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Yoram Kahana, a photographer working for the Free Press, was attacked and manhandled Saturday night at Pasadena Civic Auditorium by members of the audience as Dr. Carl McIntire was addressing a Eugene Bradley Defense Fund Rally.

The incident occurred toward the end of McIntire's speech, when Kahana was taking pictures of McIntire. Suddenly, McIntire saw the photographer, interrupted his speech, turned and growled at Kahana, "All right! All right! You've had enough, I know what you fellows do! You shoot from down below—at an angle—and it makes me look bloated."

McIntire turned to the audience. "These fellows shoot from down below and try and make you look bloated," he repeated.

"Throw him out!" shouted dozens of voices from the audience. "Throw him out! We don't want no hippies in here."

Two men escorted him up the aisle. Then, McIntire, watching from the stage, said, "Find out what paper he's with. Git 'im and find out who he's workin' for."

That was all it took. Eight or nine men came running down the aisle and surrounded Kahana, several of them grabbing him. One of them shoved him violently striking him with the heels of his hands. Another tried to twist his arm. A beefy man stuck his chest in Kahana's face, shoving against him, and said, "Are you trying to push me. Don't push me!"

As he was being moved out of the auditorium his lens cover fell to the floor. He stopped and said, "I don't leave until I get that back. It's mine." The lens cover was recovered and returned to him.

An American Legion button was taken from his coat by one of the men, who said, "That's an insult to the American Legion."

Yoram refused to leave until that was returned. However, a smaller button with the peace symbol was snatched from his coat, and was taken up to McIntire, who ridiculed it, and called it the symbol of "... that peace surrender party."

"I'm not gonna wear it—that's fer sure!" he said.

Outside the auditorium, Kahana was manhandled and threatened again, but was not hurt, he said.