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"We're not taking one person, not one person, into this country. We have enough problems," he said to thunderous applause.

Trump also said that other countries will have to pay more for protection by the U.S. military. He gave the example of Japan, which he said pays about half of what it costs to station military personnel there. He asked why Japan couldn't pay 100 percent, while saying the United States should be willing to walk away when negotiating such deals.

North Korean state paper DPRK praised Trump in May when he said he might withdraw troops from South Korea if the country didn't pay more. The paper called him a "far sighted presidential candidate" who will "not get involved in the war between North and South."

Trump repeated what has now become a familiar line about building a wall along the southern U.S. border that he'll make Mexico pay for. He once again insulted Sen.

Elizabeth Warren, who is a fierce Trump critic, calling her "Pocahontas" and saying she's the least productive senator with "a big mouth."

He criticized CNN, which he called the "Clinton News Network," for having panels he said were filled with people who were all against him. He said the media was too negative in its assessment of his acceptance speech, while bragging about his post-convention bounce in the polls. (According to a CNN Survey Monkey poll that came out Tuesday morning, July 26, Trump did not get a convention bounce in the polls.)

Trump characterized his convention speech, which was often criticized for being too dark, as "optimistic."

Leading up to his speech, N.C. Republicans were not shy about their support of Trump. Burr said electing Trump will lead to the change that conservatives want.

"I'm convinced that with Trump in the White House, with a Republican majority in the House and Senate, you will get what you asked for," said Burr.

When McCrory introduced Pence, he also said Trump can fix the federal government since he's not a part of it. Trump now says he's an "outsider" after he was part of the



Photo by Todd Lack

Presidential nominee Donald Trump spoke to a crowd of thousands at the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds Annex on Monday, July 25.

"system" when he donated to and influenced politicians as a businessman.

"We need an outsider," McCrory said.

McCrory also spoke against the Obama administration's policies on the Affordable Healthcare Act, admitting Syrian refugees and environmental regulation. He even opened with a joke about restrooms that referenced HB 2, a controversial law restricting transgender public rest-

room use that recently resulted in the NBA withdrawing the All-Star Games from Charlotte.

Though change is a common theme in political campaigns, the tone of the rally was a bit different. Rep. Mark Meadows was one of several speakers who said things like Clinton would look better "in prison orange than Democrat blue," which the crowd would respond with a chant of "Lock her up!"

Greensboro native Jacob Townsend said he was impressed with how law enforcement officers

handled the situation. He said, "They made sure everyone kept their freedom of speech rights, but

they also made sure no one got out of hand. "There were moments when I thought things were

Just before the rally officially began, there were three African-American speakers who addressed the largely white crowd.

YouTube stars and super Trump fans from Fayetteville, Lynette "Diamond" Hardaway and Rochelle "Silk" Richardson, said that African-Americans need to get off the "Democratic Plantation." South Carolina Televangelist Mark Burns said that "blue lives

matter" and that he's never been pulled over unjustly by the police. Burns accused Obama of being a "racist," stoking tension between white and black Americans. He also felt anger and criticism aimed at Trump is being unfairly targeted.

"If you're going to be mad at anybody, be mad at the citizens of the United States because we put him where he is right now," he said.

getting pretty heated between both sides, but the police handled it well."

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to grow by the minute. The group finally settled at the corner of University and Deacon Boulevard, where they stood for more than two hours. While shouting "Dump Trump," "Stop The Hate," and "Build Bridges Not Walls," protesters received support, as well as criticism, from those who drove by. Many of the hecklers were going inside to hear Trump speak.

While holding a sign that read, "Hate does not make great," Greg Alberto said, he decided to attend the rally to prove there are voters in the area who don't support Trump. He noted that although under the current administration North Carolina is a red state, and many are supporting Trump, it's important that other voices are heard.

"I know he probably sees North Carolina as a win, but if we rally together, I think we can change that," said Alberto. "Some people may not know there is a voice of dissent. That's why I am here today. To be that voice."

The Rev. Carlton A.G. Eversley, senior pastor of Dellabrook Presbyterian Church and a community activist, said Trump is a dangerous character who promotes hatred and racism.

"We must all come together and fight against Trump and all forms of hatred in this country," he continued. "The people united will never be defeated."

Army Veteran Steve Hewett, who was one of the first protesters to arrive, said, "As a veteran, I am insulted by some of the things Donald Trump says.

"When he says things like he knows more about foreign policy than our Army generals, I have a real issue with that," he said. "He has to be stopped."

Hewett also discussed his distrust for the Republican Party nominee for vice president, Mike Pence, who made his first appearance alongside Trump on Monday. He mentioned that neither Trump nor Pence are capable of running this country.

City native Tim Ferguson said, as an African-American he is disgusted with some of the things Trump says. He said Trump is someone American voters can't let into the White House.

"We have to have someone better," he said. "He doesn't even know how to talk to people on live television. He is bringing racism back, and we can't have that in the White House."

After a brief interview with *The Chronicle*, Ferguson got into a shouting match with someone who made a racial comment directed at the protesters. Ferguson said it's obvious what kinds of people are causing the problems here.

While tempers did flare when supporters and protesters came face to face, officers with the Winston-Salem Police Department and other agencies in the area made sure the protest and rally stayed peaceful. According to sources, one protester had to be removed from inside the annex by police.

Outside the event, more than 50 officers made a barrier between protesters and supporters leaving designated parking areas following the event.

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