

# Packard honored while protestors march

## 'Mad bomber of the year'

David Packard condemned "anti-American propagandists and hate mongers" after more than 400 demonstrators protested his selection for the 10th distinguished citizen award at a Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce dinner last month.

Two anti-war speakers and four others who had purchased dinner tickets were promptly hustled away when they stood up to condemn Packard before and



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after the presentation.

The majority of the audience members stood to applaud their removal.

"If there are mad bombers in this country, they are probably in front of Kickey's tonight," Packard said, referring to protest leaflets calling the former Deputy Defense Secretary "Mad Bomber of the Year." The demonstrators towed a small red wagon with a rusty old bomb shell at the head of their procession.

About 50 Palo Alto police and Santa Clara County sheriff's deputies confronted the demonstrators in front of the hotel, while numerous plainclothesmen and a few Highway Patrol units were apparent. There were two arrests on misdemeanor charges.

Jim Shoch and former Stanford Prof. H. Bruce Franklin of Venceremos were among those using a portable microphone to direct and inform the demonstrators, who set up a large rotating picket line by the hotel, covering two lanes of El Camino Real.

Inside, Packard received his strongest applause when he said, "For evil ideas to prevail, good men need only remain silent."

"Fortunately, good men and women of the Stanford community did not remain silent. And the purveyors of evil ideas have been exposed at the University.

"Unfortunately, some of these purveyors of evil ideas have moved into your high schools, and it is high time for at least a few good men and women in Palo Alto to speak out," said Packard.

Outside, Palo Alto Mayor Kirk Comstock was prominent among 15 green arm-banded observers, watching both the demonstrators and the police, in an apparent adoption of techniques used earlier at the University. Several faculty members were among the protest group, which included many teenagers as well.

At 8:10 p.m., prior to the start of Packard's speech, Shoch warned the demonstrators that a dispersal order was imminent and they withdrew across El Camino when about two dozen Palo Alto police in riot gear walked single file to the sidewalk in front of the hotel.

Among the speakers honoring Packard at the dinner was Stanford Provost Emeritus

Frederick E. Terman, who praised his former student for rising to become his "boss," as former president of the Board of Trustees.

Stanford University President and Mrs. Richard W. Lyman sat at the Packard's table.

Doug Mattern of Concerned Citizens and Ms. Cosette Dudley of the Peace Union were barely able to start brief, written protests before they were escorted out of the dining room by plainclothesmen.

Questioned after the dinner, Packard said they "have a right to express their views. Maybe we could have let them say a little bit more, as long as somebody does not disrupt the meeting."

"Free speech is a very important liberty. Anyone has the

opportunity to say what they think — even to call me a mad bomber if they want to."

One radio reporter saw Packard move unsuccessfully to shake Mattern's hand.

Campus police reported scattered acts of vandalism on the Stanford campus after the demonstration dispersed. These

included three fires in large trash containers, broken windows and glass doors at the Faculty Club, Hoover Tower and Encina Hall and stopped toilets in the Law School annex, where a spray-painted slogan read, "Sink Packard."

The campus radio station KZSU received a telephoned threat against the Hewlett-Packard plant and a molotov cocktail type device scorched a planter there.