

WANTED:

Deputy Defense Secretary David Packard called leaders of the anti-war movement "deadly enemies" last night as police routed a crowd of young pickets from the Hilton Hotel here.

The demonstrators, many of them students, had trekked from Palo Alto after Packard's scheduled speech there was shifted to San Francisco for security reasons. They then assembled outside the hotel to "arrest" Packard for war crimes.

"They want to destroy everything our country stands for," Packard said at the end of a speech before the Western Electronics Manufacturers Association.

"The David Harrises, the Jane Fondas and all those that support them are your deadly enemies. They want to destroy you and me. Don't let them do it," Packard told an audience of more than 600 people.

About 125 young people were scattered from the sidewalk across the street by squads of policemen who frequently used their clubs. At least three were arrested.

The demonstrators, two of whom held an orange banner that said "Packard Profits Off GI Blood," sang, chanted, and eventually cursed the police.

When that began, Police Captain Joe Flynn declared the crowd an unlawful assembly and shortly thereafter helmeted officers plunged into the crowds with clubs swinging.

THREAT

As a television cameraman filmed an officer picking up the banner, the policeman snapped: "If you don't turn that light out, I'm going to shoot it out."



That kind of edgy temper was evident throughout the night at the hotel, which was filled with uniformed and plainclothes officers and Secret Service men.

Larry Rogers, a bearded 29-year-old broadcasting major from KFJC-FM radio station at Foothill College, was thrown against a wall by an unidentified agent after Rogers took a picture of him. His camera was seized and the film exposed.

Television crews were not allowed inside the room where Packard spoke nor was any tape recording equipment permitted.

Before the crowd was dispersed, one demonstrator

said: "I feel that Packard is guilty of war crimes and we're here to make a citizen's arrest. Calley is just a minor criminal. Packard is one of the principal war criminals."

HUMOR

The deputy defense secretary took a more humorous view of the young protesters at the beginning of his speech. To considerable laughter, he said:

"I'm pleased to see you arranged to have Paul McCloskey's campaign committee in front of the hotel."

That was a reference to the Republican Congressman from Portola Valley who is thinking of running against

President Nixon on an anti-war platform in the GOP primary next year.

SPEECH

Packard's speech was a lengthy, statistics-studded explanation of President Nixon's low-profile defense policy that, Packard said, is "moving this country from an era of confrontation to an era of negotiation."

Packard, a co-founder of Hewlett-Packard Corp. and a former Stanford trustee, was speaking to an audience that has been hardest hit by defense cutbacks.

He said defense spending will total only 6.8 per cent of the Gross National Product next year, the lowest percentage since 1951.

Packard said there were 3.5 million people employed in defense-related industries in 1968, a total that will drop to less than 2.2 million next year. Defense spending, which was at the \$78 billion level in 1968, will drop to \$76 billion next year.

ASSURANCE

But, he assured his audience: "Most of the reductions in defense-related industries have already taken place."

Furthermore, Packard added, "A conscious decision has been made to return to this nation's great source of relative strength."

He said he meant by that "research and development," and forecast that spending in this area of defense will increase from \$7 billion this year to \$7.8 billion next year.

"Whether this will bring back the good old days, I cannot predict," Packard remarked.

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