

# 130 Arrested in Antiwar Protest at Federal Building

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BOSTON, May 6—A crowd of demonstrators estimated at between 2,000 and 4,000 persons laid siege to the John F. Kennedy Federal Building today in a protest against the Indochina war.

Units of the tactical police force of the Boston Police Department made a series of charges into the crowd to clear pedestrian lanes and keep the building open for business.

A medical station at the Old West Church reported dozens of injuries to the demonstrators, including several scalp wounds, but no serious injuries. One policeman was cut on the shoulder and required medical attention.

The police reported 130 arrests by late afternoon. One city official said the total marked "the largest number of people arrested in a single day in Boston's history."

## In Boston Common

The action culminated two days of peaceful protest coordinated by the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice. Yesterday, 25,000 people gathered in Boston Common for speeches and rallies protesting the war. One arrest was made during that demonstration.

The rally today continued

the nonviolent tactic of civil disobedience that protests against the war appeared to be taking nationally this spring.

The protesters, mostly young, college-aged people, marched from the Common to the downtown Federal building at 3 A.M. and sat down in a human chain eight to 10 people thick that encircled the building.

Most of those arrested offered little or no resistance; most were charged with disorderly conduct.

Throughout the day, discussions between leaders of the demonstration and the Police Department continued in an attempt to head off any violence. By the end of the day, the demonstration leaders and the

police agreed to an orderly withdrawal and the Police Department cleared a route back to the Common.

The mood of the protest, which through the morning had been one of light banter between the police and the seated protesters, turned ugly at one point. Without warning, the tactical police swept through a half-block crowd of seated protesters. Nightsticks were held low, but a line of policemen jabbed knees and kicked in all directions.

Splotches of blood marked the pavement once the area was cleared. Those protesters who would not move were picked up and thrown atop others. Most were grabbed by the hair and dragged across the street. Two later sweeps were announced in advance, but the clearing action was conducted with the same knee-and-boot force.



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Units of the Tactical Police force trying to clear demonstrators from in front of the Federal building in Boston. The protesters were estimated at between 2,000 and 4,000.

## Protest in Buffalo

BUFFALO, May 6 (AP)—Antiwar protesters, clapping

## *in Boston*

hands and chanting "We Want Peace Now," paraded in a circle at the entrance to the Federal Building in downtown Buffalo today.

Seven demonstrators were on hand shortly after dawn, but their numbers grew to about 50 by midmorning.

The police passed by the scene on motorcycles from time to time, some stood in the area. Workers and others passed in and out of the building without incident.

### **Ohio State Demonstration**

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 4 (AP) — About 100 demonstrators shouted antiwar slogans and threw eggs, mud and marshmallows at R.O.T.C. cadets during a military review at Ohio State University today.

A group of about 15 members of Vietnam Veterans Against the War and a smaller contingent of Students for a Democratic Society led the demonstration.

A high chain fence kept hecklers outside the parade area and their chants were largely drowned out by band music at the reviewing site.

### **Kent State Sit-in Ends**

KENT, Ohio, May 6 (UPI)—About 50 antiwar students today abandoned their two-day sit-in at entrances to a Kent State University building that houses the R.O.T.C. headquarters.

The students had forced school officials to close Rockwell Hall on Tuesday at the conclusion of four days of campus memorial services for four students shot to death May 4, 1970, by Ohio National Guardsmen.

In a statement, the students said: "We have staged a non-violent protest attempt to block the door to the R.O.T.C. office at the Kent State campus. This effort was made in order to show our contempt and disgust for the military war machine which oppresses people all over the world."

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