

Pro-war demonstrators hit the streets in the U.S.

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Thousands rallied this weekend in support of President George W. Bush and U.S. troops in a possible war against Iraq, turning their criticism to anti-war protesters and France's opposition to military force.

About 500 people gathered in Alamo Plaza in San Antonio on Saturday to voice support for Bush and about 2,000 people turned out at an Orlando rally that featured a reading of the Gettysburg Address, while another 1,000 prayed and marched in Pensacola.

"I was so saddened to see so many in our nation not supporting our troops and our country," said Naval Warrant Officer David Wolff, a Desert Storm veteran who arrived at the Pensacola rally in uniform. "This is very uplifting."

Rallies were also held in Indianapolis and Washington state, where more than 2,000 people gathered for a pro-war rally in Bremerton, home to a naval station where the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Carl Vinson departed last month.

Anger against last weekend's protests, which drew millions

worldwide, was apparent. Echoing a slogan from the 1960s, one placard in Orlando read: "America — Love It or Leave It."

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"The antiwar protesters last weekend are aiding and abetting Saddam," said Sherri Tabb, who attended that rally. "Saddam has gotten emboldened, he is not cooperating. War is the only solution."

The rally in San Antonio, a city with three Air Force installations and one Army post, came a week before the deadline set by chief U.S. weapons inspector Hans Blix for Iraq to begin destroying some of its weapons.

Although many antiwar

marchers said they support U.S. troops, their message last week was clearly anti-U.S. said Nancy Goya, with Alamo City Republican Women.

"I can't understand people not supporting our president at a time like this," she said.

A handful of antiwar protesters showed up at the event, holding signs that read "Drop Bush, Not Bombs" and "Republicans Against War."

They were quickly surrounded by pro-Bush rallygoers who blocked their signs with American flags, the San Antonio Express-News reported in its Sunday editions.

Another target was France, which has stood in the way of a U.N. resolution authorizing force against Iraq. "Use your emergency duct tape to gag (French President) Jacques Chirac," said one sign at the Orlando rally.

Retired Air Force Col. George "Bud" Day received loud applause when he told Pensacola rallygoers: "Terrorists thought they could bring war on us, intimidate us and cow us. When we show them American power they take off like a bunch of scared rats."

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He and the other officers were unable to identify where the shots originated from because the crowd blocked their view, he said.

Police have still not discovered who fired the shots. Wiatt said UPD's intent was to get the students off campus.

Some event attendees did move off campus, congregating at the McDonald's parking lot located at 111 George Bush Drive West in College Station, Vick said.

At 1:50 a.m., while some officers were handling a weapons violation in the McDonald's parking lot, a fight broke out in a large crowd standing nearby. When CSPD officers attempted to arrest one of the suspected aggressors, the aggressor resisted and struggled with the officers, according to the police report.

Some crowd members became hostile toward the officers, and more officers were called in to help disperse the crowd, the police report said. When some people interfered with arrests, fights again broke out within the group. Only after officers made several arrests did the crowd began to leave, the report stated.

Tristan Duane Putman, a 19 year old from

Kyle, Texas was arrested on charges of assault and resisting arrest; Warren Anthony Roberson, a 20 year old from Hempstead, Texas was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct; Nigel Juan Jackson, a 21 year old from Texas City, Texas was arrested on a charge of interfering with public duties; and Anthony Mario Gonzales, a 20 year old from Dallas was arrested on charges of resisting arrest and interfering with public duties. None of those arrested attend A&M.

Organizer Maco Faniel said the target audience for the event was Texas A&M students, and on a larger scale, college-aged students in Texas and beyond.

Wiatt said some of the attendees did not appear to be students.

Faniel said Kappa Alpha Psi, the national fraternity sponsoring the event, is not releasing a statement on the disturbance.

Faniel said, despite the later disturbance, the event was a success.

"This is the only event of its kind in Texas, and shows the taste of diversity A&M has to offer," Faniel said. "All of our goals were accomplished in the event."

Robnett said the event was meant to commemorate stepping as a part of the history of blacks, and appropriately fell during Black History Month.

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agencies and private companies assess their vulnerability.

"If it became an open record, it would be a blueprint on how to blow the place up," Scott Gilmore, Allen's chief of staff, told the Austin American-Statesman.

A third category would close all records detailing the existence or location of components that could be used to make weapons of mass destruction.

Lawmakers, often citing terrorism or identity theft, have filed other bills that would affect public access to government records:

— Rep. Jaime Capelo, D-Corpus Christi, proposed allowing Texas port operators to meet in private to discuss security and to keep their security plans confidential.

— Sen. Jon Lindsay, R-Houston, would close

meetings and records of hospitals and hospital districts.

— Rep. Suzanna Gratia Hupp, R-Lampasas, filed a bill that would shield the names of people issued permits to carry concealed weapons. She said the bill would serve as a greater deterrent to crime.

— Rep. Tony Goolsby, R-Dallas, would restrict access to the forms for seeking property tax exemptions. The forms usually contain private information, making elderly Texans particularly susceptible to fraud, Goolsby said.

— Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, proposed requiring public officials to comply promptly with requests for public documents instead of waiting the 10-day maximum response time allowed by law.

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