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Washington, Nov. 10 -The Nixon Administration stepped up its attack on ahtiwar protesters today, while two leading Senate critics of the war in Vietnam announced that they would speak at the mass rally here Saturday.

Vice President Agnew, in a speech in Philadelphia, called the demonstrations a "carnival in the streets", performed by a "strident minority" who raise "intolerant clamor and cacophony."

And Transportation Secretary John A. Volpe, at a news conference in New York, said that the demonstrations were being organized by people who were "Communist or Communist-inspired."

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Senators Charles E. Goodell and George S. McGovern said in a joint statement that they would address the rally at the Washington Monument. The demonstration is being coordinated by the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam.

Meanwhile, it was reported that the Defense Department had alerted troops to cope with any violence that might de-velop during the demonstration In a speech to the National

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Municipal League, which was made public here, Mr. Agnew referred to President Nixon's inaugural plea to "lower our voices" and said:

"I, for one, will not lower my voice until the restoration of sanity and civil order allow a quiet voice to be heard once again."

"The mob, the Mobilization, the Moratorium have become somewhat fashionable forms of citizen expression," Mr. Agnew said, adding that they were "negative in content, disruptive in effect.'

He called on the "silent young majority who go to school and to work and to war, if necessary," to "make itself heard, to come to its own defense.

Mr. Volpe said a "great many of these people who support of these people who support the demonstrations do so con-scientiously." But he declared, that majority of the orga-nizers were "Communist or Communist-inspired" who did "nothing but break down our democracy."

The unqualified endorsement of the protest by Senators Good-ell and McGovern was consid-ered important by the leaders of the demonstration because relatively few members of Con-gress had supported this week's activities, compared with the scores who participated in last month's Vietnam Moratorium. Senator McGovern, Democrat of South Dakota, said at a news conference that he began to consider participating in the rally after he was discouraged by President Nixon's speech on Vietnam last Monday night. 'An Act of Conscience'

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'An Act of Conscience 1 He said that he made his final decision last night after' talking on the telephone with Senator Goodell and after being convinced that "the Mobilization leaders are making a sincere effort to have a peaceful rally." He described his decision to participate as "an act of con-science and responsibility." participate as "an act of con-science and responsibility." Senator Goodell, Republican of New York, was in New York today. His office here said that he would not elaborate imme-diately on his statement that he would address the rally.

Senator McGovern denounced Mr. Agnew and the Justice De-partment for what he called "provocative, inflammatory

statements that tend to polarize public opinion." He said that the Justice De-partment, by refusing thus far to grant the demonstrators a permit to march past the White House, was "inviting the very provocation it claims to de-

plore". Earlier today, Senator J. W. Fulbright, Democrat of Arkan-sas, said he was receiving "the most venomous and threatening letters since the days of Joseph McCarthy" because of his stand against the war in Vietnam. He attributed the mail to Mr. Agnew's statements that

He attributed the mail to Mr. Agnew's statements that "stirred up the emotions of the American people." At the Pentagon, a spokes-man said that several thousand troops had been alerted to be ready for airlifting to Wash-ington in the event there was violence during the weekend's demonstration. demonstration.

The spokesman, Jerry Fried-heim, a Deputy Assistant Secre-tary of Defense for public

affairs, refused to identify the units involved or to say how many men were concerned. But, in response to news-investigations, he said: "As a part of our precau-tionary measures, certain com-agreed with the goals of anti-agreed with the goals of anti-war protesters. The poll showed that 39 per cent sympathized of their units is appropriate to meet possible needs should this be required by the Justice De-the remaining poll said that it had asked 1,771 persons across the country between Oct. 16

meet possible needs should this be required by the Justice De-partment." The units, he said, were more than 100 miles from Wash- and Oct. 22 the following ques-ington. There are 28,000 serv-icemen stationed in the Washington area, and they had laready been alerted. In addi-do you sympathize with the columbia National Guard has training activities scheduled for protesting against the war in this weekend and will be avail-