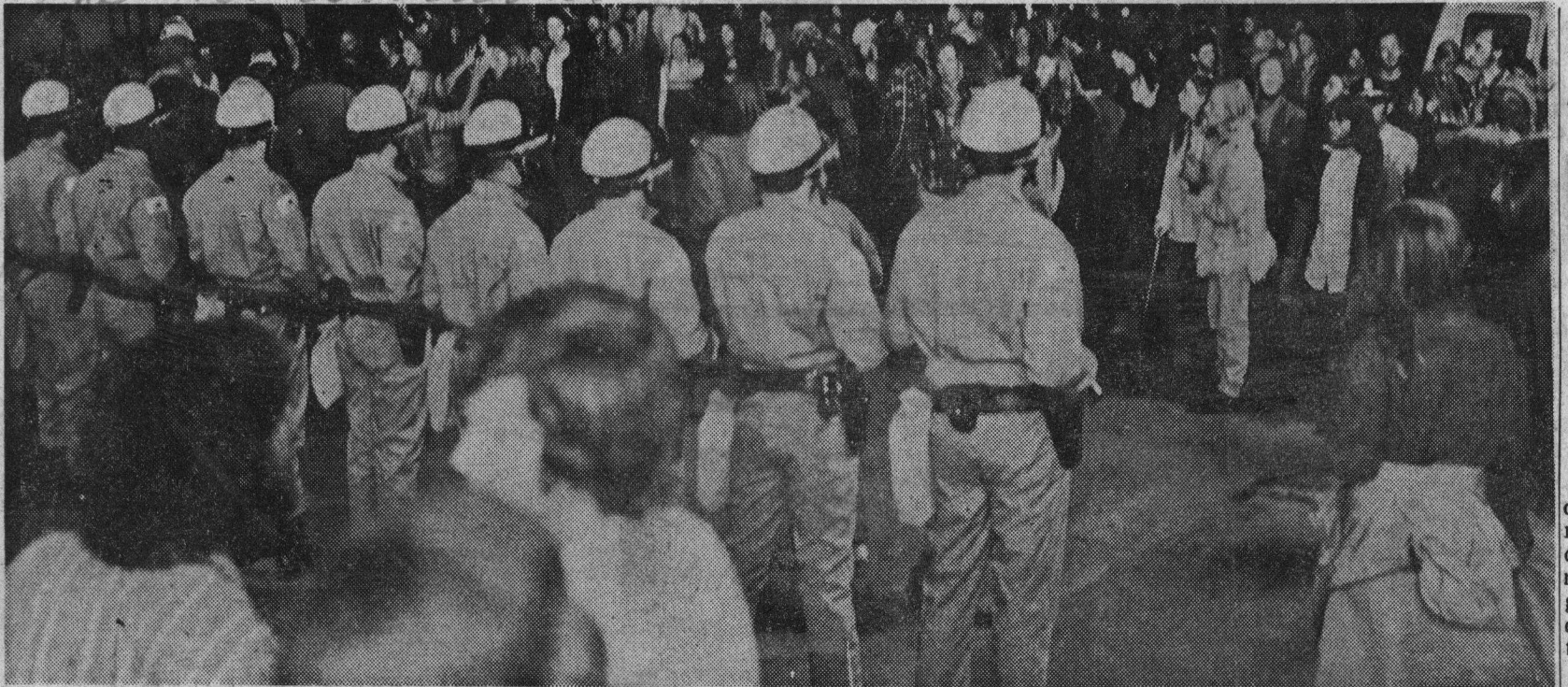


Melee After War Hearing

Demonstrations



Board Asks End To War

BULLETIN

Some 35 war protesters had been arrested by 2 p.m. today as they attempted to block Highway 17 on Ocean Street and Highway 1 at River Street.

War protesters rallied at noon today in front of the Post Office on Front Street and organized two separate marches to block the highways at Ocean Street and at River Street.

Despite warnings from Santa Cruz Police Capt. Richard Overton that such blockage would lead to arrest, two groups of 300 each departed at 1:15 p.m. to carry out the disruption of traffic.

