

Is 'Disgusting' to N. J. Town

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Residents of Bernardsville, N. J., a tiny borough in Somerset county, didn't like what they saw Friday as a group of antiwar Vietnam veterans bound for Valley Forge transformed their main street into a mock battleground.

The town consensus was "disgusting," as the veterans continued their march along New Jersey Rte. 202 to Pennsylvania's Route 523.

The Vietnam Veterans Against the War, about 150 strong, evoked anger and catcalls from many townspeople as they attempted to dramatize the "dehumanizing aspects of the war."

SITE OF 'MANEUVERS'

Bernardsville, a rural Republican bastion, with about 6700 residents, was the site of two major "maneuvers" by the veterans as they began a three-day, 90-mile trek along the route that George Washington once took from Morristown, N. J., to Valley Forge.

Clad in battle-tattered remnants of Army fatigue uniforms, the veterans staged "sweeps" along U. S. Route 202, which doubles as Bernardsville's main street, and "interrogation," "search and destroy" and "shakedown" procedures.

SEIZE GIRL

At one point, an advance patrol, led by William Crand-



Marchers follow Route 202 from near Jockey Hollow encampment of Washington's Army during the Revolution.

all of Ohio, tied and blindfolded a buxom young girl and dragged her, kicking and screaming, down the street. They placed a mock rifle at her throat, and asked "Where are the gooks, Mama-san?"

The girl was ostensibly gagged, insulted and threatened with rape and death.

It turned out that the apparently tormented victim was Toni Kuasch, 27, of New York City, a member of "Nurses for Peace," a medical contingent accompanying the veterans.

One veteran lay sprawled in front of Palumbo's Pharmacy, oozing "blood."

Townspeople were treated far more gently, but several were taken as "prisoners" and others were questioned and handled roughly.

'PROVES NOTHING'

"I think it's disgusting — they haven't proved a thing except how to get some free publicity," said Nicholas Morasco, owner of the Olympic Clothing Shop on Main st.

Mrs. Gail Faulkner, an attractive blonde standing with her young son, said, "they're a bunch of fakes. Veterans don't look or act like that."

The owner of a clothing store off the town square, Mrs. Eleanor Batti, suggested, "the Communists may be behind this demonstration."

Four young veterans waiting in the town square to join the march got a preview of the

er with service in Vietnam, announced. "The hippie-dippies are coming." He warned, "If they get in my way, I'll run them down."

Among the few who would voice support of the veterans was Joseph Kienzie of nearby Basking Ridge, N. J., a veteran of World War II.

"I agree with them wholeheartedly," he said. "But what can you do? The politicians aren't about to end this war."

Sgt. John Lucas, a 19-year veteran with the Bernardsville police and a veteran of World War II, said the demonstrators "did a pretty good job."

FLAG NOT INSULTED

Lucas said he was happy there were no insults to the American Flag.

Peter Havas, a 23-year-old Vietnam veteran who watched the march with his girl friend, said, "The war is a waste of men, and it's a good thing to show this to the public."

As the veterans continued up Route 202 to a farmland bivouac site, Ray Hartung, public relations man for the group, said, "We didn't expect the people to be happy with us. But at least we've started them talking about the war."

The march is scheduled to end at Valley Forge on Monday with a rally featuring speeches by actress Jane Fonda, writer Mark Lane, and government and labor officials.

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Weekend Schedule

Holiday Closings

Following is a list of Labor Day weekend schedules for Philadelphia:

LIBRARIES: Open Saturday, closed Sunday and Monday.

RECREATION: City facilities open Saturday, closed Sunday and Monday.

FRANKLIN INSTITUTE: Open Saturday from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M.; Sunday noon to 5 P. M.; closed Monday.

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City treasurer Philip Poorman was told Friday to stop payment on his own paycheck.

The order came from City Controller Tom Gola who claims that Poorman is violating the home rule charter's residency requirements by liv-