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## High School Students Hold Rally For War Protest on Saturday

Several hundred high school students held a rally on the Central Park Mall in the rain yesterday in preparation for Saturday's March Against the War.

Speakers from high schools throughout the city — both public and parochial — urged students to distribute leaflets and organize delegations from their schools for the antiwar demonstration, which will begin with a march up the Avenue of the Americas and conclude with a rally at the Sheep Meadow.

The park band shell, dominated by a large American flag, was pasted with posters and placards bearing such legends as "George Washington High. Out Now?" "Out of Southeast Asia Now?" and "Fight for High School Rights." Another sign read, "Join the Army; travel to exotic distant lands; meet exciting, unusual people; and kill them." Uniformed policemen on foot

and horses, patrolled the band shell area, as did men from the special events force, who were in patrol cars.

The students who spoke came from a wide variety of schools. Included were Charles Evans Hughes High School, Hillcrest High School, the High School of Music and the Arts, Central Commercial High School and Bishop Loughlin and Bishop Ford High Schools.

Dennis Cumberland, President of Bishop Loughlin's student body, said he was leading a contingent of students from six Catholic schools to show "that we support the antiwar movement, too."

"Catholic schools do want to get in," he said. "If we're truly Christian then we should be against all killing and all wars."

The rally was to have lasted several hours, but because of the rain the crowd was kept down and it dispersed after an hour.