



demanded peace, they rested on the damp ground for the hours to follow. The size of the crowd was staged on the ground and gradually faded but gradually sang. Everyone they had appeared to be able to agree on. The crowd we won't go." At the march would have had not yet lived down a fence in the crowd came more restless. Phil Ochs sang. Everyone applauded. Contingent 'A' was to J. "Nationalities" contin-

gent, and they had to wait until all of the preceding groups had left. The Abraham Lincoln Brigade veterans, the first Americans to fight Fascism, marched out. There was a long pause. One of the Canadians heard noise outside the park. Someone listened to a radio. There were "on the spot" descriptions of violence. Fighting. Nazis. Danger.

By the time contingent 'H' reached the bridge there was no violence, although women with pierced ears were warned to remove their earrings. They marched to the Pentagon, which thousands had already left. But thousands were still there. As they approached the Pentagon, some of the group decided to go to the front. A marcher was trying to climb a wall and was being beaten, or rather swung at, by a Military Policeman.

A group of about forty marchers stood on one of the doorsteps of the Pentagon. They had outfoxed the MP's with some pushing and a great many blockers. Tear gas was used, and the military

blamed the demonstrators but the newspapers blamed the military.

On the ramp-steps to the Pentagon mall was a marcher lying unconscious. A call for a doctor was heard. A nurse among the marchers came up to help. The marchers screamed at the Military Police to send for a doctor for God's sake. One older Military Policeman said to shut up and to clear a path and they would bring a stretcher. This was greeted with more criticism by the marchers, but one marcher nodded to the MP and ordered a path to be cleared, which was done.

There was more excitement on the ramp. A group of marchers ran down the ramp with a man in uniform, shaking his hands and patting him on the back. Later there were stories of some 'defectors' from the ranks of the MP's. It could not be confirmed that this man was one. This incident could have been the inspiration for the rumours.