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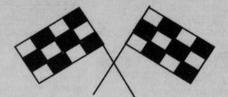
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Charlesworth, a member of Justice Not War, one of the groups that organized the demonstration, said the number was larger than last month's rally.

University professor Robert Zimmerman said that despite a significant presence of faculty, his choice to attend was personally motivated.

"This is an individual thing — it has nothing do with your allegiance to anything. It's your conscience," Zimmerman said.

At about 2:30 p.m., a portion of the crowd broke off from the main Federal Building congregation, apparently to block East 7th Avenue at High Street — a move that gave police concern for safety, according to Eugene Police Department watch commander Chuck Tilby.

A squad of police vehicles blockaded the Ferry Street Bridge on-ramp and Franklin Boulevard exits, and drove the crowd back to East 7th Avenue and Pearl Street. At that point, five police cars arrived at the intersection, and a group of officers in full riot gear arrived on the scene. One young woman, eventually arrested, shouted "This is what democracy looks like" as police converged.

Three rubber bullets were fired at protesters, both before and after they moved off the street and onto the sidewalk. Speakers from the stage urged protesters to comply with police, but the confrontation raged on. Demonstrators yelled "fascists" and other slurs toward the riot squad, while others simply held out peace signs or bowed their heads.

Six adults and one juvenile were arrested and charged with

disorderly conduct. One man was also charged with resisting arrest, Tilby said. Both protesters and police persevered through rain and brief hail, and protesters resumed their occupation of the streets after EPD backed off.

For the second time in a row, the event was recorded with video cameras by the police department. Tilby said that EPD policy is to videotape any situation which could evolve into unlawful or violent activity. He said if nothing happens, the tape is destroyed after 10 days.

Activist Zachary Vishanoff, one of the protesters shot, was hit in the crotch.

"That's just plain rude and disgusting," he said. "It's over the line. He just picked me off like a turkey shoot."

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"War is evil. But it is not necessary. War cannot be a necessary evil, because nonviolence is a necessary good. The two cannot coexist. As Americans, as human beings, as citizens of the world, as moral actors — we must embrace the good and reject the evil."

After Lewis finished his speech, people took to the streets. Led by children holding a large yellow banner painted with the words, "The world says no war," the marchers formed a virtual wall of humanity that stretched for more than 15 city blocks.

Numerous volunteers and organizers traveled at the periphery of the Portland marchers, directing traffic and maintaining order.

"These are the real people of Portland," said a woman working with the Peacekeepers. "This is just an overwhelming turnout — what a family."

The march remained largely peaceful, with minimal police presence. At one point, a group of people waving red and black flags attempted to block the Morrison Street Bridge — one of the main thoroughfares in Portland — but they were dispersed by police without incident.

Organizers of the Portland rally said the increasing number of participants at each of the five peace rallies in Portland since Sept. 11, 2001, points to a growing movement for peace nationwide.

"The voices of 50,000 in Port-

land, the voices of millions in America, the voices of millions more around the world constitute more than just a 'focus group,'" organizer David Baker said. "These voices represent the conscience of a world opposed to war."

Around the world, organizers of peace rallies said it was important for individuals to continue to voice their opposition to the Bush administration and a war in Iraq.

"The strength of the movement has prevented a war from happening before now," Tony Murphy, the main protest organizer for the International ANSWER coalition, said in a statement Saturday. "We feel that it's not too late for the people to stop this war."

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