

White House Pickets, House Speakers Score War

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WASHINGTON, March 26— There were pickets at the White House and fiery speeches on Capitol Hill today as antiwar forces pressed their demand for the withdrawal of American troops from Vietnam.

But perhaps the most dramatic appeal of all was a silent one that rolled off the Government printing presses in the hours before dawn.

There, in the daily Congressional Record, were 31,379 names, seemingly endless in column after column, covering 121 pages: a roll of honor of the United States dead in Vietnam.

One Congressman uttered an exclamation as he sat in the Speaker's lobby, just off the House floor, slowly turning the pages.

The names had been inserted in The Record by Representative Paul Findley, Republican of Illinois, who earlier this week urged President Nixon to withdraw combat forces from Vietnam.

By listing the names, he said, he hoped to offer a dramatic reminder of the "precise width, breadth and depth of the war Mr. Nixon has inherited."

Printing Cost \$10,000

The printing cost—about \$83 a page — totaled more than \$10,000.

Mr. Findley said he felt it was justified, for the names "establish, as no other arrangement of words can possibly do, the true dimensions of the Vietnam war in total over-all terms, as well as the most intimate."

Meanwhile, a number of members of the New York delegation joined in a round of speeches on the House floor, denouncing the war.

In her maiden floor speech, Representative Shirley Chisholm, Democrat of Brooklyn, declared that she would oppose every defense money bill "until the time comes when our values and priorities have been turned right side up again."

Appeals to Women

She called for the support of "every mother, wife and widow in this land who ever asked herself why the generals can play with billions while families crumble under the weight of sickness, hunger and unemployment."

Representative William F. Ryan, Democrat of Manhattan, also called on Congress not to appropriate funds for the war.

Other Democrats joining in the four-hour round of antiwar



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speeches were Benjamin S. Rosenthal of Queens, Frank J. Brasco and Bertram L. Podell

of Brooklyn; Edward I. Koch, Jonathan B. Bingham and Allard K. Lowenstein, all of Manhattan, and Lester L. Wolff of Nassau.

Even as they spoke, hundreds of women, many of them clad in black and waving black balloons, were trudging up the hill to protest the war. It was reported to be the first sizable demonstration since President Nixon's inauguration.

White House Picketed

Many of the women were members of Women Strike for Peace, who had picketed the White House earlier in the day to protest United States involvement in Vietnam.

A leader of the protest group, Mrs. Amy Swerdlow of Long Island, carried with her a letter to President Nixon and handed it to a guard at the White House gate.

"You have the power to end the immoral war now," the

letter read. "We believe we cannot win the war in Vietnam. We believe we do not belong there."

The police estimated that about 1,300 women showed up for the one-day "speak-out." Some were admitted to the House galleries to hear the antiwar speeches. Others moved through House office buildings, leaving notes for the Congressmen.