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'Riot' Tag Denied By Demonstrator

The demonstrations against the United Nations Ambassador Adlai Stevenson were "grossly exaggerated" as having been "a near riot," the leader of the college demonstrators said Sunday.

"Any implication that there was anything near a riot, or even great disorder, is grossly exaggerated and known by all those who were there," said Lar-

rie H. Schmidt of 5735 Gaston Ave.

Mr. Schmidt, a Dallas businessman, said, "Of the estimated 500 demonstrators, only two were allegedly involved in altercations, neither of which — if intentional — met with the approval of the other demonstrators."

The young leader said his group was made up of 11 college students who are all conservatives and opposed to Adlai Stevenson and the United Nations. He said none of his group entered the auditorium or was involved in any disturbances.

The Times Herald reported Friday that a large band of demonstrators jeered, shouted and heckled the United States Ambassador to the United Nations at his U.N. Week speech Thursday night in the Dallas Memorial Auditorium Theater.

A police officer reported a student demonstrator spat on Mr. Stevenson and caused "a near riot as a result of screaming and shouting." Mr. Stevenson was also struck in the head by the sign of one demonstrator.

Mr. Schmidt said his group of demonstrators "were carrying on a protest that was no more and no less in keeping with a treasured and traditional American political activity, long utilized by factions both left and right, from labor unions to businessmen."

Asked if his group would picket President Kennedy at an expected visit to Dallas in November, he said: "We feel anyone has the right to picket against the President but we have too much respect for the office to picket Mr. Kennedy in his coming visit here."

Demonstrators Thursday night suffered severe provocation from "pro U.N. persons" who ridiculed demonstrators by "hollering 'Hitler Youth, Nazis and Back to Germany.'" Mr. Schmidt claimed.

People Speak

Making a Point

Uncivilized and deplorable as it was, the attack on Ambassador Stevenson outside the city auditorium demonstrated in a dramatic fashion the point he so eloquently made inside the auditorium — that because there are those who would use violent measures in dealing with their adversary, the world is an unsafe place in which to live without an institution which offers an alternative method.

Those glassy-eyed hate mongers who gathered at the auditorium to physically harm Adlai Stevenson and insult many distinguished citizens of Dallas might do well to remember that their freedom ends where the next person's nose begins.

ZU CLINTON

Commends Paper

I hasten to cheer The Times Herald for its editorial in today's

paper taking a stand against the near-violent and disgraceful behavior displayed at the U.N. meeting on Thursday evening. I commend you for saying so well and and so promptly what needed to be said so much, and I particularly commend your challenge to the rest of the leadership in the community to speak up.

DON P. MORRIS

Gone Too Far

To the world and to the storm-trooping, frightening, belligerent, senseless, misconstrued, misguided, patriotic, slime-dragging, apolitical, psychotic, sick, maniacal, intolerant, frenzied, self-deluding, jeering, bullying, brown-shirted mob and/or unwary handful of citizens:

THINGS HAVE GONE TOO FAR!
I am decently, sincerely, responsibly, intelligently, level-headedly, proudly, loudly, clear-

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Other Editorial Views Quoted

Here are some extracts from editorial comment in other newspapers on the incident involving U.N. Ambassador Adlai Stevenson in Dallas-Thursday night.

CHICAGO SUN-TIMES: "We presume that the good citizens of Dallas—and Texas—are embarrassed and ashamed of the treatment accorded a man whose public life has been marked by long service and dedication to his country."

CHICAGO TRIBUNE: "The Dallas Times Herald speaks of 'the senseless inability of some to tolerate those who disagree' as a menace to the universal right of Americans to hold separate beliefs. That is indeed the issue. Let us get intolerance, mass and muscle off the streets and out of the halls of this country."

DES MOINES REGISTER: "No one will seek to justify the blow or the spitting. It is harder to answer the question whether the picketing and demonstration which gave rise to the assault should be barred and prevented. We do not believe it should be. Picketing with signs is a familiar way of expressing political dissent. To enact strict laws against booby-heckling or other signs of disagreement at public meetings involving political questions would be a dangerous step, one endangering free speech and free expression."