

Troops, Gas Control Crowd

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WASHINGTON — Anti-war protesters tried to block the capital's streets today with logs, nails, cars and their own bodies, but police thwarted their plan to paralyze the government with heavy barrages of tear gas and a record 7000 arrests.

The protesters were dispersed and driven into disorganized groups by volleys of tear gas and mass arrests in view of thousand of government employes commuting to work.

Up to 10,000 regular army troops and marines aided helmeted police, in making the arrests.

Never Before

So great was the number of arrests that police pressed a practice football field and a jail exercise yard into service as temporary detention compounds.

Never in the city's demonstration-flecked history had there been as many arrests in a single day.

A protest leader, Rennie Davis, was arrested on charges of conspiring to interfere with the constitutional rights of citizens and federal workers. He was one of eight persons tried in connection with disturbances at the 1968 Democratic convention in Chicago.

100 Injured

Police Chief Jerry V. Wilson predicted that most of those arrested would not be released until some time tomorrow. He said some 4000 to 5000 demonstrators were still at large in the city.

Beginning before dawn and continuing past noon, flying squads of policemen fired

volleys of tear gas and wielded billy clubs to disperse crowds of demonstrators.

More than 100 persons were injured, including four policeman, a check of area hospitals showed. Most of the injuries were minor.

Police officials would not estimate the number taking

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part in today's demonstrations. Protest sponsors said 20,000 youths were on the streets and promised that thousands would return tomorrow and Wednesday.

The federal workers were hindered, but not halted, by hit-and-run tactics of the demonstrators on four main bridges crossing the Potomac from Virginia and at several traffic bottleneck points within the city.

Jails Clogged

By noon, the streets carried a normal load of traffic and in the downtown area the scene was that of a usual Washington lunch hour. There were still a few flare-ups of minor trouble on the city's edge.

The mass arrests clogged the District of Columbia's jail facilities and severely taxed the processing procedure.

Demonstrators detained near the football stadium complained of lack of food and toilet facilities.

The beginning of the ar-



FAMED BABY DOCTOR IN STOCKADE
Dr. Benjamin Spock after arrest in capital today

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raignment proceedings before eight judges was delayed by confusion resulting from the fact that arrest forms had not been completed by police. Most were held on disorderly conduct charges.

Among those arrested were peace advocate Dr. Benjamin Spock and radical leader Abbie Hoffman.

Attorney Philip Hirschkop, the protesters' chief legal adviser, charged that many of the arrests were unjust and that "concentration camps" were being used to house the prisoners.

"The city has abandoned the Constitution of the United States," he said, and officials will "have to do a lot of perjury and forgery" to get convictions.

Bond for most of those arrested was set at between \$25 and \$50 with no collateral permitted and a Pentagon spokesman said the protesters being held at places without cooking facilities would receive C-rations of meat, fruit, bread and a few other items as long as necessary.

The heaviest tear gas bar-