

War Rampage In Berkeley

Hundreds of shouting, rock-throwing demonstrators surged through the streets of Berkeley last night, smashing windows and setting trash fires in protest against President Nixon's new war measures in Vietnam.

At least one police car was overturned and burned. Windows were broken in dozens of business places.

Trash cans were overturned and set afire in the streets in many places.

There were reports early today that one or two buildings had been set afire, but they could not be confirmed.

Estimates of the number of demonstrators ranged from several hundred to more than a thousand.

MARCH

They started congregating shortly after 9 p.m. at Willard Park — sometimes called Ho Chi Minh Park — on Telegraph avenue. The demonstration started as a relatively quiet march along Telegraph, with many of the demonstrators raced from one street to another, from the University of California campus to downtown Berkeley, dodging police who tried to head them off from business areas vulnerable to "trashing."

By early today, the throng had broken up into smaller groups, but the violence showed no signs of abating.

There were sporadic reports of explosions and what sounded like gunfire, but police said they knew of no injuries and no arrests. 3

The heaviest damage was reported along Shattuck avenue, where rocks were tossed through numerous plate glass windows despite efforts of police to keep the

protesters away from business places there.

Police seemed generally restrained in their response when rocks and bottles were thrown at them, but a few were observed swinging clubs as they chased protesters, and police cars with sirens screaming were driven onto sidewalks in some places as officers tried to disperse crowds.

An unoccupied squad car was tipped over and set afire, and a rock smashed a window of another police car full of helmeted officers, but none of them were injured, a Berkeley police spokesman said.

A section of the fence around People's Park at Bowditch and Haste streets, scene of a bloody battle between police and demonstrators in 1969, was torn down.

Meanwhile, there were non-violent protests at other campuses.

STANFORD

At Stanford University, some 400 students marched on the campus residence of university president Richard W. Lyman, but dispersed after about an hour. Lyman refused to come out and talk to them in response to demands. Stanford students announced a mass protest rally would be held at noon today in White Plaza.

At Santa Barbara, the sheriff's office mobilized its forces to try to head off some 1500 students who were reported on the march from their Isla Vista housing area early today with the announced intention of blocking U.S. 101.

Students at the University of California at Santa Cruz and at Sonoma State College also announced plans for protests rallies today.