

Chants at SF Chronicle Service

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For Peace

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Chanting "Stop the Bombing, Lord," about 200 people took Christmas communion in an inter-faith service for peace yesterday, across the street from the White House.

The group was part of a day of holiday protests against President Nixon's resumed bombing of North Vietnam.

White House guards refused to accept an open letter of protest to President Nixon reminding him of his "pledge" to end the war, which representatives of the group presented at a White House gate after the service.

"Perhaps the fact that they would not receive it and we had to put it in a fence post is more symbolic of the way things are," said Tom McCarthy of the Washington peace center, informal co-ordinator of the day's activities.

From the White House the group moved next door to the old Executive Office Building to form an hour-long picket line. The picket line was sponsored by the Washington area affiliate of the National Peace Action Coalition which is planning antiwar protests for inauguration day, January 20.

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