

Sample New York Post coverage

WHEN DOVES CRY: DOZENS BUSTED IN ANTI-WAR PROTESTS

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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.