2,000 in Loop protest war

Antiwar marchers walked thru the Loop yesterday and gathered for speeches in the Civic Center Plaza until a chilly wind cut their numbers to about 200.

The march and rally, which began at State Street and Wacker Drive with a police-estimated crowd of 2,000 was sponsored by the Chicago Peace Council to coincide with the inauguration of President Nixon in Washington. The rally was one of several held by peace groups in cities thruout the nation.

A large number of striking teachers, veterans against the war, trade union members, and students listened to speeches calling for the President to sign a peace treaty immediately. The talks were punctuated by cries of "Out Now," the slogan of the anti-inaugural peace demonstrations.