

# First Arrest for War Protesters

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — It was the first arrest for the writer, the professor of psychiatry, the folk singer and the gold star mother.

"It's a very small sacrifice," said Yale professor Robert Lifton as he and his wife were led from the capitol to a waiting paddy wagon last night.

Lifton and 93 other prominent persons decided the time had come to dramatize their opposition to the war in Vietnam with more than words. They chose to sit in on the floor outside the doors of the House of Representatives, refusing to leave after the 5 p.m. closing time.

Earlier they had about 60 others presented a five-foot long parchment petition to speaker Carl Albert urging Congress to end promptly U.S. military operations in Indochina.

The roster of those arrested read like a guest list at a chic party: folksinger Judy Collins; George Wald, a Nobel prize winner and Harvard professor; Dick Gregory; John Steinbeck IV; New York theatrical producer Joseph Papp and writers Gary Wills and Karl Hess, the latter once a speechwriter for Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.)

The gold star mother was Mrs. Patricia Simon of Boston. Others among the 62 men and 32 women hauled away were actress Barbara Harris, pediatrician Benjamin Spock, painter Larry Rivers and anti-war activist Marcus Taskin.

Capitol police chief James Powell ordered the arrests at the insistence of Wayne Hays, (D-Ohio) chairman of the House administration committee