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MISSOULA--

A protest march against the Antiballistic Missile System (ABM) here Friday night attracted approximately 250 University of Montana students and dozens of others sympathetic with their cause.

Youngsters of grammar school ages as well as men and women considerably older than the University students voiced their disenchantment with the proposed ABM system by joining the UM students in the march from the Northern Pacific Railway Depot to the south lawn of the Missoula County Courthouse.

A 20-minute discussion session on the courthouse lawn and steps following the orderly march might easily have erupted into a fist fight if it hadn't been for a number of Missoula policemen and plainclothesmen who mingled in the crowd.

About 10 men who appeared to be older than most of the students shouted several obscenities at the demonstrators but / <sup>quietly</sup> resumed when detectives threatened to jail the hecklers.

Many of the demonstrators, including women and children, carried signs bearing slogans opposing congressional approval of the ABM complex. Slogans included "Peace Is Building Understanding, Not Defense Systems," "Peace, Freedom, Justice, Love," "Sense Could Remove All Missles" (SCRAM) and "Freedom Is Not A Bomb, But It Is Voting Against ABM."

Several men and women voiced their disapproval of the proposed ABM set up on the courthouse steps and one of the speakers urged additional people to sign the anti-ABM petition drawn up earlier this week.

The petition, made up by protest-march leaders and bearing about 1,000 signatures, is to be sent to the Montana congressional delegation for appropriate action.

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