

100 Burn Draft Cards in New York While Thousands Protest War



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DEMONSTRATORS AGAINST THE WAR in Vietnam gather on the United Nations Plaza in New York City.

California Groups Also Demonstrate

New York, April 15—(UPI)—One hundred American youths burned their draft cards in Central Park today in a protest against the war in Vietnam.

Then about 125,000 demonstrators marched through the heart of New York to a rally outside the United Nations where the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered a blistering speech against the war.

Across the nation, a twin but smaller rally was held in San Francisco. About 55,000 marched the streets and jammed into a football field for the West Coast's largest peace demonstration in history.

Viet Cong Flags

In Manhattan, some streets in midtown were filled for more than three hours with the protestors, some of them bearing the blue and orange flag of the National Liberation Front, the political arm of the Viet Cong.

There were clashes and fights between the marchers and smaller groups carrying American flags. Eggs, bafs of flour and paint bombs were thrown. Just below the UN a special police tactical force broke up a clash, wielding nightsticks on several of the anti-Vietnam marchers.

Three thousand of New York's 27,500-man police force struggled to prevent serious violence in the protest which joined Negro civil rights leaders with opponents of the war in Vietnam.

Burning Atop Bowlder

The card-burning in New York took place atop a huge bowlder. Standing on the rock, the young men burned the cards over coffee cans flaming with paper and lighter fluid. One of them wore the green beret and uniform of the Special Forces.

He identified himself as Gary Rader, 23, of Evanston, Ill., former vice president of the Northwestern University student body.

Rader said he joined the Special Forces in September, 1965, to avoid the draft and left active duty last January. He is now in the Reserves.

Rader said he did not oppose "the killing of Vietnamese" but is against the draft. He said his trip to the New York demonstration was paid for by a student organization.

Rally at UN Plaza

The New York demonstration wound-up at the flag-lined plaza of the United Nations.

Police estimated the crowd at about 125,000.

Dr. King, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was the main speaker. He was joined at the rally by Stoke-Continued on Page 10, Col. 1

Phila. Groups Join Antiwar March in N. Y.

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New York, April 15—Hundreds of Philadelphians marched yesterday in the parade from Central Park to the United Nations building to demonstrate against the war in Vietnam.

But nearly all became lost in a sea of humanity and never got close to the UN Plaza, the focal point of the protest.

Many turned back from the march because of the chilly weather. They climbed into the chartered buses that took them to New York to get warm.

The balmy spring day in Philadelphia had misled them, and many were in shirtsleeves and short-sleeved blouses, without jackets or sweaters.

Taunted by Hecklers

The dress of the Philadelphians was varied. There were women in Easter-like finery and men in business suits, and many were conforming to the latest beatnik attire.

Some college girls and boys used lipstick to put marks on their faces, Indian-style.

Along the march route, the Philadelphians were targets for hecklers. They drew such taunts as: "Take a bath, you creep."

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Two buses carried protesters from Chester. Four more left the Swarthmore College campus, with students and about 12 faculty members.

They Carry Banners

The Philadelphia contingents were scattered throughout the

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