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Mass Arrests in Miami Protests

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Police made the first mass arrests of the Republican national convention yesterday, hauling 212 protesters off to jail after they pounded on cars and jostled pedestrians outside the convention hall.

The trouble came during a day of demonstrations, including one in the early eve-

ning in which about 3000 anti-war protesters encircled the convention hall and staged a "guerrilla theater" in the streets.

Another demonstration saw about 1000 Vietnam Veterans Against the War and other protesters march uneventfully to GOP headquarters at the Fontainebleau Hotel.

Earlier, two female protesters slipped past scores of security guards at the hotel where Pat Nixon and other women were attending a brunch in the grand ballroom.

A newsman standing outside the ballroom said one of the young women shouted "Miss Pig!" at Mrs. Nixon, who was guest of honor along with Mrs. Spiro Agnew. The two protesters were quickly hustled away by guards and the incident apparently went unnoticed by most of the 2200 guests.

Early in the evening, as a thundershower swept Miami Beach with heavy rain, sev-

eral thousand anti-war demonstrators marched from their Flamingo Park campground to the convention hall, where the Republicans still were in session. The afternoon flood broke the rules.

They entered the convention ground and were arrested.