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Kennedy Charge On Nixon Tactics

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Senator Edward M. Kennedy charged last night that the Nixon Administration deliberately waited to widen the war in southeast Asia until after public protests over American involvement in Vietnam had begun to subside.

Once "the American people seemed to conclude that Vietnam as a fact of life was on the wane," and turned their attention to pollution and other matters, "our leaders resumed the high level of war," the Massachusetts Democrat said.

The peace movement should have known better, Kennedy said, than to let its attention be diverted. "In retrospect, what right had this Nation to expect that

those enamored with illusion of a military victory would acquiesce to our fondest dreams?"

"The internal dissension in the United States" precipitated by the Administration's move, Kennedy said, "perhaps the most important crisis facing the entire world tonight."

His statements, in a speech at Johns Hopkins University, were among the strongest on the Cambodian situation the Cambodian situation

The peace movement must bear at least part of the blame for the escalation of the war, Kennedy said, because it reduced the opposition to the war. "If peace was achieved.

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