

PUSEY DENOUNCES RADICALS ON LEFT

Tells Harvard Audience That
'Old McCarthy Technique'
Is Used by Extremists

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass., June 9
—Seventeen years after he stood up against Joseph R. McCarthy, Nathan M. Pusey, president of Harvard University, charged today that the late Senator's "hateful technique" was now being used by radicals of the left" to destroy the universities for their own gain."

"Again people are looking for scapegoats," he told Harvard's graduating seniors in an impassioned speech at the college's baccalaureate service.

"But this time the attack comes not from the outside but from within, from extremist splinter groups of the New Left made up of students and — I am sorry to acknowledge — also of some faculty who would like to see our colleges and universities denigrated, ma-

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ligned and even shut down."

"They insinuate, distort, accuse, their aim being not to identify and correct real abuses, but always rather by crying alarm intentionally to arouse and inflame passions in order to build support for 'non-negotiable demands,'" he said. "Clearly the old McCarthy technique is at work again."

The words were uncharacteristically hard-hitting for Mr. Pusey, a 63-year-old classicist who has long championed the integrity of the university but prefers reserve and understatement.

The last few years of campus turmoil have been difficult for him, and he plans to retire next year, two years earlier than expected amid criticism that he had become remote and insensitive to demands for reform.

He became Harvard's 24th president in 1953 in a time of "hideous torment," as he said today, when the university was under heavy attack by Senator McCarthy. Mr. Pusey won wide acclaim for resisting pressures from the Senator.

Today's speech, delivered in Memorial Church in Harvard Yard, was an emotional, almost agonizing plea for patience, tolerance, charity and humane learning in a period of great conflict.

Only about 65 of the 1,071 seniors attended. The service, which dates back to the days when the school was church-connected, has not been well attended in recent years, student interest in religion having slacked off. In addition, many students have already left campus, while others may not have been greatly interested in hearing Mr. Pusey, whose popularity is not high among undergraduates.

Drawing a parallel to the rise of Nazism in Germany, he said the blame for the "shameful state of affairs" on campus must be accepted in part by the academic community.

"We have been too ready simply to hope that the problem would go away," he said.

His Experience Recalled

"It is my conviction that deceitful talk and the tendencies toward coercive action could not have made the inroads they have in academic communities in recent years had all of us to whom they are deeply repulsive been more ready to oppose them."

He told the seniors of his experience with Senator McCarthy, saying that the right-wing Senator used "accusation, distortion, misrepresentation, denunciation, defamation" to inflame fears and bigotry for his personal political advantage.

"Now less than 20 years later, our campuses are experiencing a not dissimilar period of torment whiplashed as they are by a resurgence of his hateful technique."

He cited some recent incidents at Harvard as examples, including the student campaign against college "expansion" and employment policies, which he said have been used to slander "an institution it might have been assumed they would love."

He said there was a simplistic conviction among many in our community that there was a "right" way of looking at the various issues and that non-agreement with this view is not to be tolerated."

"Distortion, misrepresentation, accusation and now increasingly a tendency toward the imposition of unitary views" Dr. Pusey continued, using the same words he had to describe Senator McCarthy's method. "And this within universities."