Meany Charges Conflict Staged

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Miami Beach - George Meany, denying that President Nixon was treated rudely at an AFL-CIO convention last week, has accused the President of trying to contrive a clash for propaganda purposes.

"I have the impression the President did not come here to make a speech. He came here to contrive a situation under which he could claim that he had been unfairly treated," Meany told the convention to frequent applause, laughter and a standing ovation.

"I recall something that happened in San Jose, Calif., during the 1968 campaign when he was supposed to be badly abused by some students," the labor leader said.

"But after some investigation, all of the press out there agreed pretty much that the whole incident was very carefully staged."

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