

# CAPITOL STUFF

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*"These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman."*—Thomas Paine, December, 1776.

Washington, Oct. 20—The true test of who controls the antiwar movement—Communists or "new left" sympathizers, black nationalists or hippies, draft card burners or campus liberals—will come to a showdown here tomorrow.

## Who Controls

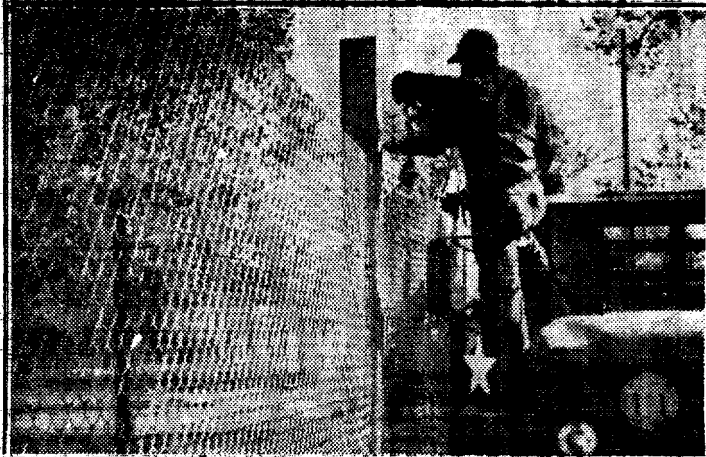
## The Vietniks?

## Today Will Tell

The nation's capital, which so far has escaped racial and anti-war violence, could get its first bloodshed if the Vietniks turn a massive rally at the Lincoln Memorial and a march on the Pentagon into anything more than a peaceful demonstration for the "right-to-dissent."

But beneath the threat of violence smolders the real issue—which of these diverse groups controls the peace movement and how much the Communists will be able to exploit it.

The government has deployed from a zone to a man-to-man



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Soldiers erect high, chain-link fence near the Pentagon.

defense to counter any insane attempt, as threatened by march leaders, to storm the Pentagon and keep employes from entering or leaving the defense complex.

"We are not overreacting," a high government source told THE NEWS, commenting on the beefed-up security force that has been activated to deal with the confrontation.

Fear of violence is mushrooming as the antiwar caravans roll into the capital. One rally leader said today that the demonstrators would deliberately violate government restrictions set down in a permit for the two-day rally.

### Paratroopers Are Ready for Action

If this happens, heads could get cracked. Riot-toughened paratroopers of the 82d Airborne Division—about half of them Vietnam veterans—are stationed nearby to assist local forces in meeting violence.

...the government issued the dissent-allowing ... Attorney General Warren Christopher said: "The right of peaceful assembly and the right of expression are central

...emphasized that a permit is not a license for ... the government "will not tolerate law-

David Dellinger, 52, of Hampton, N.J., is the guiding force behind the "confrontation with the war machine" at the Pentagon. He is a paunchy, self-described "non-Soviet type Communist" and editor of the Greenwich Village-published Liberation magazine.

Dellinger served a three-year prison term during World War II for refusing to register with Selective Service as a conscientious objector. He visited North Vietnam and Communist China in late 1966 and returned to Hanoi last fall where he had a personal interview with North Vietnamese President Ho Chi Minh. In 1964, he visited Cuba and praised Fidel Castro's regime.

Dellinger, as chairman of the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, initiated plans for the demonstration last May at a closed meeting held in a private school here. He was joined by Arnold Johnson, the Commie party's national public relations director and three members of the party's national committee—Bettina Patheker, Archie Brown and James Jackson.

### Exercise in Mass Civil Disobedience

But the worm has turned. Dellinger and his more radical organizers believed the country had seen enough of "hearts and flowers demonstration." They wanted an exercise in mass civil disobedience.

But other sincere peace advocates, ranging from middle-class housewives to legitimate pacifist groups and conscientious objectors, have suddenly awakened to the enormity of Dellinger's plot and the possibility that an uncontrolled demonstration might produce violent retaliation.

Groups, vehemently opposed to the war, have been dropping out of the ranks like flies—pinpointing the divisive issue within the American peace movement. Although a number of clergymen undoubtedly will attend the rally, major religious groups are boycotting the demonstration.

Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch, director of the Social Action Center of Reformed Judaism who is strongly opposed to the war on moral grounds, summed it up this way:

"This demonstration was organized and is being run entirely by the radical left. I can't go along with these folks who think that everything the U.S. does is wrong and everything Hanoi does is right."