

Nearly 60,000 Pack SF Kezar Stadium In Viet War Protest

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Nearly 60,000 anti-Vietnam war demonstrators packed San Francisco's football stadium in a peace rally Saturday after a four-mile long protest parade—the largest in West Coast history.

For the demonstrators, it was a day of hiking in orderly fashion for 2½ hours, listening to 18 speakers and a variety of musical numbers at the four-hour rally, watching a parachutist miss a planned stadium landing and buying the latest things in protest souvenirs.

The speakers ranged from Mrs. Martin Luther King Jr., whose husband addressed a similar but larger rally in New York City, to television star Robert Vaughn and Negro legislator Julian Bond of Georgia.

The wife of the Nobel Peace Prize winner declared everyone in the nuclear age must be concerned with the spread of war.

"I know what bombing does to an oppressed people," she said. "Let me tell the experts who are planning military strategy that bombing only makes an oppressed people more determined to throw off the yoke of oppression. For God's sake, let us stop the bombing!"

Vaughn, star of TV's "The Man from Uncle," told the demonstrators they were witnessing "a brand of Fascism under the guise of Americanism. With a threat of a third world war in the balance, how can we afford to escalate? When in the name of justice will we wake up?"

They were the final speakers as the stadium crowd dwindled to about 5,000.

Showers On Route

There were occasional showers along the parade route and at the stadium where a voice came over the public address system saying:

"Lord, if you love peace so much, how come you're raining on us?"

Minutes later, a small pro-war group invaded the infield, touching off a jeering roar from the demonstrators. Monitors quickly hustled the group

from the stadium after a brief scuffle.

It was the only major outburst against the demonstration.

The stadium crowd was estimated by Lt. William Esterloh of the San Francisco Police Department. He said the final estimate of participants in the parade was 25,000.

As the rally proceeded, however, many demonstrators milled around the infield and outside Kezar Stadium, home of the San Francisco 49ers pro football team. Some were attracted to the souvenir bazaar in the parking lot and the nearby unscheduled landing site for the parachutist, who walked away unhurt.

"This country must reject Lyndon B. Johnson's policy of spending more for the Vietnam war than the war on poverty," Georgia state Rep. Bond told the rally.

"Congress is moving to force more McCarthyism on our country. There are 40 riot bills now before Congress. There will be uprisings, again and again and again until the needs of our people are met."

Other speakers included Attorney Gerald Hill, president of the California Democratic Council. He said the CDC would start a grassroots campaign to send anti-war delegates to the 1968 presidential convention if the war is not over in September.

As the rally opened with "A Human Rights Cantata," a musical number with words taken from the United Nations charter, the pro-war group of 30 men and three women invaded the infield carrying small American flags and signs which read: "Support our men in Vietnam."

Rally monitors quickly surrounded the pro-war group and escorted them around the field. The scuffle occurred when a demonstrator leaped from the stands and tore down one of their signs.

"I helped my country out when it needed me," the group's spokesman, John Reuland of San Francisco said lat-

people (the demonstrators) are doing is disputing our commander-in-chief. If they were a veteran of any kind as I am they would have some kind of idea what this war is all about."

A bazaar set up in a nearby parking lot reported brisk souvenir sales.

Peace buttons and a dartboard with a photograph of President Johnson were sold for 25 cents each. An inscription above the photograph read: "This is the ugliest thing I ever saw."

A book of quotations by Red China's Mao Tse-Tung went for 50 cents. It featured a red plastic cover with a red ribbon bookmark and was published in the Peoples Republic of China.

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necessary funds to carry on the program. The amendment took out \$44.1 million which the counties were scheduled to receive from the state.

"You can't turn your back around here for 10 minutes," the veteran Fresno Democrat commented. He said he missed the Finance Committee meeting because he was in Los Angeles to attend the Academy Awards presentations.

Will Be Present

He said he definitely will be at the meeting Tuesday morning when the legislation, AB 583, is considered again. He said he thinks the proposed amendment can be killed.

"I've talked with some people," he explained. "I'm fairly well satisfied we have things under control. I cannot visualize members of the committee voting themselves a 20-cent hike in property taxes."

Phillip V. Sanchez, the Fresno County administrative officer, has estimated the Fresno County share of the \$44.1 million cost borne statewide by the counties at \$1.5 million. He said this would mean an increase in the