PM's Howard speech gets mixed reaction

Two groups of Caribbean students demonstrated at the end of a lecture by Prime Minister Edward Seaga at Howard University in Washington, DC. on Thursday afternoon, apparently for difference reasons.

According to a release from Jamaica House, the Prime Minister was greeted after his lecture by "a small group of Caribbean students" later identified as members of the Caribbean Students Union, (CSU) who came to protest the failure of the university to invice a larger group of them to hear Mr. Seaga speak.

In addition, the CSU members were also demonstrating against the United States-proposed Caribbean Basin Initiative and "Reaganomics".

But a counter-demonstration was staged by another group of students, said by Jamaica House to be primarily Jamaicans, who booed the demonstrators and cheered Prime Minister Seaga, from a nearby balcony.

The Jamaica House release which gave a summary of the Prime Minister's speech, added that he was surrounded after his talk by Jamaican students and other members of the audience seeking autographs.

"Most of the students told him of plans to return home after graduation to take up positions in dentistry, engineering, social work and public administration," the release said.