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Nine persons were hurt in a melee following an anti-war hearing at the civic auditorium Wednesday night where county supervisors voted 3 to 1 to send Chairman Phil Harry to Washington to ask President Nixon to immediately withdraw U.S. troops from Southeast Asia.

Supervisor Henry Mello made the motion for the board to support the so-called "Anti War Initiative" and to have voluntary contributions pay for Harry's expenses to Washington.

More than 2,000 people cheered the board's decision, and contributions began pouring in immediately after the three-hour hearing, which was attended by both old and young, and was praised by supervisors as being orderly and well conducted.

The violence on the Pacific Avenue Mall occurred near midnight, 1½ hours after the hearing and at the end of a torchlight march, which took as many as 600 people up the Mall, down Front Street to county center and back to the post office.

The city and county tactical squad with reinforcements from Monterey County were ordered to clear the downtown area when it was reported that store windows had been broken.

The tac squad ran up and down the mall and intersecting streets pushing people on, and at least several officers swung their clubs freely.

One policeman, Andrew Crain, was hit on the forearm with a club and treated at Dominican Hospital. Eight citizens were treated for an assortment of minor wounds received from blows to the body. Police did not say who hit Crain.

No one was reported admitted to a hospital and there were no reported arrests.

At the hearing, Harry and Supervisor Ralph Sanson said it was clear Nixon had exceeded his "legal (constitutional) authority."

Mello said, "America, when it's right, it's our job to keep it right. When it's wrong, it's our job to right the wrong."

Supervisor George Cress, the lone dissenting vote, said, "I think no man has done more to escalate the war than President Nixon."

Supervisor Dan Forbus, who argued that the

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Violence erupted between the local tac squad and war protesters Wednesday night at the end of this downtown march that followed a hearing at the civic auditorium in which the board of supervisors voted 3 to 1 to support the Air War Initiative and

to send Supervisors Chairman Phil Harry to Washington to ask President Nixon to immediately withdraw U.S. troops from Southeast Asia. (See more photos by Sentinel Photographer Bill Lovejoy on Wednesday night's events on Page 27.)

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(Continued From Page 1) initiative was outside the board's jurisdiction for consideration, walked out of the hearing prior to the vote.

Prior to Mello's motion, more than 20 people had asked the board to support the initiative.

Sheldon Wolin, a UCSC professor, received a standing ovation when he said the initiative was "a small beginning, a way of saying no to all of our leaders who make us live in a make-believe world where death and responsibility are only whispered."

James Popin, an Aptos attorney running for supervisor, said the war impedes the board's responsibility to provide

services by reducing available funds and for that reason they should endorse the petition.

Earl Reynolds of Ben Lomond, whose boat, the Phoenix, in 1967 delivered medicines and aid to the North and South Vietnamese, got the biggest applause of the night when he concluded his message of support with an appeal to the supervisors: "Think of this meeting as the people asking you to join with them in a righteous cause."

Fontaine Russ, a citizen, said he thought the U.S. had done nothing proper in Vietnam, but that "I can't agree here that the assemblage represents all of the

people of the county."

The majority of the people went home after hearing more than 600 gathered at the post office where they were told by an officer of the city tac squad that police would escort marchers to their destination: the county center.

Carrying candles and torches, the throng peacefully marched to county center where half of them dispersed.

Trouble began when about 150 people stood in Ocean Street and contemplated "taking Highway 17." However, the police tac squad, with clubs drawn, became a barrier to the marchers who were told for the first time that night to "go

home" by police Cpt. Richard Overton.

Marchers then headed down Water Street back to the mall. Behind the demonstrators came the cadence-counting tac squad which, throughout the downtown, numbered more than 90.

At the request of Chief of Police Geno Pini for mutual aid, Sheriff Doug James had called his men and the tac squads from Salinas, Monterey County, Seaside and Watsonville.

Chief Pini said at a press conference this morning that under pre-determined plans Overton gave the dispersal order when he heard a window break.

