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Bush's Cleveland Visit Sees War Protesters

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Madeline O'Brien, right, joins a protest outside a Cleveland hotel where President Bush delivered a speech on the war on terrorism Monday, March 20, 2006. Three years after the start of the war in Iraq, Bush is trying to shore up support for both the lingering conflict and his leadership. (AP Photo/Jamie Yanak)

CLEVELAND (AP) -- About 150 war protesters gathered outside the building where President Bush gave a speech Monday about progress in Iraq, banging drums, holding peace signs and chanting for him to leave.

As Bush spoke at the City Club about the third anniversary of the war, police cordoned off a part of the busy Public Square across the street for demonstrators who held signs reading "Bush step down" and "No blood for oil."

"It's a good turnout of people who are very upset about this ongoing and disastrous war and occupation," said Greg Coleridge of the American Friends Service Committee.

Marcy Wessbecher, 50, a Navy veteran, ventured into the crowd to voice her disagreement with their views.