



Photo by Eric Evans

Anti-war protesters cross the Ferry Street Bridge early Tuesday morning en-route to the Eugene Federal Building.

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formation officer for EPD, agreed. "We've been up-front with the police," Kjellberg said. "There's been a lot of honesty on both sides. They no longer see us as just protesters, but people who don't want a war." "They (were) very peaceful," Hanson said. "This was a coordinated effort between the protesters and the police. We knew coming in we were going to have to make some arrests. We anticipated it was going to be non-violent, and it

(was)."

Hanson said a U.S. Forest Service administrator, Arlie Anderson, made the official arrests because the building is federal property and out of EPD's jurisdiction. She estimated 45 EPD officers were present at the Federal Building, not only to assist Anderson in making the arrests, but also for crowd control.

One of the protesters who participated in the sit-in, Joseph Cormier, said there was "no better place" than the Federal Building to show the government how participants in the rally felt.

Police Mace protestors

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Police in riot gear pulled protestors from a human chain outside a federal office building and arrested more than 400 people Tuesday in one of the largest of many anti-war protests around the nation.

At one point, San Francisco police used Mace and riot batons to push demonstrators out of a downtown intersection.

Elsewhere, anti-war protesters gathered at the White House, the United Nations, on college campuses and at other federal buildings in a last-ditch effort to persuade President Bush not to attack Iraq.

"I think there should be millions of people here. Nobody should sit home and say its OK to go to war," said Chuck Nevin, one of the demonstrators in San Francisco.

The demonstration began around 6 a.m. when people began gathering around the 20-story Federal Building. Organizers put the crowd at 10,000 at its peak, but journalists estimated the attendance at about 3,000.

The protesters kept workers from entering the building. They carried signs saying "Suppose Broccoli was Kuwait's Largest Export" and "No Blood for Oil." Forty of them zipped themselves in body bags in front of the building.

The protesters relinquished the building by early afternoon, and about 2,000 people began a spontaneous march through the city.

Protesters resisted arrest at the main entrance by clinging fiercely to one another as federal police pulled

them apart and restrained their hands in plastic cuffs. Remaining protestors sat on the portico singing John Lennon's "Give Peace A Chance" as police continued to make arrests.

Federal authorities arrested 407 people, most of whom were charged with blocking an entrance, said Joseph Loerzel, chief operations officer for the Federal Protective Service.

San Francisco police arrested about 50 people, including break-away protesters who blocked a busy intersection a block from the Federal Building. City police used Mace and clubs to move the protesters out of the intersection.

Several hours later, about 350 protesters walked up ramps onto the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge and blocked pre-rush hour traffic before about 50 surrendered for arrest and the crowd began breaking up, said California Highway Patrol spokesman Don Gappa.

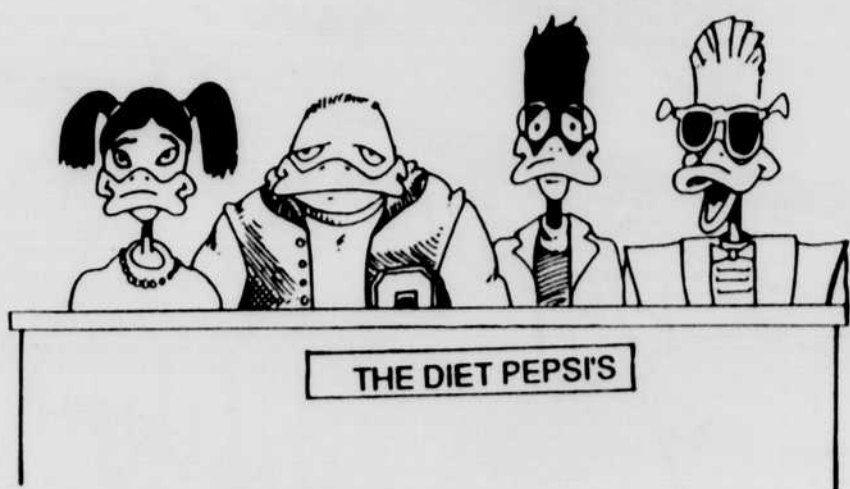
In New York City, more than 5,000 people gathered outside the United Nations for a demonstration sponsored by the African American Coalition Against U.S. Intervention. At least 30 protesters were arrested for blocking traffic and disorderly conduct, police said.

Earlier, a small group of anti-war demonstrators tried to enter the Riverside Research Center, a defense contractor, and 19 were arrested for trespassing, police said.

In Boston, three windows were broken at the John F. Kennedy Federal Building during an anti-war demonstration, and one protester was arrested.

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