

Month of Antiwar Rallies Begins Around

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Homebound workers mingled with several thousand demonstrators at a Vietnam Moratorium Day labor rally held late in the day yesterday on Seventh Avenue between 36th and 37th Streets.

Similar peace rallies were held in other cities around the country in what was planned as the start of a month-long series of demonstrations against the war in Indochina.

Although peace in Vietnam was the major theme of the rallies, many demonstrators also demanded an end to racism and the wage freeze, the freeing of Angela Davis and freedom in Greece.

Mayor Lindsay, one of the speakers at the rally in the garment district here, told the gathering:

"We are all prisoners of this war. No other war has ever wrecked this nation's economy. For the first time, America has not a war boom but a war bust."

Mylai and Attica

The Mayor also attacked the Nixon Administration, declaring that "we must rid ourselves of an Administration that does not see people as people."

"You only condone a Mylai or an Attica by denying the humanity of its victims," he declared. "To those who ordered Attica, to the President that approved it, the victims had ceased to be people."

Another speaker at the

Seventh Avenue rally was Emil Mazey, secretary-treasurer of the United Auto Workers. He said: "The Vietnam war has cost American taxpayers more than \$200-billion. The war in Vietnam has been the principal cause of inflation."

About 125 students held a peace rally on the Columbia University campus and then, after some speeches picketed the university's School of International Affairs, which they said had a war contract.

And at Central Commercial High School, on 42d Street at Second Avenue, about 150 students held a noon rally.

Peace demonstrations, some of which featured "guerrilla theatre," were held on the campus of Brooklyn College, the Washington Square campus of New York University, Queens College and other schools.

Other Groups Listed

Other rallies were held by Women Strike for Peace, Bronx Coalition for Peace, Citizens Coalition for Peace in Queens, Brooklyn Moratorium Committee and the West Side Peace Committee, among many others. Most drew only small crowds.

In Washington, about 200 gathered in Lafayette Park across from the White House for a noon peace rally that featured speakers from labor unions. About 100 of them later marched down Pennsylvania Avenue to the west steps of the Capitol, where they joined 50 other antiwar demonstrators in a rally.

In Massachusetts, there were

labor peace rallies in Boston, teach-ins in Cambridge, and a candlelight march in Lynn.

In Illinois, city and state legislators joined labor leaders at a noon peace rally in Chicago

and Business Executives Move for Peace held an evening town meeting in Evanston, Ill.

In Philadelphia, the Student Mobilization Committee held day-long demonstrations that

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started with picketing of Frankfort Arsenal, an Army munitions installation and research center. About 35 Unitarians in South Bend, Ind., began a 24-hour fast for peace.