

# Moratorium marches are mostly peaceful

WASHINGTON (CUPI) — Three days of anti-war activity throughout Canada and the United States were capped by a mass demonstration of more than 250,000 in Washington, Saturday — the largest mass march ever held in this city according to officials.

The march was on the whole peaceful as 2,000 marshalls sometimes linked arms to hold back the huge crowds marching a mere block away from the White House.

But police used tear gas to break up a crowd of 10,000 who left the Washington Monument grounds after the Saturday afternoon rally and surrounded the justice and labor department buildings.

Some of the demonstrators broke windows in both buildings, threw a red paint bomb at the justice building, burned a U.S. flag, and pulled down a U.S. flag from its

pole, replacing it with a Viet Cong one.

In a separate incident Friday night, 2,000 demonstrators tried to storm the South Vietnamese embassy and were scattered by tear gas.

The incidents prompted U.S. attorney general John N. Mitchell to accuse the organizers of the march with failing to heed department warnings of potential violence.

There were 130 arrests Friday and Saturday, but only two were in connection with the main march and rally. One 20-year-old youth was arrested for painting the peace sign on the Washington Monument.

"Unfortunately," said Mitchell, "the planned demonstrations were marred by such extensive physical injury, property damage and street confrontations that I do not believe that, overall, the gathering here can be described as peaceful."

"That's a lie," replied Mobilization organizer Ron Young Saturday.

"Yesterday, thousands of people were gassed in Washington by this government. Yesterday, hundreds of people were killed in Vietnam by this government. Yesterday, villages were destroyed in Vietnam by this government."

"Hundreds of thousands came and left this city with only 150 arrests and a very few injuries."

On Thursday, police arrested a

total of 186 persons, including two Episcopalian bishops, at a remembrance service outside the Pentagon. Police said the service was disrupting Pentagon activities and the arrests were made after the worshippers refused to disperse.

Security was among the tightest ever for the demonstration, which outnumbered the 200,000 who came to

Washington in 1963 to demand civil rights legislation. More than 37,000 troops were alerted or flown into the city to handle the crowds, but they weren't needed.

As added protection, a line of city transit buses blocked access to the White House, where U.S. president Richard Nixon talked quietly with diplomats and advisors. He had no comment on the demonstration.

## Thousands turned out to protest in moratorium marches in Canada

OTTAWA (CUP) — Canadian students turned out in the thousands this weekend to protest U.S. involvement in the Vietnam war. The demonstrations, part of the international moratorium weekend against the war, were mainly peaceful with almost no arrests.

About 120 students from McGill University and other Montreal schools and universities blockaded

two CNR freight trains scheduled to cross the border Friday, delaying them a total of three hours.

The trains were blocked to protest Canada's complicity in supplying arms to the U.S. for use in Vietnam.

"If even one screw destined for this purpose were on one of those freight trains, said McGill moratorium chairman Steve Wall, "and if this were delayed by the blockade just long enough to miss the factories' deadlines, than a number of Vietnamese lives could be saved."

"Thus the blockade could have concrete as well as symbolic repercussions." CNR officials said later the trains "certainly weren't carrying munitions".

The trains — one 65 cars long — were blocked at Lacolle, Que., near the Vermont and New York state borders.

The three buses carrying the demonstrators to the border were stopped by Quebec Provincial Police for 15 minutes en route, and then released. Police did not intervene during the blockade.

In Ottawa, NDP MP Edward Broadbent told a crowd of 500 filling a University of Ottawa auditorium that Canada's arms sales to the U.S. had grown to \$320,000,000 last year from \$142,000,000 in 1963.

Broadbent said the U.S. was Vietnam's main enemy and called U.S. president Richard Nixon's "two Vietnams" policy "a deliberate misstatement of the facts. There is one Vietnam, not two, and the war in Vietnam is not a communist conspiracy but a war of liberation and a social revolution."

His remarks followed a rally of about 1,000 persons at Parliament Hill.

The nation's biggest protest was held Saturday in Vancouver, where 7,000 people marched through the

downtown streets in two demonstrations — one a regular protest and the other a silent procession in honor of the war dead. They combined at the downtown courthouse to form the city's largest rally against the war to date.

The night before, 1,000 persons had marched with candles in a demonstration organized by the Voice of Women.

University of Victoria students held an all-day teach-in Friday, with a torchlight parade of about 200 persons later that night.

Two hundred University of Manitoba and University of Winnipeg students marched to the U.S. consulate in Winnipeg Saturday, following a rally at the U. of W. Speakers included NDP MLA Cy Gonick, NDP Minister of Health Sid Green, and Winnipeg alderman Joseph Zuken.

"If the Vietnamese government had any rapport with its people, it wouldn't need 400,000 foreign troops," Green said.

Thursday, 300 students gave two Vietnamese National Liberation Front speakers a standing ovation, at a special meeting, and 150 met Friday to sponsor a Vietnam Action committee.

More than 100 turned out each day for a two-day protest against the war in Halifax, including a small group urging support for the NLF.

In Saskatoon 1,000 students attended a campus rally and march downtown Saturday, followed by a smaller torch-light demonstration outside the Saskatoon newspaper offices to protest the paper's coverage of the war.

About 50 students at Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B., attended a 7:30 am chapel service Friday, some remaining for a prayer vigil until midnight. About 10 per cent of the students boycotted Friday classes.

Demonstrations were also held in Calgary and Kitchener.

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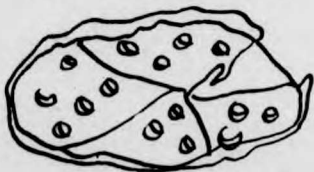
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## York Briefs

### Radio York to stop work

Radio York will cease broadcasting this Saturday evening until the beginning of next term, station manager Bob Wolfe said Tuesday.

Wolfe said that Radio York staff was quickly burning itself out with the strain of setting up the new station and hassling with essays and midterm exams.

To end off this stint of broadcasting, Wolfe announced that Radio York in conjunction with Trinity, Vanier's coffee house, are presenting a concert tomorrow evening with the City Muffin Boys.

The concert will be in Burton Auditorium, starting at 8:30. Advance tickets are \$1, or \$1.50 at the door.

### Biafra mourning day Thursday

University, high school and religious groups are marking next Thursday as a national day of mourning through action for peace in war-torn Biafra.

In Toronto, students will meet at Convocation Hall at the University of Toronto at 6 pm for a starvation mean. Films and speakers will follow.

Thursday night the students will hold a candle-light march from Convocation Hall to the city hall

where petitions will be presented to representatives of the British and Canadian governments.

The purpose of the nationwide programs is to put pressure on the government to help implement a ceasefire and arms embargo in Nigeria and Biafra.

The York University Biafra Relief Committee will have a speaker in the Winters junior common room at 1 pm Thursday.