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PROTESTS FLARE AFTER NIXON TALK

Scattered Violence Occurs Throughout the Country

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With mass marches and rallies, silent vigils and traffic-blocking demonstrations, anti-war protesters around the country responded yesterday to President Nixon's decision to mine North Vietnamese ports.

Most of the demonstrations began on college campuses, and most were peaceful. But some spilled over into city streets and turned into scattered confrontations with the police.

Violence erupted for the second consecutive night at the University of California in Berkeley, where thousands of protesters moved off campus to the downtown business district, smashing windows and setting fires in trash cans. The police used night sticks and "ricochet" guns that fire hard rubber pellets in an attempt to disperse the crowd.

By late afternoon, the demonstrators had taken over "People's Park," the site of the campus disturbances of May, 1969, and had torn up its asphalt covering. Six persons were arrested after protesters smashed store windows and burned a police car Monday night.

Tear Gas in Wisconsin

At the University of Wisconsin in Madison, after a night of widespread window-smashing and a noon rally that attracted more than 2,000 students with tear gas yesterday to clear a campus street clogged with demonstrators. Three were arrested, but no serious injuries were reported.

In Gainesville, Fla., the police used riot sticks and tear gas to drive about 1,000 University of Florida students from U. S. Route 441, a four-lane highway. Scuffles broke out when the policemen pushed the demonstrators along the highway, and the police called in the fire department to turn high-pressure hoses on the crowd.

Fifty-one persons, most of them students from the State University of New York, were arrested in Binghamton, N. Y., after sitting down to block the entrance to the Federal Building there.

About 50 persons were arrested in New Haven during a five-hour demonstration that involved mostly Yale University students.

In Chicopee, Mass., 16 demonstrators were arrested during a sit-in at the gates of Westover Air Force Base.

A fire apparently set by arsonists destroyed an Army Reserve station in San Jose, Calif., causing damage estimated at \$200,000.

In Kingston, R. I., two fire bombs were tossed at the main transformer of the University of Rhode Island but burned out without exploding.

Traffic Blocked

Many protests involved the blocking of streets. This occurred across the country, from Westport, Conn., where 31 suburban residents were arrested for tying up traffic on the Boston Post Road, to Santa Barbara, Calif., where 1,500 students stopped motorists on U.S. Route 101 for more than an hour.

In Oxford, Ohio, 2,000 Miami University students blocked the city's main street before dispersing under police orders. In Boulder, Colo., more than 1,000 demonstrators blocked numerous thoroughfares, including the main Boulder-Denver turnpike, where fires were set out of roadside debris. An angry driver who got out of his stalled car with a shotgun was disarmed by the police.

A group of protesters abandoned their cars on Chicago's Eisenhower Expressway during the morning rush hour, causing a massive traffic jam. Nine persons were arrested.

Protest at United Nations

In New York, about 200 Vietnam Veterans Against the War attempted to storm the United Nations headquarters. Security guards locked the gates and clashed with a handful of protesters who fought their way inside the main building.

In St. Louis, seven men who said they were Vietnam veterans went to the top of the 630-foot Gateway Arch and "occupied" it for an hour. In Philadelphia, 200 activists blocked the entrance to the President's re-election headquarters.

About 30 protesters were ejected from the visitors gallery at the House of Representatives in Washington after shouting anti-war slogans.

A midnight candlelight vigil was held by 400 persons at the Liberty Memorial in Kansas City, Mo. In Ames, Iowa, 125 protesters lighted a bonfire and blocked firemen who tried to put it out.

Princeton Protest

At Princeton University, students burned an effigy of President Nixon on the lawn of Gov. William T. Cahill. At Stanford University in California, students marched to the home of Dr. Richard Lyman, the university president, and at Windham College, in Vermont, they marched to the home of Senator George D. Aikens, Republican of Vermont.

Two bridges in Amherst, Mass., were blocked by students for half an hour, and the New York Thruway was obstructed by students at the State University of New York in New Paltz for at least an hour.