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## SFChronicle 2000 More Arrests in Washington

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The District of Columbia police arrested 2200 more anti-war demonstrators yesterday in various minor confrontations and at the end of a two-hour demonstration at the Justice Department.

The new arrests pushed to 9700 the two-day total for the present demonstrations. Many of those arrested yesterday were detained for the second time.

About 2000 of the 7000 young people arrested Monday remained in custody. They were moved from a fence-enclosed football field to the Washington coliseum, a downtown sports arena.

But leaders of the Mayday tribe and the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice said that demonstrations will continue today, centered on Capitol Hill. The leaders pledged non-violence.

### WINDOW

The two-hour gathering of about 3000 protesters yesterday afternoon was held under the balcony window of Attorney General John N. Mitchell, whose office has largely controlled events here during the last ten days of end-the-war demonstrations. Smoking a pipe, the Attorney General appeared periodically on the balcony, apparently little noticed by the throng below.

The demonstrators failed to mount any concerted effort to disrupt commuter traffic yesterday morning, as they sought to do Monday.

Instead, they gathered at noon in Franklin Square at 14th and I streets (NW), on the northern edge of the downtown shopping area, and marched 14 blocks with a police escort to the Justice Department at 10th street and Constitution avenue.

The police policy Monday of Mass arrests, which had come under some criticism, was somewhat altered yesterday.

Under the command of police chief Jerry V. Wilson,  
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who was on the street ahead of the marchers, officers stopped and detoured downtown traffic around the protesters. The marchers were ordered by the police to stay on the sidewalks, and at one time the parade covered the entire distance of more than a mile from Franklin Square to the justice department.

As the demonstrators marched toward the Justice Department they even stopped for red lights, causing one marcher to mutter: "Some revolutionaries!"

In front of the squat, block-square building they began to chant "Ho, Ho, Ho Chi Minh, the NLF is gonna win." But a march leader scolded the crowd and told it to say something "the people in Justice can understand." The cry subsided.

### SERIES

The arrests began at 2:45 p.m., after a series of fiery speeches.

Police ordered the demonstrators to disperse. Hundreds left, but about 2000 waited quietly in the 100-yard-long canyon of 10th street, between constitution avenue and Pennsylvania avenue, as police lines moved in from both ends.

A block away, at 11th and Pennsylvania, some policemen drove their motorscooters into the crowd, knocking several down. Later at least one canister of tear gas was fired at that location.

Police also blocked off busy Pennsylvania avenue, from 8th to 13th street, accomplishing what mass traff-

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ic-stalling tactics Monday failed to do: raise hob with traffic.

Some demonstrators sat in the street, talking and laughing and waiting to rise for the arresting officers, who placed them in buses. Others danced in a circle to the music of a flute.

"Keep it cool, man," a voice repeated over a bullhorn. Some demonstrators chanted, "the whole world is watching," as the arrests continued.

### SPIRITS

Several said their spirits were lifted by the knowledge that the additional arrests yesterday would compound the already serious difficulties for government officials in the legal processing and housing of the record number of accused.

The change in the character of the demonstration yesterday, as well as the more restrained and patient police conduct, came as criticism mounted over Monday's tactics of indiscriminate police sweeps through entire intersections. It was apparent that many bystanders had been caught in the Monday morning police roundups.

It was also apparent that the District of Columbia's Department of Corrections had been wholly unprepared to deal with 7000 arrests.

"The President felt they were dealt with appropriately," press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said yesterday of the way demonstrators were handled.

"The over-all conduct and restraint of the District of Columbia police in dealing with the situation," drew presidential praise, Ziegler said.

The Pentagon said some 6000 troops brought in from other areas left last night, leaving 4000 from the Maryland-Virginia area. The police asked that the 4000 be used to guard bridges and traffic circles.