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S.F.'s Day Of Protest

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A flag-carrying demonstrator on a cable car seemed to be ignored by police

Anti-War Demonstration Fails to Halt Business

By Jerry Carroll

Scores of young people were arrested in San Francisco's financial district yesterday during a roving anti-war demonstration that failed in its announced goal of preventing business as usual.

Policemen on horseback and astride motorbikes accompanied the some 500 protesters as they trooped through the crowded streets, preventing them from blocking traffic for more than brief periods.

And drum-tight security in the buildings targeted for non-violent disruptions kept the young people from carrying their anti-war and anti-capitalism arguments into corporate headquarters.

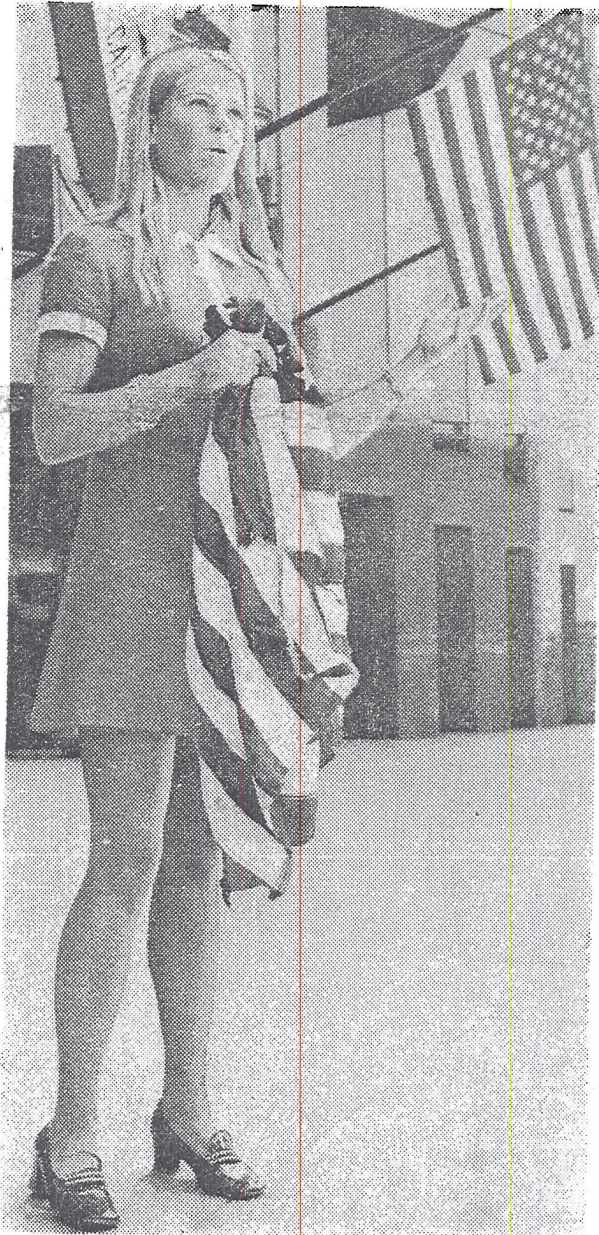
At the end of the long and potentially explosive day, 97 demonstrators had been arrested by police — 80 men, 11 women, three male juveniles and three female juveniles.

They were charged with a variety of offenses ranging from unlawful assembly, to misdemeanor riot, to failure to disperse.

Despite police fears that the day might see bombings and other violence by avowed revolutionaries, there was little more than isolated vandalism, a dozen bomb threats and a fist-fight or two.

After the demonstrations

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Marcy Taylor clutched the flag she saved from burning in the Bank of America plaza



A policeman on a motorbike moved a group of the demonstrators along on Battery street

The Day of War Protest

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finally ended, Police Chief Alfred J. Nelder complimented his men for their "excellent conduct."

"They did a real professional job. They showed a great deal of restraint," he said.

The organizers of the present protest — which began early in the morning and lasted through the afternoon — declared themselves pleased by its results.

"We all feel really good," said Norman Riffe, 23, a worker for the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice, at a morning rally in front of the 555 Market street offices of Standard Oil Co.

"We didn't expect to paralyze the city. People are looking out of windows at us — that's disruption," he said.

Threats to block motorists as they pulled into downtown parking garages didn't amount to much and hardly

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anyone showed up at the bus and train terminals to hand out leaflets as was planned.

