

October 26

Vietnam War Protested Across Canada

About 30 people were arrested in two anti-Viet Nam war protests in Toronto Saturday. The marches were part of the International Days of Protest and were timed to coincide with similar demonstrations in cities around the world.

Both the Toronto Viet Nam mobilization and the Canadian National Liberation Front sponsored protests that were later forced together in the face of police repression.

The mobilization march tried to go down Yonge Street without a parade permit and was confronted by 20 mounted police and 40 on foot. As the march tried to circumvent the police blockade, the riders swept into the front ranks of the close to 1,000 people and forced the screaming cursing crowd down side streets. Arrests were made throughout the dispersal.

The group then proceeded to Queen's Park where they joined forces with some 2,500 CNLF marchers who had also been busted in their first try to get to the American consulate.

The CNLF march had been peaceful enough until cops arrested speakers for "causing a disturbance".

As crowds gathered to boo, two busloads of police arrived to "keep a path clear for pedestrians" and followed 20 mounted police into the crowd. The crowd dispersed and headed to Queen's Park to regroup.

The joint march, now 3,000 strong, headed to the police station to protest the arrests and then marched through a double file of police to the University of Toronto campus for a massive rally.

Estimates of police strength varied between 750 and 1,000.

One demonstrator said the police broke up the protests for "riot control practice", because, as he pointed out, there had been little provocation from the crowd.

Violence broke out briefly between right and left-wing elements when members of the Edmund Burke Society swung placards at marchers and yelled support for American troops in Viet Nam.

Most of the 30 arrests were for "causing a disturbance".

Approximately 300 people gathered in Phillips Square in Montreal on Saturday to hear six speakers

condemn the war. The speakers competed constantly with the roar of pneumatic drills breaking up the sidewalk some 50 feet from the group.

One of the speakers, Mrs. Claire Culhane, who earlier this year launched a hunger strike on Parliament Hill, attributed Canadian complicity in the war to American economic influence in this country.

In Calgary, 200 protestors marched to the American consulate where they sat quietly for 45 minutes. They were joined by 12 counter-demonstrators, but no police were present.

Close to 250 students held a teach-in at Dalhousie University in Halifax to discuss the Viet Nam conflict.

Some 1,300 people marched through downtown Vancouver in protest of the war chanting "Ho Ho Ho Chi Minh" and handing out Che flags. They were addressed at the American consulate by Martin Loney, president-elect of the Canadian Union of Students, and by a member of the provincial legislature. Leaders of the protest read out telegrams of support, including one from New Democratic Party leader Tommy Douglas. The march was peaceful throughout.

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The awards were given to O. M. Solandt, former director-general of defense research for the govern-

ment and former chairman of the defense research board, and to M. McLaughlin, chairman of the board of General Motors.

The mock ceremony bestowed an honorary doctor of engineering degree on the 50 pound pig in the back of a pick-up truck just outside the stadium where the "legitimate" convocation was taking place.

Guests at deHavilland's ceremony carried signs reading "No diplomas for Warmongers" and "Diplomas sold here".

DeHavilland was none too happy about his degree and escaped the platform a couple of times. He refused to pose for photographers as well.

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