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M'CARTHY STARTS TEACH-INS ON WAR

Drive to Arouse the Public
Is Begun in Boston

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BOSTON, Feb. 22 — Efforts to start an expanded movement to end the war in Vietnam opened here today by returning to a tactic as old as the involvement of many of its organizers — the university teach-in.

In a preliminary session before the teach-in began at Harvard University, Eugene J. McCarthy, former Democratic Senator from Minnesota and 1968 Presidential candidate, spoke in historic Faneuil Hall. He told the Boston Lawyers' Vietnam Committee:

"In terms of procedures we are about where we were in 1965 except the substance of the war is different. It is in a more dangerous phase and it is much more difficult to justify on moral grounds or constitutional or political grounds, and our hopes for success stem from the fact it is now a different kind of war and because we know much more about what we are doing."

Two Goals in Mind

Mr. McCarthy's speech officially opened a national series of university teach-ins that its organizers hope will cultivate more and widespread support for a public national movement against the war in the spring. At least 11 meetings have been scheduled at universities across the country.

According to Prof. Martin Peretz of Harvard, one of the group at the university who conceived the idea, the teach-ins will serve a twofold purpose.

"First," Mr. Peretz said, "it is clear there is an overwhelming sentiment against the war, but many people know so very little about it." An expansion of knowledge could broaden the base of support, he believes.

Second, "we want to make it impossible for the Democratic party to fudge the war issue in the Presidential campaign next year," Mr. Peretz said.

The second reason was a major consideration in inviting Mr. McCarthy to the opening meeting. Few political observers rule out the possibility that he might become a candidate for the Presidency as he did in the primaries of 1964—a political development that eventually saw President Johnson refuse to seek re-election.

Still Seeks 'a Voice'

The former Senator made it clear after his speech that he was still actively working with his supporters in many states in an effort to "have a voice in the politics and policies of 1972."

Though he declined to be more specific about his plans, he was critical of the present Democratic Presidential aspirants.

"What they are doing," Mr. McCarthy said, "is establishing separate positions with the hope of capturing the party. What they should be doing is working to clarify the issues out of which the party can take a position."

What those issues are, with special reference to the war, he made clear in his speech. Both Presidents Johnson and Nixon, Mr. McCarthy said, display a total disregard for the institutions of government in search of Presidential power.

"We are now in the position the colonists were when they protested taxation without representation," he concluded. "It was not taxation they protested but lack of representation and I say government without representation, if it is not tyranny, it may soon become such."