



IN THE AFTERMATH OF VIOLENCE—Maxwell Taylor ("extreme right") looks on as Vice President Pollock (at mic.) tries to restore order after an exchange of words and fists between Jack Lovett, student body president, and Professor Michael Greenberg. Also shown, Mr. Webster Trammel, director of Student Activities (left) and Mr. James Finucane, graduate assistant to the vice president of Student Activities (hands folded).
Photo by Hank Trzeszkowski

Maxwell's silver hammer came down on his own head

BY GARY STASSE

General Maxwell Taylor was greeted with boos, cheers, and screams of "pig!", "murderer!", and "facist!" as he attempted to speak to an audience in Pollak Auditorium, Wednesday night.

Taylor, a speaking guest of the Student Union Board, greeted the crowd with a smile as the roar grew in intensity.

When Arnie Wilkins, chairman of the union board tried to introduce Taylor, a large portion of the audience stood up in a successful attempt to stop the general from speaking. Professor Michael Greenberg of the history department was greeted by cheering, waving of clenched fists, and clapping and stomping when he said, "This man helped formulate the policy that is killing Vietnamese and Americans!" The rest of Greenberg's statement was drowned out by the cheering as he went to the podium and attempted to use the microphone on the stage.

At that point, Jack Lovett, president of the student body, who was on stage when Greenberg approached it allegedly stood up and punched Greenberg in the mouth with a right hook.

A crowd following the instructor started screaming "Off! Off! Off!" and "Taylor is a Pig! Why should that murderer speak!" Taylor, remained seated throughout the melee. He then was escorted from the stage.

Rev. Dr. Gibert Fell, shaking took the floor said, "Let even the guy whose ideas are reprehensible speak. Listen to what this man did who will live in the pages of history in infamy."

O. Edward Pollock, vice president of student services asked the crowd to return to their seats, and after some heated discussion with some of the protestors, agreed to let the audience have equal time at the podium when the speech was over. Pollock also agreed to permit spoken questions along with the written ones Taylor had

wanted. This was done with the General's consent.

After a short period of negotiating with the audience, Taylor returned to the stage, reportedly shaken, and tried to begin his speech. There was still some noise in the room, so he stopped and was escorted from the stage to the cheers and screams of "victory" from the protestors. Some came armed with marshmallows and began throwing them at the stage.

Ben Stauss, one of the protestors, said no organization sponsored the demonstration. "This was something each person had to decide, whether they would let a mass murderer speak," he said.

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Margaret Rice said the demonstration was "very upsetting" "I don't like hate," she said.

Someone else added that he wished (Jack) Lovett had "knocked his (Greenberg's) teeth out." Dr. John Illo of the English department called Greenbergs act "courageous."

Vice President said "The behavior of some members of the audience is reprehensible."

Dr. Illo added later that "People having demonstrated themselves as war criminals should not be allowed to speak. The murderer has the right to speak. What about his victims?"

David Lifson, an English professor said, "We saw an American general retreat tonight."

Jim Finucane said regardless of the man's beliefs, both sides should be allowed to tell a story."