

# Baruch Graduates Warned by Weaver On Violent Protest

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Dr. Robert C. Weaver, president of Bernard M. Baruch College, told the graduating class yesterday that questioning values and institutions was commendable, but he warned that those who attack the status quo must be prepared to face the consequences of their actions.

He conceded, however, that proponents of the status quo "have no divine right, although they may have legal sanctions to support their positions."

Dr. Weaver, a former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development under President Lyndon B. Johnson, spoke to 1,380 graduates at the commencement exercises in Carnegie Hall.

"Despite the excesses," he said, "the provocation of retaliation (often carefully engineered), violence, intolerance and frequent irresponsibility manifested by some of our young rebels, they do raise issues which cannot be ignored."

"One can, as I do," Dr. Weaver continued, "recognize the validity of much of rebellious youth's criticism of modern society without acceding to all or most of their demands. And one need not sanc-

tion acts of violence or violation of the rights of others, in the process."

It is not enough to criticize the status quo, he said, explaining that "viable substitute patterns" must be proposed.

"Thus while I seek to understand what discontented youth repudiate," Dr. Weaver went on, "I cannot accept in toto their proposals for reconstructing the university. I believe, for example, that if college students have the capacity to determine what should be taught and who should teach it, they are miscast as students."

## Further Involvement Backed

"However," he said, "I am prepared to involve them further in college governance, the development of curricula, and in the evaluation of the efficacy of teaching. This is far from proposing faculty abdication of primary responsibility in these fields."

Dr. Weaver told the graduates that those who demand the right to question society must also "be prepared to defend the right of others of a different point of view to state their case."

The school, formerly the Baruch School of Business and Public Administration of City College, is an independent four-year college at Lexington Avenue and 23d Street in the City University system. Besides business and public administration, it offers a general liberal arts program. It has 6,600 undergraduates and 3,100 graduate students.

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