The District of Columbia police arrested 2,000 more antiwar demonstrators today in minor confrontations and at the end of a two-hour demonstration at the Justice Department.

The arrests pushed to more than 9,000 the two-day total of protest detentions. Many of those arrested today were being detained for the second time.

About 2,000 of the 7,000 demonstrators arrested yesterday remained in custody, having been moved from a fence-enclosed football field to the Washington Coliseum, a downtown indoor sports arena.

The 2,000 in custody since yesterday morning comprised two groups. More than 1,000 of them waited in the hope of the dismissal of all charges against them for lack of evidence or police arrest records.

The others were still waiting to plod through the police paperwork of release upon posting \$10. If released, they could join an estimated 4,000 other demonstrators still in the city, but many said they would leave immediately.

Leaders of the protesters, who call themselves the May-day Tribe and the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice, said that demonstrations would continue tomorrow, centered on

Capitol Hill. They pledged non-violence.

The two-hour gathering of about 3,000 protesters this afternoon was held under the balcony window of Attorney General John N. Mitchell, whose office has largely controlled the authorities' actions during the last 10 days of end-the-war demonstrations here. The Attorney General, smoking a pipe, appeared periodically on the balcony.

The demonstrators failed to mount any concerted effort to disrupt commuter traffic, as they had sought to do yesterday.

Instead, they gathered at noon in Franklin Square at 14th

and I Streets N.W., on the northern edge of the downtown shopping area, and marched 14 blocks with a police escort to the Justice Department at 10th Street and Constitution Avenue.

The police policy of mass arrests, which had been criticized, was somewhat altered. Under the command of Police Chief Jerry V. Wilson, who was on the street ahead of the marchers, officers stopped and detoured downtown traffic for the protesters. The marchers were ordered by the police to stay on the sidewalks, and at one time the parade covered the entire distance of more

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than a mile from Franklin Square to the Justice Department.

The arrests began at 2:45 P.M., after a series of fiery speeches. There were amplified orders to disperse or face detention. Hundreds left, but about 2,000 waited quietly in the 100-yard-long canyon of 10th Street, between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues, as police lines moved in toward the center from both sides.

Some demonstrators sat in the street, talking and laughing and waiting to rise for the arresting officers, who placed them in buses. Others danced in a circle to the music of a flute.

"Keep it cool, man," a voice repeated over a bullhorn. Some demonstrators chanted "The whole world is watching" as the arrests went on.

Several of them said that their spirits were lifted by the knowledge that the additional 2,000 arrests today would compound the already serious difficulties of Government officials in the legal processing and housing of the record number of detainees. One speaker at the Justice Department today, John Froines, called the demonstration "a people's arrest of the Government."

Mr. Froines, sought by the Federal Bureau of Investigation since he was charged yesterday with two conspiracy counts as an organizer of the Mayday demonstrations here, was the first person arrested today. F.B.I. agents in the throng, surprised by his appearance, seized him as the first wave of city policemen began closing in on 10th Street.

The change in the character of the demonstration today, as well as the more restrained and patient police conduct, came amid charges that the police had indiscriminately swept across entire intersections yesterday. It seemed obvious that many bystanders had been caught in the roundups, a tactic reportedly devised by, or with the consultation of, the Justice Department.

It was also apparent that the city Department of Corrections had been wholly unprepared to detain 7,000 persons. At the urging of Mayor Walter Washington, the thousands held in the Washington Redskins' practice field near the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium were bused through the night to the Washington Coliseum.

#### Policy Reversed

There, reversing a policy for which the city had earlier obtained court approval, the prisoners were offered the opportunity of obtaining release by posting \$10, the so-called "collateral" procedure normally used here for most minor offenses.

Most of those arrested yes-

terday were charged with disorderly conduct, failure to obey an officer, failure to move on, or crossing police lines.

The effect of permitting the collateral procedure was to end the unusual system, which laored slowly through only about 300 cases during the night, of requiring Superior Court arraignments and permitting release only on bond, usually \$250 or more.

Officials were faced with a court test of the collateral sus-

pension, filed by lawyers of the Public Defender Service. Moreover, Government attorneys acknowledged the prospect of very few convictions in view of the fact that in many cases no record of the arrest was kept. And with conditions getting worse in the temporary holding areas, the decision was made about midnight to restore collateral, a system that enables prisoners to be released by posting a small fee to guarantee their appearance in court,

which they simply forfeit if they choose not to appear.

Philip J. Hirschkop, the lawyer here for Mayday and the People's Coalition, filed a contempt of court complaint late today against Chief Wilson. It accused him of violating the collateral suspension order of Chief Judge Harold Greene of the Superior Court, which required that if collateral was revoked for demonstrators it must be revoked for other minor offenders here as well.



Washington police begin to arrest demonstrators seated at Justice Department after issuing warnings to disperse

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