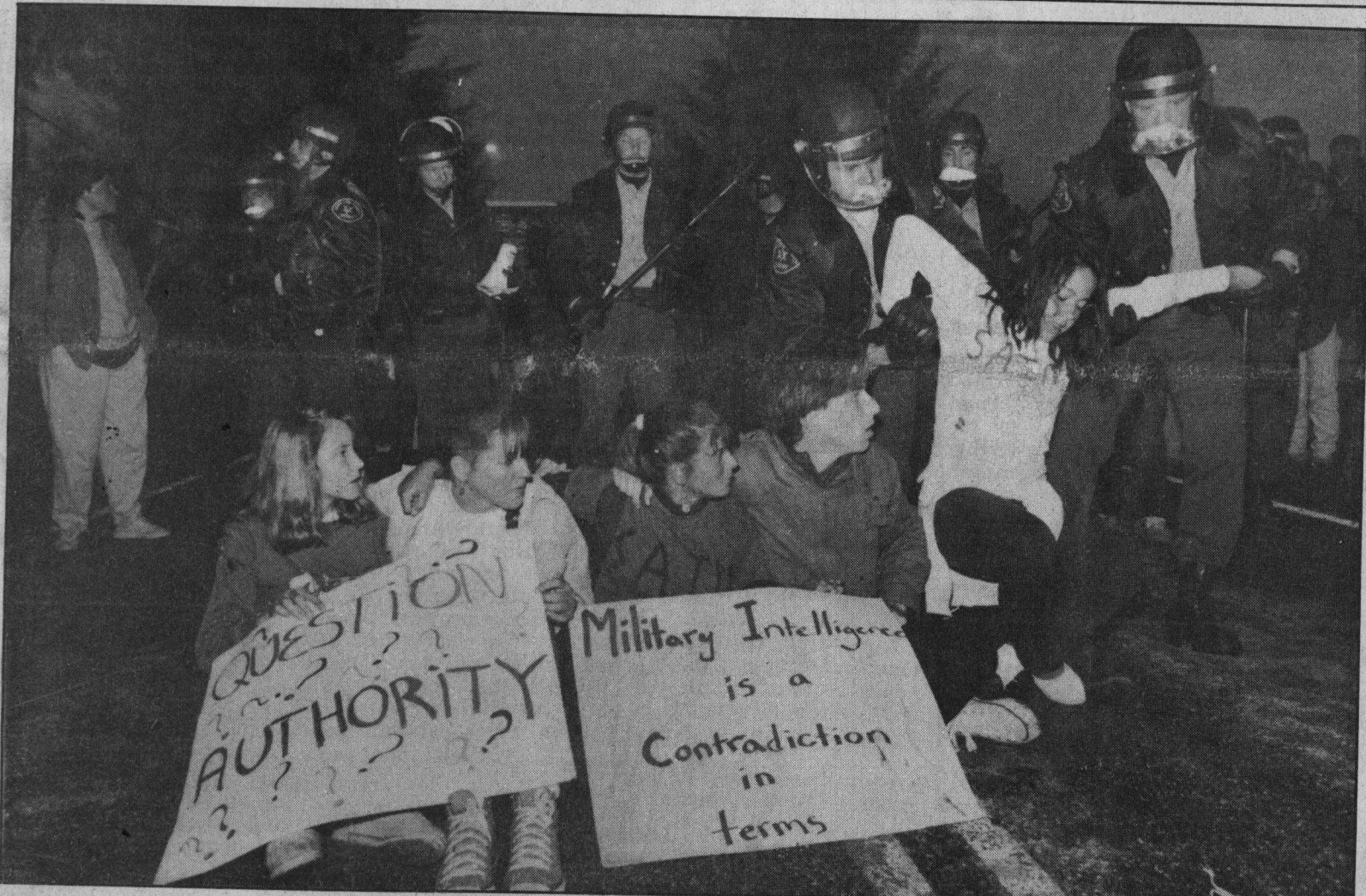


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Deputies begin hauling away high school students who sat in road in front of Lockheed plant. Chip Scheuer

# Activists blockade Lockheed plant

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For the second time in a year, peace activists blocked the Lockheed Missile and Space Co. plant near Bonny Doon this morning.

About 300 protesters rallied at the gates of the plant at about 5 a.m. and 47 people were arrested for blocking the cars of Lockheed employees trying to get to work.

Of those 47, 25 went to County Jail for refusing to sign their citations.

For all that, it was a fairly festive occasion with the singing of peace songs, burning of incense and hugs for those about to be arrested. No one was injured, and the dem-

onstration was carried out peacefully.

As employee vehicles tried to pass through the Lockheed gate, small groups of two to five people would sit in front of the cars. Two sheriff's deputies, donned in riot gear, would then take the protesters away one at a time with the use of wrist holds. Most of the demonstrators walked to the police van, but some went limp and had to be carried by four officers, literally by the seats of their pants.

Meanwhile, Lockheed employees patiently waited in their cars until there was a break in the blockaders.

Ray Solis, a machinist who has worked for Lockheed for the past five years, took the

morning's events in stride.

He said he supported the demonstrators' right to protest but found them rather naive.

"Not until you get older do you realize that stuff like this is meaningless," said Solis, who added he did some demonstrating against the Vietnam War in his youth.

"They can't stop the economic reality of life," he said. "We (Lockheed employees) have bills to pay like everyone else, and after a while, you just do a job."

Movement of the cars in front signaled that Solis might be able to arrive at work not too late in the morning. He started his car, but

before Solis could move, five protesters stepped in front of his car and began singing.

One protester, who identified himself only as Steve, told Solis, "Sir, you'd save gas if you turned your engine off."

Solis shrugged and good-naturedly complied.

It took deputies about 20 minutes to clear away the five protesters so Solis could get to work.

By 8 a.m., activities had pretty much died down, and the demonstrators began to filter away.

Most of the demonstrators appeared to be UC-Santa Cruz

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students, but one who wasn't was Lea Wood of Aptos, a 71-year-old activist.

Wood said she was at the protest "because I consider what Lockheed and the government are doing to be against international law."

She said she and others at the protest "have a moral obligation to oppose this."

Lockheed assembles and tests components of the Trident II D-5 missile, which peace activists have called a first-strike missile.

Today's activities end three days of peace-related events which began Friday with an anti-tax rally.

Vernon Smith, plant director at Lockheed, said today's protest went off relatively well as compared to some of those in the past.

"Our people got on board 15 to 20 minutes late, which isn't too bad," he said. "The sheriff's deputies and CHP did a great job and there were no confrontations."