

A Rally Today to Celebrate Peace

A coalition of Bay Area peace activists called on "anyone who ever protested the war in any way" to join them today at 1 p.m. in a "joyous march" celebrating the cease-fire from the Embarcadero Plaza to Union Square.

For some years now, various groups in the coalition have vented their demands to end the war with everything from silent vigils to protest parades to destructive trashing, the latter principally in Berkeley.

The People's Cease Fire Celebration is composed of organizations such as the American Friends Service Committee, Women's Strike for Peace, Vietnam Veterans Against the War, Bay Area Asian Coalition and the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice. A spokesman said planning for the celebration began shortly after President Nixon's speech Tuesday announcing the cease-fire.

Terry Carl, speaking for

the demonstration's organizers, said there will be balloons, a wide variety of musical entertainment including a marching band, and, for once, only three short speeches.

Speakers, she said, will be a South Vietnamese student, on what he sees as the effect of the cease-fire on his country; journalist Jan Austin on her interpretation of the cease-fire terms; and Nelson Ngai of the Bay Area Asian Coalition.

Miss Carl emphasized, however, that the rapidly-formed coalition for the demonstration has played down politics and that the bulk of the event will be celebration.