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The crowd forced Senator Kennedy to flee to a subway station in Quincy, Mass., yesterday

Senator in a Tight Spot

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Busing Foes Threaten Kennedy

Quincy, Mass.

Anti-busing demonstrators threatened Senator Edward M. Kennedy yesterday, forcing him at one point to jog to the safety of a subway station.

Protected by aides and police, Kennedy escaped injury although demonstrators tore at his hair and clothes and pelted the subway train that carried him away with

rocks and bottles, witnesses said.

The Massachusetts Democrat, a firm supporter of school desegregation, entered the Knights of Columbus communion breakfast at Atlantic Junior High School about 10 a.m. About 300 chanting, placard-carrying demonstrators were stationed at the school when he arrived, police said.

Inside, Kennedy had breakfast with several hundred city officials and K-of-C members. He spoke briefly on school integration and national and international events.

Flanked by six or seven policemen and aides, he left the building through the front door and immediately was set upon by some of the demonstrators.

Witnesses said the demonstrators grabbed at his hair and clothes, but the aides and police formed a wedge between the senator and the crowd.

Kennedy tried unsuccessfully to get into two different cars driven by aides, but was prevented from doing so by the mob. Eyewitnesses said the senator walked briskly and for a moment jogged to a subway stop four blocks away where demonstrators trapped him for several minutes against a plate glass window.

Police pushed the crowd back and Kennedy got on a northbound train. A number of bottles and rocks were thrown at the train, according to eyewitness accounts. Most of those throwing missiles were teenagers.

Most of the demonstrators were adults and were from Quincy as well as Boston, where schools are being desegregated under a court order to bus 18,000 students. Kennedy has consistently supported that order.

No arrests or injuries were reported.

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