40 LEFTISTS HELD IN 47TH ST. MARCH

Demonstrators Try to Leave Route Agreed Upon at Meeting With Police

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Forty leftists protesting the United States policy on Vietnam were arrested yesterday when their march across mid-Manhattan turned into a running battle with the police.

The demonstrators, of whom there were more than 200, had gathered in Duffy Square at Broadway and 47th Street in defiance of a Police Department ban against street rallies in the midtown area.

Among them were many of the same persons who staged a similar protest there a week earlier in a demonstration that resulted in 17 arrests.

Yesterday's disorders began shortly after a meeting between police officials and the rally's leaders at which it was agreed the demonstrators would march peacefully east along 47th Street to the United Nations Plaza.

The marchers had gone only one block when some tried to swing off the prescribed route.

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and march down the Avenue of the Americas. The police moved in quickly to block them and seized a half dozen demonstrators.

One of the first arrested was Phillip A. Short, a Negro leader who had negotiated earlier with the police. The other, Eugene Laub, was arrested minutes later.

Both Luce and Mr. Levi were arrested later in the morning and released before noon.

The police again seized their nightsticks at both ends, holding them horizontally to push back the demonstrators. During the previous week's demonstrations, the police had taken several clubs and used horses to control the crowd.

Some demonstrators were selected as they stood in the street, refusing police orders to move. They were then arrested. Several went limp as they were seized and had to be carried to patrol cars.

A police lieutenant who helped put several young women in a car walked back to the sidewalk with his face badly scratched.

Hecklers Join In

By this time, a band of hecklers had joined the procession. It grew larger and larger as the police accompanied the police and demonstrators across town.

"Left on their own," the hecklers shouted, clearly in sympathy with the police. "Lock them up!"

At Second Avenue, the police forced the hecklers to turn north as the demonstrators continued east.

By this time the marchers reached First Avenue, only about 60 of the original 200 remained. Arthur Morgan, a labor organizer, grabbed a bullhorn and ordered his men to "break'em up, six of us, all groups." The police tore placards and leaflets from the demonstrators' hands and separated them into clusters.

Some of the students made a half-hearted effort to reassemble after being hustled back to Duff Square, but this maneuver quickly lost momentum. Many of the Negro students were charged with disorderly conduct.

In Night Court, John Maguire, an attorney for the Police Department, urged that bail be set at $500 for each of the dozen at that court.

"I stay at home," she answered. "march for demonstrations," the judge commented, drawing a laugh from the spectators. "You are preventing the orderly conduct of business in the 1st of Court of Criminal Court. In supplying bail for many of the defendants, the court has already paid up several thousand dollars. Asked by reporters why he was providing bail for the Negroes, Mr. Malia said he believed the arrests were "pressures brought on by the Discovering Committee tests against the war in Vietnam."

"I don't know what I can do," he added.