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Demonstrator tried to push down a fence at the football practice field where they were held

## They Don't Like the Tactics

# D.C. People Say 'I'm for Peace, but...'

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### Washington

Tom Henderson left his suburban home in Hillcrest Heights, Md., early yesterday to go to work.

Hours later he still hadn't made it to the flower shop on Wisconsin avenue, and he was angry.

"I've got a wife," said Henderson, 21, with long brown hair hanging down to his shoulders. "I've got a two-week old baby at home, and I can't even get to work.

I've been stuck since 7 o'clock trying to get to 4200 Wisconsin avenue. I've had tear gas thrown at the car. I had bricks thrown at the car.

"It's just a big mess, and for what? If this keeps up, I'm going to lose a whole week's work. I can't go to work, and I can't go home. And I can't afford it. I've got responsibilities."

### TACTICS

He was only one of the countless thousands of citizens affected by yesterday's shut-down-the government

anti-war demonstration. But he was expressing what appeared to be a general opinion. Citizens interviewed at random around Washington reacted strongly against the tactics employed by the demonstrators.

They were not against demonstrations as such. Nor were they for the war. Indeed, not a single citizen interviewed expressed approval for continuing the war. They just didn't like having the pattern of their lives — and their livelihoods — interrupted.

"The wife has been in peaceful demonstrations, and that is fine," said John Feistritz, who works for a drug chain in downtown Washington. "But these people have set the peace movement back, way back. Now, I'm all for the peace movement, but I can't see what these people are doing."

### FEES

As he was talking, while standing at Dupont circle watching the police, Marines and demonstrators, two protesters carrying cans containing money asked him for



a donation for bond fees. He declined.

"You're interfering with my rights," he told them.

"Oh, no we're not," one of the young men replied.

"If you want to yell 'Peace,' do it, but do it in a way that doesn't interfere with me," Feistritzer said.

washington was filled with those street corner dialogues between protesters and ordinary people yesterday. For the most part, they were good-natured, even if the exchanges were sharp.

"Do you think this is doing any good, creating all this mess?" one well-dressed citizen said, after stopping a group of demonstrators in

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front of the Riggs Bank on Dupont circle.

"You like the war, I guess," he was told.

"I certainly don't," the man answered. "But do you think this is the way to end it, by throwing garbage in the streets and interfering with other citizens' rights?"

Not everyone, of course, condemned the demonstrators.

Secretary Ingrid Utech, walking down Massachusetts avenue on the way to work hoped "it will bring about a change. If I was inconvenienced, it's worth it."

One young woman, wearing gray clacks and red vinyl

coat, did more than express sympathy. She ran across a street and gave away her lunch to demonstrators — and was arrested.

Some citizens expressed their displeasure in aggressive fashion.

### CHEER

As police were making arrests in Goergetown early in the morning, the occupants in the Little Tavern in northwest Washington came out to cheer police on.

"Kill them, kill them," shouted one man. On Dupont circle, there were more cheers — this time from construction workers on the third story of a new building — as police made arrests.

And at two places, men got

out of their vehicles and started moving toward the demonstrators, waving links of heavy chain. In both cases, they were turned away by police.

But the overall reaction was not some violent form of backlash.

"I don't know if I can give you an answer on what I think," said Susan Shapiro, a Neighborhood Legal Services worker.

"I wish the government didn't feel it necessary to make quite such a display of force. On the other hand, I'm not sure these particular people have the stamina and the judgment to carry off what the freedom riders were able to do."