

PROTEST PLANNED FOR INAUGURATION

2 Antiwar Groups Schedule Nonviolent Demonstrations

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 5—Calling for an "inauguration of conscience," two antiwar organizations announced plans today to co-sponsor a demonstration in Washington on Saturday, Jan. 20, Inauguration Day.

The National Peace Action Coalition and the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice will unite in sponsoring a mass march tentatively scheduled to assemble at Arlington National Cemetery on the morning of the inauguration. While the route is still to be worked out with Government officials, organizers say the march will end at the Washington Monument where a rally will be held.

A "march against death" arranged by the people's coalition will be held on Friday evening. Participants in the "death march" will wear placards showing bombed Vietnamese villages and towns. They will also take part in the mass march at Arlington cemetery.

Other demonstrations are scheduled on Inauguration Day for Denver, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, San Diego, Houston, Portland and Seattle, the two groups said.

Sidney Peck, spokesman for the people's coalition, and Jerry Gordon, speaking for the action group, stressed the intended nonviolent nature of the demonstration. "This will not be an organized confrontation," said Mr. Gordon, "but it will be a chance for people to express their opposition to the extermination bombing ordered by President Nixon."

No organizational activity is

No Action on Hill

planned on Capitol Hill, the scene of President Nixon's inauguration, but a member of Students for a Democratic Society, who appeared at the demonstration announcement, said S.D.S. would "demonstrate against the war and racism" with a march from northeast Washington to Union Station Plaza, near the inaugural site.

Speaking about the tone of the main march Mr. Peck said, "We don't want this inauguration to be cast as the coronation of a king. It will be a nonviolent march for nonviolent people who wish to express nonviolent outrage and indignation."

Mr. Peck also said that his group urged that Jan. 19 be considered "sign the peace treaty day" with marches in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston and other cities. The Student Mobilization Committee to end the war in Southeast Asia also announced plans to make Jan. 19 a "national day of student antiwar protest" on high school and college campuses around the country.

A mass meeting has been called by the Washington area peace coalition and the Student Mobilization Committee for Jan. 10 to discuss plans for the "building" of the Jan. 20 demonstration.

Thousands Expected

While the two spokesmen would not predict the size of the turnout for the demonstration, Mr. Gordon, citing local antiwar meetings, an increase in the number of telephone calls to his organization and Congressmen reporting a surge in mail against the bombing said, "We expect thousands of people to be here."

In another development, a group of labor leaders, calling themselves Labor for Peace, sent a telegram yesterday to President Nixon requesting a "meeting with you at the earliest possible time" to discuss their concern over the war and the present peace negotiations.