

Kennedy Hits Mass Arrest Strategy

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Senator Edward M. Kennedy (Dem-Mass.) attacked the Administration last night in connection with the mass arrests of thousands of demonstrators in Washington.

"The Administration has adopted a peace-at-any-price policy here at home," the Senator told 500 persons at a dinner of the Iona College board of lay trustees.

"In the name of law and order, they have violated the laws and ignored the orders which make us secure in our liberty and free from fear of arbitrary government interference with our lives," Kennedy said.

He said the strategy of making mass arrests was "a high-level political decision."

The Senator said he understood the frustrations that motivated the demonstrators but he could not condone their unlawful activities. "But lawlessness by the lawless does not justify lawlessness by the law men," he said.

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