

Sample New York Times coverage

**From New York To Melbourne,
Cries for Peace
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By Robert D. McFadden**

1. Confronting America's countdown to war, throngs of chanting, placard-waving demonstrators converged on New York and scores of cities across the United States, Europe and Asia yesterday in a global daisy chain of largely peaceful protests against the Bush administration's threatened invasion of Iraq.
2. Three years after vast crowds turned out around the world to celebrate the new millennium, millions gathered again yesterday in a darker mood of impending conflict, forming a patchwork of demonstrations that together, organizers said, made up the largest, most diverse peace protest since the Vietnam War. On a wintry day in New York, huge crowds, prohibited by a court order from marching, rallied within sight of the United Nations amid heavy security. They raised banners of patriotism and dissent, sounded the hymns of a broad new antiwar movement and heard speakers denounce what they called President Bush's rush to war, while offering no sympathy for Iraq's dictator, Saddam Hussein.
3. "The World Says No to War," proclaimed a huge banner over a stage on First Avenue near 51st Street, the focal point of crowds that filled the avenue from 49th Street to 72nd Street and spilled over into side streets and to Second, Third and Lexington Avenues, where thousands more were halted at police barricades, far from the sights and sounds of the demonstration.
4. Crowd estimates are often little more than politically tinged guesses. The police commissioner, Raymond W. Kelly, put the crowd at about 100,000, while the organizers said 400,000 people attended. Given the sea of faces extending more than a mile up First Avenue and the ancillary crowds that were prevented from joining them, it seemed that something in between was probable.
5. There were similar though smaller demonstrations in Philadelphia, Chicago, Seattle, San Diego, Sacramento, Miami, Detroit, Milwaukee and scores of other American cities, organized under the umbrella of United for Peace and Justice, a coalition of 120 organizations...
6. Protests unfolded in more than 350 cities around the world -- some drawing hundreds of thousands, others only a few hundred -- and for the most part the dissents were peaceful. The police in Athens fired tear gas and clashed with demonstrators who threw a gasoline bomb, but no serious injuries were reported.
7. In New York, the police reported at least 295 arrests, mostly for disorderly conduct, and said that a deputy inspector had been assaulted and taken to a hospital and that two horses were hurt. But at day's end, Commissioner Kelly said: "I think it went well. For the number of people here, it was orderly. The vast majority of people were cooperative."
8. [...]
Unlike the stereotypically scruffy, pot-smoking, flag-burning anarchists of the Vietnam era, yesterday's protesters came from a wide range of the political spectrum: college students, middle-aged couples, families with small children, older people who had marched for civil rights, and groups representing labor, the environment and religious, business and civic organizations. . .

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WHEN DOVES CRY: DOZENS BUSTED IN ANTI-WAR PROTESTS

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By Leonard Greene, Marianne Garvey and Sarah Gilbert

1. The worldwide battle for peace hit New York yesterday, as hundreds of thousands of anti-war demonstrators crowded the streets to deliver a one-word message to a nation on the brink of combat: "No."
 2. The mostly peaceful protesters clogged the avenues from the East Side to the Theater District - although several clashes were reported with cops who desperately tried to contain the anti-war masses.
 3. Organizers estimated the crowd at anywhere from 375,000 to 500,000, well over the official police figure of 100,000.
 4. It was one of many rallies around the world yesterday. More than a million people came out in Rome and London to protest the impending war in Iraq.
 5. Eight cops were injured during confrontations with protesters here. One officer was kicked in the head and a deputy inspector was punched in the face, Police Commissioner Ray Kelly said.
 6. A police horse was hurt when a protester punched it in the face and dragged it to the ground by its reins, Kelly added.
 7. While cops reported 50 arrests by 5 p.m., lawyers for the protesters say as many as 400 people were locked up.
 8. "I think they overreacted. They wanted to send a message," lawyer Marina Sitrin said of the 5,000 on-duty cops, who used radiation detectors and bomb-sniffing dogs.
 9. Many marchers were upset because they couldn't get closer to the poets, preachers and playwrights blasting the Bush administration in speeches on First Avenue near the United Nations.
 10. The overflow crowds caused traffic tie-ups as far west as Seventh Avenue and forced closure of the 59th Street Bridge.
 11. Rally participants said they had three enemies in their war against war: the Bush administration, local authorities and the weather... Some spoke of Martin Luther King Jr., the slain civil-rights leader, who delivered a major address on the Vietnam War at Riverside Church on April 4, 1967...
- GRAPHIC: WAR CRY: As hundreds of thousands took to the streets in an anti-war demonstration yesterday, one (above) tussled with two cops. Shannon Stapleton/Reuters

NYPD ESTIMATED SATURDAY'S ANTI-WAR RALLY

COST THE CITY APPROXIMATELY \$5 MILLION

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12. The NYPD estimated Saturday's anti-war rally cost the city approximately \$5 million in overtime.
 13. As security remained heightened throughout the city, more than 5,000 cops patrolled the event as protesters took to the streets against any conflict with Iraq. While the rally was relatively peaceful, more than 250 people were arrested and eight cops were injured, cops said.
- In all, 257 arrests were made, including five felony arrests, 53 misdemeanor arrests and 199 arrests for disorderly conduct and other minor violations. Police also said 35 criminal court summonses were issued.
- Organizers believe 375,000 to 500,000 attended the event, which stretched over 20 blocks on the East Side. Cops, however, say the figure was closer to 100,000 people.