Windows were broken at Qualitone Hearing on Walnut Avenue, Leask's on Pacific Avenue, Dotson's on Front Street and the Wells Fargo Bank at High and Cardiff Streets, according to Pini.

About 60 people were present at the police press conference and several charges of indiscriminate beating were made.

Thomas Levitt, 25, of Santa Cruz, said he was beaten in the head and arm while trying to leave the scene at Lucust and Cedar Streets.

Roy Stearns, a Channel 8 TV newsman, charged that a police and sheriff's detective used unnecessary force on some people.

Harry, who participated in the march, said he was shocked by some action. "It was the first time I had ever seen anything like it.

"I think there might have been some individuals (police) who might have become hot," he said.

Referring to future demonstrations, he said, "People should remain calm and not let themselves get talked into violating the law."

Pini said Wednesday night's march and other recent marches have been illegal because parade permits were not obtained.

He said he allowed the parade "because we had the capacity to control traffic... but there is a time to stop everything."

Another anti-war demonstration was scheduled for 12:30 p.m. today at the post office.

Anyone who has complaints against police conduct Wednesday can file charges with the police or contact Patti Diludovico, who's coordinating

Protests Continue In State

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barrage of rocks used tear gas to disperse demonstrators near the UC campus and to clear 500 persons from the former People's Park area.

Police said 44 persons were arrested Wednesday, bringing the three-day total to 74. Officers called it "the worst riot in two years."

A majority of the estimated 2,500 rioters were "street people and others from outside the city," officers said. Only 1,000 came from the university's student enrollment of 26,000, they said.

Police used a helicopter to spot crowds and a jeep that sprayed formidable clouds of tear gas from both sides. Street fighting continued intermittently until 1 this morning.

The Berkeley Free Clinic said 20 demonstrators were treated, mostly for injuries resulting from police anti-riot weapons. One police officer reported a minor injury from a thrown rock.

In Sacramento, 150 antiwar demonstrators ranged through the state Capitol, scuffling with police, smashing plaster walls and hooting and chanting. They blocked a freeway briefly. No

Jackson's Attorney Denies Receiving Call From Angela

SAN JOSE Calif. (AP) — George Jackson's attorney testified today Angela Davis did not telephone him 40 hours before a 1970 courthouse escape attempt in which four died.

Attorney John Thorne said he was mistaken when he told state investigators he did receive such a call then from the 28-year-old black Communist the evening of Aug. 5, 1970. He said the call actually was much earlier than that.

Prosecutor Albert Harris Jr. had attempted to put Thorne on the stand at Miss Davis' murder-kidnap-conspiracy trial for several weeks over strenuous defense objections. But today, Thorne took the stand without protest. Harris has never explained the significance of the phone call. He read the transcript of Thorne's answers to investigators for the state attorney general's office Sept. 29, 1970.

In the transcript Thorne said Miss Davis told him on the phone she was in San Jose with Jonathan Jackson and was en route to Santa Cruz. "She apparently had been living in Santa Cruz and she said I have to pick up some—Jon has to pick up some clothes and stuff. He's moving into the city," the transcript continued.

After Thorne testified, Superior Court Judge Richard Arnason adjourned court until Monday.

He explained that the prosecution had two or three addi-

tioned witnesses who would be able to testify until next week and that attorneys would spend the rest of the day arguing contested evidence.

Trans-Alaska Oil Pipeline Gets Okay

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done without violating any court order."

Seven oil companies in partnership as the Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. have applied for permission to construct an 800-mile pipeline, 48 inches in diameter, across federal land to carry hot oil from Alaska's North Slope to a tanker port at Valdez on its southern coast.

From there, the oil would be transported by tanker to the U.S. West Coast and perhaps other destinations.

Environment groups have argued that the pipeline itself could break because of earthquakes, landslides or other mishaps. Spilling oil; that its heat would melt permanently frozen land along its path; and that the tankers and port facilities would create chronic oil pollution at sea and the threat of major spills.

OIL IMPORTS

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