

Students and Police Clash at Pembroke As Wheeler Speaks

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 15 (AP)—A dozen students clashed with policemen tonight in a Pembroke College auditorium after a speech on Vietnam by Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

A Brown University graduate student was arrested after students charged the stage in an apparent attempt to reach General Wheeler. Policemen and student ushers blocked the students' path and started trading punches with the demonstrators while more policemen quickly ushered the General out a side entrance of the building.

In the scuffle, the speaker's podium was knocked over and several students were pushed from the stage by policemen. No one was injured and no damage was reported.

After the police cleared the hall, more than 100 demonstrators gathered outside the building carrying signs protesting the Vietnam war and shouting antiwar slogans.

Midway through the 30-minute speech by General Wheeler, some 60 students walked out of

the hall in protest. Some of the students who remained in their seats continued to heckle the general throughout the speech and the brief question-and-answer session that followed.

General Wheeler was invited to speak at Pembroke by the Inter-House Council of Brown University. He told an audience of more than 100 students that "no group has a more valid right to ask about our involvement" in Vietnam.

He said the Vietnam war was an "extension" of Communist aggression throughout the world that "has been imposed upon the [Vietnamese] peoples for 20 years."

Pembroke College is a girls school affiliated with Brown University.