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NIXON' S VISIT TO RO-E CAUSES HUGE DEMONSTRATIONS

President Nixon's visit to Rome, on the 27th and 28th of February, was the cause for a series of huge demonstrations in the Italian capital and Milano.

During the late afternoon of the first day, and while Nixon's heavily guarded car traversed the center of the city, workers, students, intellectuals and employees held several manifestations against his presence in Italy, which has as main purpose the further binding of the country to the NATO. Demonstrators held signs with slogans such as "Nato is going to be OUR Vietnam" and "Nixon go Home".

12,000 policemen were placed on the center of the city, and when the demonstrators appeared they were brutally beaten. Around 200 persons have been ~~xxxx~~ arrested and many hundreds have been wounded.

During Nixon's first night in Rome, a student who was occupying with others the Rome university, trying to escape from the attacking police and right-wing forces, fell from the fourth floor finding an immediate death.

This massive protest against Nixon's trip, was also the cause that obliged Nixon not to held his planned press-conference as previewd in his programme. ---