Rumors that there were plans afoot to block the Bay and Golden Gate Bridge approaches to the city in the morning proved groundless.

In fact, traffic moved more swiftly than normal and there was the normal of cars during the commute rush.

People passing out copies of a "People's Peace Treaty" between the United States and the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong met with a luke warm reception.

"They say they already have them or they don't say anything at all," said Jeanne Eiseman, 17, a student at Palo Alto High School.

Most of the buildings in the financial district, warned beforehand of the possibility of trouble, had uniformed

guards standing at the doors.

At the Pacific Coast Stock Exchange on Pine street, the guards arrived too late to prevent someone from spraying "Mayday" on the stately columns and "Sisters Unite: Off Your Bosses" on the side.

The first unlawful act of the day happened shortly before 11:30 a.m. at the noisy, colorful rally in front of Standard Oil's Market street office.

Young people, many of them appearing to be of high school age, tried to block passing street cars, which brought the motorbike cops and the mounted policemen hurrying up.

The helmeted officers kept the demonstrators on the sidewalk until the cry went up to march to the Bank of America for a scheduled noon rally.

That journey was largely uneventful, save for the periodic occasional, unnerving explosion of a cherry bomb and the baritone blast of a slide trombone. The mounted policemen clopped along in the center of the street as if parading.

A knot of businessmen, smilingly watching the passing throng, was startled when a sharp-tongued young black woman said blisteringly:

"You money-grubbing avaricious businessmen. You ought to be ashamed of yourselves."

At the Bank of America plaza at California and Kearny streets, a bald executive watched the flag-bedecked procession arrive and said to two companions: "Let's get our asses out of here."

As office workers peered down from surrounding buildings, the crowd was entertained by a satirical sketch on imperialism which ended with an American flag being set afire.

Marcy Taylor, a 25-year-old office worker from the bank building, was one of dozens of onlookers mingling with the protesters. She had walked in the big April 24 peace march.

Miss Taylor waded through the crowd, snatched the burning flag and beat out the flames with her hands, suffering minor burns. "I'd do it again a million times over," she said afterward.

The major violence of the day came after that noon rally, when the demonstrators poured down California street, their ranks swollen by hundreds of workers watching the protest or on their way to lunch.

The mounted policemen occasionally moved onto the clogged sidewalks, waving their clubs and sometimes striking out with them.

In front of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith, a group of brokers stood in front of the entrance to keep people out.

Words were exchanged with some young demonstrators with a Viet Cong flag; a couple of ineffectual punches were thrown; a small rock was hurled at the brokers, who threw it back; a window

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Abbie Hoffman Held --D.C. Riot Charges

Washington

FBI agents arrested Abbie Hoffman in his New York apartment last night on charges of inciting a riot and assaulting a police officer in connection with the Washington antiwar demonstrations.

Hoffman, the Yippie party leader and a Chicago Seven defendant, was charged with traveling to Washington, D. C., from outside the District of Columbia between April 29 and May 3 "with intent to incite, organize, promote, encourage, participate in and carry out a riot."

An attached affidavit charged Hoffman with threatening District of Columbia policeman Larry W. Sapping-

ton with a board in northwest Washington during attempts by demonstrators to tie up commuter traffic Monday.

"I saw a white male engaged in placing concrete blocks and pieces of board and two-by-fours in the roadway in the form of what appeared to be a barricade," Sappington said in the document. "When the white male saw me approaching on my scooter, he picked up a board and poised himself as if he were going to strike me with it."

Sappington said Hoffman ran when he saw a busload of police approach but was caught, arrested and later released.

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was broken.

The wholesale arrests were begun at that point, but it wasn't until police declared the moving crowd an unlawful assembly that officers went to work with a will.

Most of those arrested were charged with failure to disperse, others with resisting arrest and still others with inciting to riot.

Trash cans occasionally were overturned, news racks thrown into the street and dirt clods dug from planter boxes and hurled at officers by a small minority of the demonstrators.

At Market and First

streets, two black welfare workers in a city car had to flee when a dozen protesters snatched the keys and tried to roll the car over.

Not far from there, a Municipal Railway bus had a flat tire when it ran over some nails tossed on Market street by demonstrators.

Close by, construction worker Joe Deldompo, wearing a hard hat and tending his cement-mixing machine, said he thinks war is inevitable.

"It's man's nature. The first man on earth probably punched himself in the mouth," Deldompo said.