

HUAC fails in attempts to smear the movement

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WASHINGTON - (CUP-CPS) - Several weeks ago, vice-presidential candidate Spiro Agnew called for a "greater national sense of humor." The House Committee on Un-American Activities (HUAC) and its subpoenaed witnesses have responded to the call: HUAC by taking itself seriously, and the witnesses by refusing to.

The committee wanted evidence of "subversive activities"

in the last week of August in Chicago. It brought to Washington leaders and anti-leaders of the political and cultural peace movement - most prominently Dave Dellinger, Tom Hayden and Ronnie Davis of the National Mobilization and Jerry Rubin and Abbie Hoffman of the Youth International party (YIPpies).

This was the first formal meeting of radical leaders and

"system" politicians since Chicago. If what happened is any indication of meetings to come, politicians will begin sidestepping rather than attacking New Leftists.

In a normal HUAC hearing, a case against subpoenaed witnesses is built by the Committee staff; the witnesses refuse to say anything under the protection of the First, Fourth and Fifth Amendments. This time was different.

The first witness, Bob Greenblatt of the National Mobilization, spoke at length on his anti-war work. (He was the first of what HUAC called the "hostile" witnesses. Earlier, the "friendly" witnesses gave a summary of Chicago mayor Richard Daley's report on the week's activities). Dr. Quentin Young, of the Medical Committee for Human Rights, then used his time on the stand to outline the medical needs of

demonstrators everywhere.

Periodically, other witnesses would interrupt with comic relief. After Jerry Rubin made an announcement, Committee chairman Richard Ichord proclaimed, "The chair is not conducting a circus here today."

trator was testifying, Abbie Hoffman asked to be excused to go to the bathroom. His request was granted.

Plagued by interruption and witnesses who didn't see things his way, Chairman Ichord constantly repeated the intent of the hearings: "We want to find out if communists in this country inspired and took part in the riots in Chicago . . . and if certain organizations in the United States have connections with foreign communist powers."

Ichord found his main troubles with Dr. Young. The Committee was trying to establish that Young loaned Ron-

nie Davis \$1,000 to lease office space for the Mobilization in Chicago. Davis went to Hanoi last spring, and this linked him in the Committee's minds with all sorts of anti-U.S. activities. Young quietly said he does not ask for travel dossiers from people to whom he loans money.

After Young spoke on the third day of hearings, the Committee brought Greenblatt back for an hour or so then adjourned the hearings until Dec. 2.

The Committee hearings were most noteworthy for what didn't occur, rather than what they did. The most articulate and colorful anti-war leaders were not called to testify; the questions of free speech and suppression were not raised.

Most strikingly, the Committee failed to put the movement in the slightest bit of disrepute.



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Feels for flower sniffers

Drop-outs worry Newfie head

MONTREAL (CUP) - The principal of Memorial University of Newfoundland isn't as worried about rioting students as he is about those who "opt out, do nothing at all or gently sniff flowers."

Lord Taylor of Harlow told a Montreal Rotary Club Tuesday (Oct. 1) he was confident that open doors, plenty of communication channels and decentralization would keep his students from following the radical path.

In fact, he says students have the right to protest:

"Students have the right to demonstrate for political causes just like any other citizen."

The good lord would even like to join. As he said: "As I watched students demonstrate at Memorial I thought that 40 years ago I should have been with them, just as 40 years hence they will be pillars of the establishment."

The gentle administrator will be best remembered by his students for his handling of a student boycott of freshmen admission ceremonies two weeks ago. Ever consistent, Taylor threatened all 16 members of the student council with "the gravest personal con-

sequences" for leading the action a protest against a foundation year program for weaker students.

Describing council's actions as "wicked and evil", Taylor warned the errant youths that their "fathers would be ashamed". Earlier in the summer, Taylor told two student councilors any leader of a campus demonstration would be expelled.

"When you reach the world of grown-ups," said Taylor, "you will understand that you can't have everything your own way."

Ah, the dangers of being a flower-sniffer in Newfoundland.

Manitoba students compromise

WINNIPEG (CUP)-The University of Manitoba student council has offered a compromise proposal to end the current student-administration impasse over the election of student senators.

The council had earlier rejected seven seats (out of 90) on the university senate and said it would not participate until it had: the right to select senators, seats on the board of governors, and open senate and board meetings.

The administration gave in on the first proposal but has not acted on the rest.

Further complicating the whole tangle was the University of Manitoba act passed by the provincial legislature last year which provides for the student seats on the senate and senate seats on the board. Neither reconstituted body can meet until there are student senators.

The council has offered a two point proposal to clear the way.

The first proposal, if adopted, would see the old senate recommending its meetings be opened and a student seat be guaranteed on the board. The new senate would then meet (with students) and discuss, in open session, the principle of permanent openness. The executive of the present board would also recommend discussion of open meetings at the first meeting of the new board.

The second proposal, an alternate and equally acceptable, would have the new-senate meet informally without the seven students to vote on open meetings and student representation on the board.

The council would then go ahead with the election of senators.

There has yet been no response from the administration but it has been apparent the administration is extremely anxious to get on with sessions of the new bodies and has desperately been trying to get the student senators selected.

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