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CAPITAL PROTESTS COST \$5.5-MILLION

New Reports Raise Figure —House Inquiry Begins

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WASHINGTON, May 18—The disruptions and other antiwar demonstrations here from April 24 to May 5 cost the Federal Government and the District of Columbia more than \$5.5-million, Federal and city officials said today.

Reassessments of earlier figures and new reports made the total more than twice what had previously been reported.

The figures became available as the House Internal Security Committee, led by Representative Richard H. Ichord, Democrat of Missouri, began an investigation of alleged Communist and other radical control of the demonstrators' organizations.

The inquiry was denounced by antiwar Congressmen who condemned the committee for engaging in what they called "the ultimate un-American activity" of repressing free speech and dissent. The panel was formerly called the Com-

mittee on Un-American Activities.

Among today's disclosures on costs were the following:

¶ Chief Jerry V. Wilson told the committee that metropolitan police costs had amounted to \$3.2-million.

¶ A Pentagon spokesman said that Defense Department costs for airlift and transportation plus other expenses, had come to \$1.2-million. That did not include pay or other usual expenses for the 10,000 troops alerted.

¶ Russell E. Dickenson, director of the National Park Service, said costs to his organization had totaled \$518,000, including \$100,000 in damage to the Washington Monument grounds.

¶ A spokesman for the Justice Department said it spent \$219,000 on Monday, May 3, the day of the most disruptions for the expenses of United States attorneys, marshals and other officials. He said total costs might run to \$400,000 for the entire period.

¶ A spokesman for the Capitol police said Congress had been asked to appropriate \$200,000 for overtime pay for policemen who had been on 7-day, 12-hour shifts.

Those figures do not include damage to private property or automobiles, which Chief Wilson said was impossible to estimate. Nor do they include costs

of the Arlington, Va., police in controlling the demonstration.

A spokesman for the Metropolitan Washington Board of Trade said that downtown shopping was off 50 per cent during the disruption but could not furnish a dollar estimate.

Representative John M. A. Brook, Republican of Ohio, member of the Internal Security Committee, observed during the hearings that forcing the Government to expend resources had been an objective of the demonstrators.

Chief Wilson agreed and defended the police tactics of mass arrests to prevent the demonstrators from achieving their goal.

"There is no question that there were sufficient demonstrators here to have completely closed down the city and the Government," he said.

He said that 13,500 arrests had been made during the disruptions and that 9,000 to 10,000 individuals had been involved, some having been arrested more than once.

Chief Wilson said that if he were prohibited from using the mass arrest tactic in the future, either by legislation or Executive order, the Government would need 20,000 to 25,000 Federal troops to maintain control of the city against 15,000 demonstrators, the number estimated to have been here on May 3.