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A police officer directs some of the 15 people arrested after a peaceful occupation of the

local office of Rep. Robert Lagomarsino in protest of U.S. policies in Nicaragua.

15 demonstrators arrested in Lagomarsino office sit-in

As Rep. Robert J. Lagomarsino, R-Santa Barbara-Ventura, joined congressional colleagues and voted to restore aid to rebels in Nicaragua, 15 South Coast residents were arrested and booked into the county jail Wednesday after they peacefully occupied his Santa Barbara office.

The demonstrators, who oppose the resumption of aid, were led away in handcuffs by police after they refused to leave Lagomarsino's downtown office after it was closed about 2 p.m.

Police said the demonstrators were arrested on suspicion of trespassing after they disregarded repeated requests by Lagomarsino's staff and Lt. Mike Elia to leave the office. They also declined the opportunity to be issued a misdemeanor trespassing citation if they left the area willingly.

The protesters, who ranged in age from 18 to 76, were cited for trespassing, then booked into county jail and released, jail officials said. They have been ordered to be arraigned in South Coast Municipal Court July 24.

The office occupation was preceded by a noontime rally in De la Guerra Plaza and a march to Lagomarsino's office by about 50 people, who jammed inside the tiny office. Frederick David Hempel, 25, of

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ban on use of U.S. funds to support military actions against the leftist Sandinista government.

Calling the House action "historic" and a demonstration of "great intelligence," Reagan said "a clear bipartisan majority has shown that our nation stands with those who are determined to pursue a political solution and seek a democratic outcome of the crisis in Nicaragua."

"Both houses and both sides of

the aisle have now demonstrated American resolve to safeguard our own national interests and to advance the rights of the people of Central America," the president said.

While House Republicans said the action actually improves chances for peace talks, one Democratic leader described it as "tantamount to a declaration of war" against Nicaragua.

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"You know, some people are talking about turning tax reform into a tax increase," the president said. "Well, let me tell you: I have a veto pen ready for anyone who tries



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Vice President George Bush joins House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. in applauding Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi at today's joint session of Congress.

Guilty plea entered in draft resist case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Draft resister David Wayte changed his plea to guilty today, and a judge set July 29 to sentence him for failing to register for the draft.

"I plead guilty, your honor," Wayte told U.S. District Terry Hatter Jr. "I did not register for the draft, your honor."

Wayte, 24, who faces up to a \$10,000 fine and five years in prison, said no plea bargain was entered into.

The Pasadena resident, dressed in a suit and with his blond, waist-length hair in a ponytail, kept his hands clasped in front of him during his five-minute appearance before the judge.

Wayte was charged by a federal grand jury in July 1982 with one count of failing to register for the military selective service in 1980.

In March he lost a major U.S. Supreme Court battle against draft registration. He remains free on \$5,000 bail.

On Wednesday, he had told reporters he was considering changing his plea to guilty.

"I feel all the defenses I believe in have been considered. Now that the Supreme Court has ruled against selective prosecution, there are no other defenses I could raise that I believe in," he said.

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'Had a stupid affair,' spy suspect testifies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former FBI agent Richard W. Miller explained for the first time his secret sexual liaison with a Russian woman accused of stealing classified U.S. documents and admitted the affair was "a stupid thing to do."

But he said he never suspected he might be compromised into spying.

Miller, 48, the only FBI agent ever accused of espionage, testified Wednesday at the trial of Svetlana Ogorodnikov, 35, and her husband, Nikolay, 54, that he plunged into the affair in spite of warnings from other FBI agents to "proceed with a yellow light of caution."

Miller had a catch in his voice as he identified his one-time lover in the U.S. District courtroom.

Mrs. Ogorodnikov and her husband are in the seventh week of

their espionage trial. Miller faces a trial later. All three face life sentences.

Miller said he met Mrs. Ogorodnikov on May 24, 1984, after she telephoned the FBI, spoke to him and said she had information that might be useful to the agency. They met for lunch and she seemed distraught, he said. "I got the impression she just wanted somebody's shoulder to cry on."

Under questioning by a prosecutor, Miller said Mrs. Ogorodnikov wept and told him she was upset because she had been ordered to go to the Soviet Union and work for a Soviet intelligence service.

"She was absolutely petrified," he recalled. "I tried to console her, and told her, 'You really don't have to go.'"

Contras aid vote triggers wave of protests

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Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. of Massachusetts. "It's hard to turn the president down when he gives you a real sales pitch."

Reagan pulled off the victory by holding the loyalty of all but a few Republicans and winning over many conservative and Southern Democrats. The House approved the Republican plan for \$27 million in food, medicine, clothing, transportation and other "humanitarian aid" on a 248-184 vote.

The House action followed last week's Senate approval of \$38 million in non-lethal aid to the Contra

rebels, but the two versions are attached to different bills and will require additional votes before the funds can be sent.

After the House vote, the rebels held sit-ins and die-ins at federal buildings and congressional offices in at least 16 states and the District of Columbia. More than 1,000 were arrested.

"It came down to a level of frustration," said Marie Nord, one of 13 people arrested Wednesday at the Colorado Springs offices of U.S. Rep. Ken Kramer. "We feel our representatives are not listening and we're registering a very strong

opposition."

The demonstrations coincided with the House's 248-184 vote in favor of the aid plan backed by President Reagan. The Senate last week voted 88-12 for \$38 million in additional nonmilitary aid to rebels opposed to the government.

About 63,000 Americans have signed a "Pledge of Resistance" vowing to show by civil disobedience if necessary their opposition to President Reagan's Central American policies.

The arrests spanned the nation. Seven people were arrested in Juneau, Alaska, for refusing to end

a sit-in at a federal building; 35 were booked in Bangor, Maine; seven in Indianapolis; 57 in Buffalo, N.Y.; 32 in Albany, N.Y.; Burlington, Vt.; 25 in St. Louis 18; and Tucson, Ariz., 16.

Fourteen people turned out in Jasper, Ga., in what Mayor Lee Newton said was the first demonstration on a national issue ever in the town of 2,000.

"President Reagan better start worrying if vigils are now happening in places like Jasper, Ga.," said Elizabeth Cheatham, one of the organizers of the protest.

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