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Protesters block entryway at Lockheed test base.

*Demonstrations*

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## **37 protesters arrested at Lockheed**

SANTA CRUZ — Some 200 protesters blocked the roadway to the Lockheed Missiles & Space Co. test base Monday morning, delaying workers only temporarily until sheriff's deputies arrested 37 of the demonstrators.

Some 15 protesters were booked into County Jail when they refused to sign their citations for a vehicle-code infraction of blocking the roadway. Eighty-five others were arrested in a similar blockade last Wednesday.

Protest spokesman Peter Lumsdaine said Monday's blockade would end activities at the plant at the top of Empire Grade Road. He said those

protesting Lockheed's work on the Trident II missile will now turn their attention to education about America's first-strike capability.

Demonstrators called their action at Lockheed a success, having closed down the plant for two days last Monday and Tuesday.

But it was the threat of a blockade, rather than a blockade itself that accomplished the demonstrators' aim.

In an attempt to deflate the protest, Lockheed officials ordered most of their 300 employees to stay home — without pay — those two days.

Blockades last Wednesday and

Monday only slowed down workers' arrivals, but did not shut down the plant.

Lockheed spokesman Bob Burgess said neither the two-day shutdown nor the time lost to the blockades would have any effect on testing of a component for the Trident II missile. He said testing is far ahead of schedule.

Sheriff Al Noren said he has not put together overtime figures for deputies and tactical squad members called out to guard the workers. "But it cost thousands, and I fear we could run out of money before the end of the (budget) year because of it," he said.