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**LEADERS SPLITTING
U.S. KENNEDY SAYS**

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PURCHASE, N. Y., May 30—

Senator Edward M. Kennedy attacked the national leadership in a commencement address at Manhattanville College Saturday, declaring that its conduct was "tearing the nation apart."

"Our leaders have taken an oath to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution and, by implication the goals and ideals for which it stands," the Massachusetts Democrat said.

"It appears that the Constitution is being compromised at every opportunity — in civil rights, in civil liberties, in the assumption of warmaking power, in attempting to constrict the power of advice and consent and, more broadly, by encouraging a divisiveness and combativeness among our people that is tearing the nation apart.

"We were told we would be brought together, but, at the point of contact, we have found fists and gas and bullets."

Senator Kennedy spoke before 332 graduates and 1,000 parents and friends on the campus of the Catholic women's college in Westchester County.

Manhattanville College has been active in the last month in the Movement for a New Congress and its antiwar lobbying activities.

Author Seeks Kennedy Seat

BOSTON, June 3 (AP)—Bernard M. Bane, 45 years old, of Brookline, author and the head of the BMB Publishing Company, announced today his candidacy, as an independent, for the seat held by Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Democrat.