34 more arrested as protests continue

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Thirty-four anti-nuclear protesters were arrested at the Lockheed Missiles and Space Co.'s Bonny Doon plant this norning after they sat down in he road to block workers entering the main gate.

This morning's arrests bring he total to nearly 150 in a week of demonstrations against cockheed's work on the Trident I missile, considered to have irst-strike capability.

Some demonstrators are planning to take their protest to Monterey tomorrow for the appearance there of U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, according to one man in the crowd, who shouted out news of the plans.

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"We're here to give our press conference and to say to the world the other side of what Caspar Weinberger is trying to dupe them with," he said.

Shortly after 6 a.m., laying a banner across the road with the words "We shall not be moved" and singing songs such as "This Land Is Your Land," some 11 protesters sat down in the road.

It was drizzling lightly as more than 200 protesters lined both sides of Empire Grade Road, at times approaching those on the ground to give an encouraging word or a hug.

Santa Cruz County sheriff's deputies warned the protesters over loudspeakers they were violating the vehicle code by blocking a roadway.

"You are advised that if you do not leave the roadway immediately you will be arrested."

When the protesters failed to move after several minutes, deputies armed with night sticks and dressed in riot gear moved in and started peacefully making arrests. Some of the protesters resisted by going limp, forcing deputies to literally drag them away.

Many of the watching protes-

ters cried out "Be gentle!" and "Officer, take care" as the protesters were removed from the road. After a handful had been led away to a waiting police van, protesters on the sidelines cheered loudly as several more people joined those sitting in the road.

Deputies were finally able to clear the roadway for a line of vehicles waiting to enter the plant about 6:45 a.m.

Larry Gilliam, an engineer waiting in line to enter the plant, said he thought the protesters' goal was honorable, but the means by which they were trying to achieve it were naive.

"Sure, we do test parts that work on the Trident missile, as well as on other space rockets," he said, "but to most workers here, the Trident is the best deterrent (to nuclear war)."

Gilliam said he was one of about 70 employees who continued working when production at the plant was temporarily curtailed last week.

About 230 workers were laid off without pay, and some felt the protesters were violating their rights as working citizens, said Mike Morales, a Lockheed test engineer also waiting in line.

"They're using human nature in such a way that there is a little bit of naiveness," he said.

A flier distributed to the waiting workers by protesters lays the blame on Lockheed:

"We regret that you were laid off work without pay — that was not our intent," the flier states. "Lockheed chose not to pay for your good faith and desire to work during our non-violent action."