Anti-Nixon Rally Staged in Oakland

"I don't want Richard Nixon to be my president anymore and I know damn well you don't," Assemblyman Ken Meade told a crowd of 300 protesters calling for impeachment and an end to the energy "freeze" yesterday.

Standing on a flatbed truck on the shore of Lake Merritt the liberal East Bay Democrat told the rally he hoped "the momentum required to bring down this administration will begin right here."

"I think we're seeing the start here of something like the peace marches," said Dan Siegel, former University of California, Berkeley student body president and one of the organizers of the "Dump Nixon, Fight the Energy Freeze" rally.

A leaflet advertising the rally called the energy crisis. Nixon's "biggest lie of all" and charged big business with "using this 'energy crisis' to cover up the real economic crisis that is now putting hundreds of thousands of people out of work."

The rally was organized by a coalition of labor unions, church groups, community organizations and student groups.