

Picketing Is Planned At the White House By Peace Coalition

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 6—The National Peace Action Coalition announced today plans to picket the White House on Feb. 24 in protest of what they called continued United States involvement in Southeast Asia.

The organization, a loose coalition of local peace groups, co-sponsored with the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice, the Inauguration Day antiwar protests that drew what was variously estimated as between 30,000 and 100,000 persons.

Jerry Gordon, coordinator for the National Peace Action Coalition, said at a news conference that the recent cease-fire agreement "did not mark an end to United States military interventions in Indochina."

Consequently, he said, the group's national steering committee, consisting of about 275 people, and any other interested persons would "peacefully" picket the White House on the 24th with three demands—"end all support to Thieu, no United States imposed regimes, and United States out of Southeast Asia now!"

Appearing with Mr. Gordon was Fred Branfman, formerly with Project Air War, an antiwar study group, who is now co-director of the Indochina Resource Center. Mr. Branfman compared the current situation in South Vietnam with what he called the "secret war" being conducted in Laos.

He said that the United States commitments to President Thieu and the flying into South Vietnam of 10,000 civilian advisers, was similar to the "covert" use of civilian clad United States military and para-military personnel in Laos.