

McNamara Heckled As War Critics Halt His Car at Harvard

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Nov. 7—Student demonstrators threw themselves beneath a car carrying Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara today and forced him out for a shouting "debate."

Mr. McNamara, visiting Harvard University under the auspices of the John F. Kennedy Institute of Politics, was shouted down whenever he tried to speak and was led away through steam tunnels by university and city policemen.

"When I was at the University of California at Berkeley, I was both more tough and courteous than you are," the Secretary said during a lull in the din.

"And I'm still tougher than you are," he shouted to a heckler.

The incident began when Mr. McNamara tried to leave Quincy House, an undergraduate dormitory, where he had addressed 50 students at a luncheon.

Some 200 students gathered in the street outside. They were about evenly divided between McNamara supporters and supporters of the Students for a Democratic Society. The society

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is opposed to the war in Vietnam.

After two apparently diversionary departures of other persons, Mr. McNamara, alone in a university police car with a policeman, tried to leave by a back entrance.

Car Forced to Stop

Some 25 demonstrators flung themselves under the front and rear wheels of the car, forcing it to stop.

Mr. McNamara, who remained calm throughout the incident, left the car after about five minutes of uproar and fist fights between members of the society and other students who were trying to drag the demonstrators away from the car.

He said he would answer two questions.

"Why did you not tell the American people that the war started in 1957 and 1958 as an internal revolution?" Someone shouted.

Mr. McNamara started to reply that the war "started much earlier than that," but his reply was drowned out.

A second question was re-

peated by Mr. McNamara as "how many South Vietnamese casualties have there been," which he called "a fair question."

Again he was shouted down, apparently because the students had taken the question to mean civilian casualties and not military personnel for which the Secretary started to give figures.

A flying wedge of policemen cleared a path for Mr. McNamara to the Leverett House dining hall, about 20 feet away, from which he was led through university tunnels to Kirkland House, some 300 yards away.

He was spirited away from there in a university police car to an undisclosed site.

University officials declined to comment on the incident.