

STANFORD -

About 150 hecklers, interspersing epithets with antiwar chants, Monday afternoon Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge from delivering the opening address at a three day conference on the UN, sponsored by the Hoover Institution at Stanford

The overflow audience of more than 800 in Dinkelspiel Auditorium erupted in loud, sustained applause when a student asked the hecklers, "Are you people afraid to let us hear what he has to say?" But moments later, when the heckling failed to subside, Lodge simply closed his speech folder and walked off the stage.

Later he delivered the talk to an audience of 150 in the auditorium of Cummings Art Building, receiving warm applause.

Hoover Institution Director W. Glenn Campbell called the incident "a sad day in the history of Stanford." Lodge said he felt the incident "speaks for itself. . .they're afraid of the truth."

Two students apologized to Lodge as he walked from Dinkelspiel to the nearby Faculty Club.

University President Richard W. Lyman commented: "Glenn Campbell described this afternoon as 'a sad day in the history of Stanford.' I agree, when it is not possible to hear a distinguished speaker at an open meeting because some of our community are too intolerant to allow others to hear his message.

"I deeply regret the offense to Ambassador Lodge and to the audience that had come to hear his speech. We will make every possible effort to identify those who took part in the disruption and bring appropriate charges."

"It is ironic and sad that this kind of totalitarian action should take place at a meeting called to honor the 25th anniversary of the United Nations—an organization that has held the hopes of so many for freedom and peace."

Professor Sanford Dornbusch, chairman of the Faculty Senate, said: "I am personally opposed to the policies of Mr. Lodge has stood for in Vietnam, but this doesn't give me or anyone else the right to interfere with his freedom to talk and others' freedom to hear. Any faculty, staff or students who participated in this afternoon's attack upon intellectual freedom are attacking values that this university and society have long labored to develop and cannot lightly lose."

In his text, heard and applauded by 150 at Cummings, Lodge called on the U.S. and the Soviet Union to "avoid sarcasm and invective" and "strive for agreement." He said that he was convinced "we can hope for something better than the adversarial relationship which has marked—and marred—the past 25 years of the UN history."

Shortly before 1:30 p.m., Stanford firemen cleared the auditorium of about 75 persons, after the campus police received a telephoned bomb threat. After a thorough search uncovered no device, the building was reopened at 1:45 p.m.

In the meantime, about 150 protesters gathered in front of the auditorium and heard Janet Weiss, graduate student in English, describe Lodge as a "war criminal." There should be "no sanctuary for Henry Cabot Lodge. That means using any means necessary," she added. "Wherever [Lodge] goes, there are going to be people there to prevent him from carrying on his piggery."

When Campbell, Lodge and Conference Director Berkeley Tompkins of the Hoover Institution went on the platform inside the auditorium, they were greeted with a mixture of strong applause and boos.

Campbell's introductory remarks were marred by sustained heckling and mock applause. When Lodge was introduced, about half the audience stood and applauded.

After some individual shouts of "pig," "fascist," and similar epithets, part of the audience changed pro-Viet Cong slogans. "Keep right on going, I'm used to it," Lodge retorted. Rhythmic clapping ensued from the protesters.

When a lone member of the audience stood up and challenged the hecklers, the audience applauded loudly with approval. But a protester rejoined, "Are you afraid of the people of the world?" and many then stood on their feet with clenched fists, shouting "power to the people."

Lodge sat down in frustration and Campbell took the podium. "If you won't listen to the ambassador, I ask you to leave" he said to the protesters.

"Otherwise, you leave us no alternative except to cancel," Campbell added. The protesters applauded loudly.

Lodge tried to resume speaking, engaged in one brief exchange with a heckler, and then walked off the stage when Campbell declared the session adjourned.