

Evanston Residents Protest War

Evanston residents blocked off a quiet residential street and draped bunting from a porch yesterday in a scene reminiscent of old - fashioned July 4 oratory.

But when the speech making began, the orators opposed the war in Cambodia and temporarily declared independence from the United States.

Hold Block Party

"Here, on a tree-lined, middle class street, short-haired people over 30 are as concerned about the war as students," said Frank Draine, 1126 Hinman av., an attorney.

To dramatize their opposition to the war, he said, residents of the 1100 and 1200 blocks of

Hinman avenue obtained a permit to block the street for a block party.

Approximately 60 per cent of the residents of the two blocks signed a symbolic declaration of independence, separating the neighborhood from the United States government for two hours, he said.

Some Oppose Action

"Some residents oppose us, but none are angry," said Mrs. James Moran, 1109 Hinman. "They seem to believe we are within our rights in holding this public forum. This is a fair kind of opposition to the war."

As smoke from picnic barbecue fires filled the air lawn-

mowers roared, and youngsters used the blocked-off street to play softball, the protesters declared their independence during speeches from noon to 2 p. m.

After the speeches, some of the anti-war speakers joined picnics or began their own.

Refuses to Sign

Among residents who refused to sign the declaration was Charles R. Remen, 1108 Hinman av., a heating and air-conditioning contractor.

"I am not ready to abandon the United States, even symbolically," he said. "It would mean abandoning the good as well as the bad."

Even so, Remen, a navy vet-

eran, said he is opposed to the war.

"If we pull out of Viet Nam, the killing would not stop. But at least the killing of Americans would stop."

Aside from declining to sign the declaration, neighborhood residents supporting the nation's war policy made no effort to heckle or halt the protest speakers.

War Protested in Evanston

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Residents of 1100 and 1200 blocks of Hinman avenue in Evanston gather around American flag for moment of silence to show opposition to war in Viet Nam and Cambodia. Residents obtained permit to block off street for party which included speeches and picnic barbecues.

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