

# Students Cite Brutality In Peace March

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Between 15 and 20 Monmouth College students gathered in Washington, D.C. this past weekend to join with an estimated 100,000 people in a demonstration for the end of the war in Viet Nam.

The 100,000 is a compromise between the White House report of 50,000 and the Monmouth demonstrators' report of 150,000.

Len Hurley, one of the Mon-  
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mouth demonstrators, said the rally became a sounding board for almost every radical group. Hurley's view was not shared by fellow Monmouth demonstrator John Abbamonte who said, "The radical groups tried to use this as a sounding board at first. The pacifists had control of the march except during the rush of the Pentagon when the radicals got control."

Abbamonte said that the demonstrators included "several hundred Viet Nam war veterans. He also said the "four soldiers threw down their rifles and deserted at the march."

Both Monmouth demonstrators agreed that there was police brutality and Hurley said "the whole atmosphere was like Germany of 1939." He added that police were on top of the Lincoln Memorial.

Abbamonte was a little more specific. "The systematic beating of people began at around 6 p.m. on Saturday and continued until 11 p.m." He claimed that most of the violence was derived from the federal marshalls (a claim with which Hurley concurred.) Both demonstrators agreed the army troops were fairly decent.

At one point they lined the troops up three deep and the federal marshalls went around behind them and pushed them on the demonstrators," said Abbamonte. He also said that near the end of the day "a lot of soldiers were aiming guns at people's heads."

Contrary to the government's claims that the troops were not using tear gas Abbamonte said "mace was used by the army."

It might be noted that when Abbamonte returned from Washington both his hands were taped. He maintains that he was hit by one of the marshalls.