

Federal Workers on the Job

Effect of Protests Is Slight

Washington

The federal government's 318,000 employees in the nation's capital, braving demonstrators' barricades and police tear gas, made it to work in overwhelming numbers yesterday.

"The city is open. The traffic is flowing. The government is functioning," said Attorney General John N. Mitchell.

Although many non-government workers were delayed on their way into work, Federal employees had been told they were expected to show up on time, and to make plans accordingly.

The White House reported a normal working force.

"Overwhelmingly normal," said the U.S. Civil Service Commission of the employee show-up in government agencies.

PENTAGON

Business at the Pentagon, on the Virginia side of the Potomac River, was near normal and a spokesman said "It will not be shut down."

Most Federal workers in downtown government and on Capitol Hill started for work early anticipating the traffic snarl, and got to work hours ahead of time.

Some parked their cars away from the downtown area and walked or took buses the rest of the way.



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Anti-war demonstrators sat in the middle of Maine avenue in an effort to paralyze the government

USUAL

Some Federal agencies reported fewer absentees than usual.

Parking lots at most Federal agencies, where government employees are assigned highly prized parking spaces, were generally full.

The Civil Service Commission told the heads of Federal agencies that workers were expected to show up, and those who didn't could lose time from their annual leave unless they could show an acceptable excuse.

WORK

"This is a work day. People are expected to get to work. There will not be a liberal leave policy," said a commission spokesman.

Attendance at the Pentagon was, if anything, a little bit above normal," said Defense Department spokesman Jerry W. Friedham.

Deputy Secretary of Defense David Packard, who has been running day-to-day affairs at the Pentagon since Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird entered a hospital for routine surgery last week, spent the night there.

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Senators Deplore Tactics

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Some United States Senate leaders expressed dismay yesterday over the day's anti-war demonstrations.

"I don't know what they hope to gain by these tactics that have turned off all the sympathizers they had that I know of around here," said Republican leader Hugh

Scott of Pennsylvania.

"I do not believe in a philosophy that would presume to charge a government by tearing it down," said his Democratic counterpart, Mike Mansfield of Montana.

Senator Edmund Muskie (Dem-Maine), said he was troubled "at the tactics of confrontation and disruptions" and praised the metro-

politan police. Senator Huber Humphrey (Dem-Minn.), said "the cause of peace is being damaged by violence."

Senator George McGovern (Dem-S.D.), also deplored the confrontation but said "it is the direct result of the failure of the administration to listen to the American people."

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