Ted Kennedy urges freeze on weapons

By Dave Johnston

The Administration is directly undercutting SALT by proposing deployment of the Safeguard ABM system and MIT. Its Administration will not act rationally, then, the Congress must.

Thus, Senator Edward Kennedy urged a freeze of these weapons systems at a symposium on the arms race at Kresge Auditorium on Thursday evening.

The overflow crowd Kennedy also called Secretary of Defense Laird with presenting "a distortion of the facts." He said that the Safeguard system would "merely" bring us to yesterday. He also said, "a launch on warning is not feasible." He added, "the certainty of a nuclear war is not a solution of this kind."

The audience, however, was of a similar referendum in Cambridge two years ago and urged the supporters of this year's referendum "to do it right and do it well."

At one point in the question period, a student, collecting signatures for a referenda in an area suffering from MIT's expansion, jumped up, "I have number one on my list."

Vice President Walter Mondale, standing up, was given an opportunity to answer a question of the Senator. He said that the hearing "had been moved to the third floor room and there was no way to get up the stairs."

Mondale also rejected, according to the Senator, the idea that greater weight should be given to the smaller cities in the Soviet Union.

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