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## Rally Chants

### 'Jail to Chief'

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Thousands of persons, chanting "Jail to the chief" and "Throw the bum out," marched down Pennsylvania Avenue and rallied on the Mall yesterday to call for the impeachment of President Nixon.

The otherwise peaceful gathering was marred late in the afternoon when a contingent of several hundred broke from the rally area, ran

five blocks to the Justice Department and hurled rocks and bottles through the windows there. There were at least two arrests in the scuffle between demonstrators and police that followed.

That outburst came at the end of a long day that included rock concerts speeches and streakers among the crowd, which both U.S. Park Police and march organizers agreed peaked at 10,000.

They were for the most part young, although there was a sprinkling of middle aged people. They came on chartered buses from all along the East Coast and from as far west as Indiana.

They found an absolutely gorgeous Washington spring day, with lots of sunshine and temperatures in the 70s. "One of the reasons for coming down here was to go south and get warm," a man from northern Pennsylvania said.

The rally's chief sponsor was the National Committee to Impeach Nixon but there were many other groups there too, including the Youth International Party (YIPs), Youth Against War and Fascism, the United Farmworkers, the Attica Brigade and something called the Patty Hearst Street Brigade.

From their banners and their applause they seemed united in their call for impeachment.

Speakers at the main rally included antiwar activist David Dellinger, Rep. Parren Mitchell (D-Md.), Dolores Huerta, vice president of the Farmworkers, and Beulah Sanders, of the National Welfare Rights organization. It had much of the fervor of the antiwar protests of the late 1960s.

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unites the movement again," Dellinger told the throng.

The day started with a rock concert on the Ellipse sponsored by the YIPs, who were very proud of an Edsel automobile they had acquired and affixed with a sign saying "Don't trade in a lemon for a used Ford."

At times the rock concert threatened to interfere with a nearby baseball game between Howard University and North Carolina A&T. "It's going to be strange, playing with all this going," said James Jeffries, who was shagging flies in right field for A&T, not too far from the stage. A&T won, 6-3.

Then at 12:15, two blocks away, the marchers stepped off. They went east on Constitution Avenue to 15th Street, picking up most of the rock concert's crowd en route.

They went north on 15th to Pennsylvania Avenue, then east on Pennsylvania to 3d Street NW, where they re-entered the Mall area for the rally.

Some of the banners carried in the march said "Let Nixon Work for \$2 an Hour," "Pick out your drapes, Mrs. Ford," "Throw the Bum Out, Organize to Fight," and "Indict Nixon for his War Crimes." As the line of march crossed 12th Street NW, a contingent of Japanese tourists competed with press photographers for the best camera angles.

Once on the mall, it was speechmaking. "If Congress would... impeach him, this rally would not be here at all," Rep. Mitchell said. "I think every member of Congress should be here." Mitchell was the only congress-

man.

Singer Phil Ochs entertained with "How High's the Watergate," and had just concluded that number when eight YIPs ran through the crowd wearing only Richard Nixon face masks.

Ochs asked the crowd, "Can we get back to the business of impeachment?" Applause. The streakers then retreated to the van of their U-Haul truck.

The more radical groups became the concern of the police, but the march for impeachment attracted a mixed bag of people from many walks of life.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Riley, who described themselves as upper-middle-class liberals from Annandale, found themselves marching in their first demonstration. Surrounded by slogan-chanting youthful revolutionaries as they moved down Pennsylvania Avenue, the Rileys chatted about the experience.

"It's the first time I've ever done anything like this, although I'm sorry I missed the Civil Rights March in 1963," said Ivan Riley, an engineer who works in the District. "I've seen some other middle-class types here today, but I wish there were more to show how broad a spectrum this impeachment issue covers."

"There should have been more publicity," said Pat Riley. "I talked to a lot of other women in the suburbs and they said they hadn't even heard about the rally."

Why were they marching to call for the impeachment of Mr. Nixon?

"We used to live in California when he was there, and I thought he was a crook then," said Riley. "Now, with Watergate, I'm convinced he is."

"I'm having a splendid time," said Rose Mandel, a 66-year-old social worker from Brooklyn. "Washington's nice in the spring, and it's perfect weather for a march to let Congress know we want an impeachment trial." Mrs. Mandel, a veteran of May Day and other antiwar marches, moved briskly along in tennis shoes and slacks as the marchers passed the Justice Department.

"I can't help but feel this demonstration is going to have

some impact," she said, "but just think—all the senior citizens in this country. Most of them are living in the past, when they could be out doing something like this. This is the future."

After all the speeches, about 700 of the demonstrators, calling themselves "The Anti-Imperialist Contingent," left the rally about 4 p.m. in a long column and moved swiftly to the south wing of the Justice Department Building along Constitution Avenue between 9th and 10th Streets NW.

The group rallied there briefly, chanting slogans and hurling rocks through 12 large plate-glass windows, as a handful of D.C. police stood watching. After a few minutes, the demonstrators ran back down Constitution Avenue toward the mall area when about 50 policemen on scooters arrived and began hemming the protesters against a construction barrier across from the National Archives building.

Suffles broke out between police and the demonstrators as the police left their bikes armed with nightsticks and

moved toward the crowd. "It was a containment move to keep them out of the street," said Lt. J. S. Collins of the special operations division. "We weren't moving to arrest them."

Two men were arrested on charges of disorderly conduct. Both were taken to D.C. General Hospital suffering from injuries suffered in the scuffle with police, who used nightsticks.

Police said a third demonstrator was injured while scaling the construction barrier surrounding a landscaping project for the Hirschhorn Museum in an attempt to flee from the police. Most of the group evaded the police by scaling or ripping down the barrier.

The incident lasted only 15 minutes and was marked by a general confusion of traffic snarled by running demonstrators and police, who appeared to be surprised by the move.

By 6:30 p.m., the last of the demonstrators had left the Mall area.

Mr. Nixon was at Camp David, Md., yesterday.