

Anti-War Protests at Capital

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Anti-war demonstrators by the thousands clashed with police on campuses and streets yesterday. The protests reached into the Capitol in Washington, while lawmakers and governors joined in criticism of President Nixon's mining of North Vietnamese waters.

A demonstration by 300 youths, mostly black high school students, outside the House of Representatives caused Speaker Carl Albert, (Dem-Okla.) to close the House galleries for three hours.

In another development, six Democratic governors joined in sending a telegram to the president urging that he and Congress "take prompt action to reverse this grave and dangerous policy decision."

TELEGRAM

Siging the telegram were Governors Frank Licht of Rhode Island, Kenneth Curtis of Maine, Patrick J. Lucy of Wisconsin, Milton J. Shapp of Pennsylvania, John J. Gilligan of Ohio and Wendell R. Anderson of Minnesota.



Several cops forced a demonstrator to the ground at the University of Minnesota

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Scores of students were arrested and both demonstrators and police injured as police used tear gas, hoses and nightsticks to quell disturbances.

At the University of New Mexico, where a girl student was seriously wounded by birdshot Tuesday, police used tear gas on at least three separate occasions as bands of demonstrators roamed the campus and the streets of Albuquerque.

After one tear-gassing, as a line of 50 officers faced the demonstrators, some protesters approached the police and put flowers down the muzzles of the officers' shotguns.

FLOWERS

Later many of the policemen were seen to be wearing the flowers in their lapels or on their helmets as they moved on the crowd with another tear gas barrage.

Five policemen and 30 demonstrators were injured and 30 arrests were reported at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis where police used tear gas to control crowds ranging up to an estimated 2000.

Minnesota Governor Wendell Anderson last night ordered two companies of National Guardsmen to patrol the campus armory and a U.S. Air Force recruiting office near the campus, both targets of protestors during the day.

An aide to the governor said the companies, which at full strength number 350 men, would handle security for the two buildings. He said he assumed the guardsmen would be armed with live ammunition.

More than 250 policemen used tear gas to disperse an estimated 3000 anti-war demonstrators last night at the University of Florida at Gainesville, and about 100 persons were reported arrested. Governor Reuben Askew earlier had ordered additional police to the campus after 220 youths were arrested during demonstrations Tuesday.

The demonstrations began yesterday after several hundred students attended a rally addressed by Senate George S. McGovern, speak-

ing from Washington by telephone. McGovern told the students: "Nixon's behavior is more like a king acting out of divine right than for a free society."

At Florida State University in Tallahassee, about 50 demonstrators were arrested. The protest began after the school's student senate passed a resolution calling for a blockade of U.S. Highway 90. Witnesses said about 150 students blocked traffic before being pushed back by police.

Another road blockade was reported in East Lansing, Mich., where a crowd estimated at between 4000 and 5000 — most of them Michigan State students — took over a busy intersection.

As students and other anti-war activists announced plans for mass marches on Washington to put pressure on Congress to stop the war, they got support from some lawmakers.

CALL

Democratic Senators Harold Hughes of Iowa and Alan Cranston said they will lead a prayer vigil on the Capitol steps at 7 a.m. (EDT) today — the hour the mines are scheduled to be activated.

Cranston and Representative Abner Mikva (Dem-Ill.) called on students to converge on Washington to urge their senators and representatives to oppose the latest war moves.

Cranston said he fully supported the National Student Lobby's call to mobilize public opinion and legislators around end-the-war legislation.

Layton Olson, the lobby's executive director, said President Nixon, by mining the harbors and extending the bombing, had "activated a domestic time bomb."

"It is clear that the only way to end this war is to legislate an end," he said.

Mayor Richard Daley of Chicago, long considered a hawk on Vietnam, said he did not believe Mr. Nixon had the right to mine the harbors.

ORDER

"I realize the tremendous decision the President had to make, but I don't think he had the right to do it," Daley said.

In most places across the country police and other law

enforcement officers appeared to be maintaining order during the day.

A demonstration at Brooklyn College broke up when participants were threa-

tened with arrest, and about 50 Western Reserve University demonstrators were dispersed by police in Cleveland.

Meanwhile, students at Ni-

chols College, a four-year business school at Dudley, Mass., voted overwhelmingly to support President Nixon's policies in Vietnam.

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