

# Lockheed protesters plead 'no contest'

Twenty-five of the Lockheed protesters who were arrested at a demonstration Monday and went to jail when they refused to sign their citations pleaded no contest yesterday in Municipal Court.

They had been cited for blocking a public roadway, an infraction of the vehicle code.

Judge Tom Kelly gave them the maximum fine of \$50, but credit for the two days they served in jail erases the fine completely.

Kelly noted that the protesters' actions Monday cost the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office \$8,000 in overtime for the extra deputies who had to be posted at Lockheed

Missiles and Space Co. plant in Bonny Doon.

Defendant Virginia Gelczis was among those who made statements, saying she was "responding to a higher moral call" by protesting at Lockheed. She and the others had an obligation to act against first-strike weapons, she said. Missile components are tested and assembled at the plant.

Kelly responded that he wished the protesters could demonstrate without violating the law.

"It's a shame \$8,000 has to be taken away from the county which could be used for other services," he said.

—Kathy Salamon