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Last fall's Oakland peace demonstration, pictured above, and August's Chicago riots, forwarn the growing dissent that will greet this November's national elections.

Election Demonstrations Expected In November

NEW YORK (CPS) — With the presidential elections one month away, leftist student and peace organizations across a broad spectrum have begun planning a "fall election offensive," opening a new phase in the national protest of the electoral system which began in Chicago last month and which will continue through the inauguration in January.

The National Mobilization to End the War in Vietnam (known as 'Mobe' for short), a loosely formed organization which in the past has coordinated many of the mass anti-war demonstrations and which earlier this year called for the protest in Chicago, is the one group so far to become specific about its plans.

Mobe leaders say they are calling on students to "find new ways of voting this year -- in the streets rather than in polling places" since voting for one of the three major candidates gives no chance to vote for ending the Vietnam war now.

At an initial planning session this week in New York, Paul Potter, a former SDS president who is now on the Mobe steering committee, said his organization is aiming at a series of national, "decentralized" protest activities "leading up to, but not including, disruption of polling places."

The thrust of the activities, he said, will be to link the continuing war in Vietnam with the concept that our present political system, rather than dealing with the situation, tends to perpetuate it. The program's main features are to include:

- On the weekend prior to the elections, possible presentation of anti-war generals at public hearings at which the issues surrounding the war would be presented, combined with
- Delegations of anti-war demonstrators visiting the nation's "35 key military bases," located mostly in the East and South, staging marches and "love-ins," concluding with
- The declaration of November 2 as Vietnam Sunday and urging clergymen opposed to the war to speak out against it to their congregations;
- The organization of mass rallies on the eve of Election Day supporting a boycott of the elections as irrelevant and illegitimate, combined with activities the following day including
- Mass demonstrations at polling places of the major candidates plus various other activities,

including leafleting and guerilla theatre performances, at other polling places all across the country.

"The important point about Mobe's planning," Potter said, "is that it provides a chance to re-introduce the war in Vietnam as an issue nationally."

The gathering, attended by about 20, marked the first such meeting in the city of radical campus and peace groups interested in protesting the elections, but already the lines of political difference could be seen emerging.

Jeff Shero, editor of the New York underground newspaper, Rat, objected to so strong a connection between the elections and the war. "We should try to tie the protest more to the on-going demands of the movement," he said without becoming more specific. "The war is kind of an old issue."

Objections were also raised to the idea of counter-election polls at which persons opposed to the three major candidates could cast their vote at an alternative polling place set up for the day by the protestors.

"That tends to give the idea that we just don't have a choice THIS time," Shero said, "when in fact we've never had a choice."

Other speakers emphasized the need for clear explanation of why the election protest is being staged. While supporting the proposal for a boycott, one activist contended, "This is going to be the first day of the rest of the movement. We have to give people good reasons for what they're doing."

Jeff Jones, a member of SDS, told the group that the New York regional assembly this weekend (Oct. 5-6) will be discussing the possibility of calling for a student strike prior to election day in which students stop attending classes in order to participate in activities opposed to the elections. That same proposal will probably be discussed the following weekend at an SDS national conference in Boulder, Colorado.

Students, Mobe says, are "drawing the connections between the war and society as they see the relationship of their universities to both the war and the federal government." On election day, it urges them to center their activities on "pointing out the ties that exist between the war

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Confrontation Vowed By UCB Students In Cleaver Controversy

by JOHN BUNTIN

Social Analysis 139X, the Berkeley course which has generated statewide controversy, will meet today at 11 a.m. in the second largest lecture hall on the Berkeley campus. Eldridge Cleaver, the Black Panther leader who was condemned by Governor Ronald Reagan, will deliver his first lecture.

The class meeting was made possible by a temporary compromise between students and Chancellor Roger Heyns. Associated Students President Charles Palmer requested a room for a "program of instruction," and Heyns granted permission to use the room, emphasizing the course, as of now, was non-credit. Although a confrontation was temporarily averted, students were determined to eventually force the administration to grant credit.

A mass meeting of students was tentatively scheduled for tomorrow night at which it was expected a deadline would be set for the administration to give credit. Inasmuch as Chancellor Heyns is known to favor the Cleaver course as originally constituted, but cannot yield without violating the Regents' resolution of September 20, the students are expected to postpone a confrontation until after the next meeting of the Regents, October 17 and 18 at Santa Cruz.

If the Regents do not yield on the issue, and no one expects them to, then some kind of confrontation will surely occur. The Daily Cal yesterday called for a student strike, reminiscent of the 1966 strike that shut down the campus and provoked a strong right wing reaction that eventually resulted in the firing of then University President Clark Kerr. Various other tactics, including attempting to shut down the computer center, marches and sit-ins, and occupying of buildings in the tradition of Columbia and Howard Universities.

The controversy began when Berkeley's Board of Educational Development, a faculty group empowered to establish experimental courses, announced the selection of Cleaver to give 10 lectures in a course entitled "Dehumanization and Regeneration of the American Social Order." 10 other persons, including Oakland Police Chief Charles Gain, were scheduled to deliver lectures in the course, but they were generally ignored in the public uproar that followed.

The Regents, meeting in Los Angeles, heard Berkeley faculty members plead for autonomy, but went ahead to establish a general policy of allowing only one appearance by guest lecturers at the University. The policy applied to only courses for credit, allowing the temporary compromise to occur. They also censured the faculty for allowing such a course to be established.

Berkeley's Academic Senate, meeting last Thursday, accepted a compromise resolution which indicated strong disapproval of the Regents' action but stopped short of demanding the course be given for credit.

The Daily Cal estimated over 2000 students were maintaining a vigil outside Wheeler Hall during the four hour meeting. As the professors left the hall, they heard students chanting "Shame! Shame!" and "Chickenshit!"

The faculty resolution stated that the Senate "will resist by all

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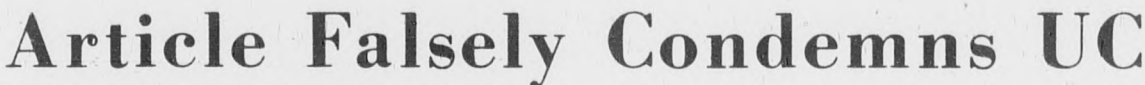
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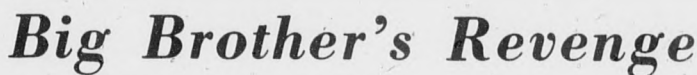
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Radical Alternative: New University Conference

by STEVE SHAPIRO

There will be an organizational meeting for all UCI faculty and graduate students Friday at 4 o'clock in the third floor Commons. Spencer Olin, Jerry Kirk, Alan Rogers, George Reiter, Ted Fiedler, Steve Shapiro, Darnell

Roaten, Pete Clecak, Dave Heskitt, Duran Bell, and Richard Robertson invite their colleagues to join them in the formation of a radical research-action group.

What is the New University Con-

ference?

The New University Conference is an organization of radical university professors and graduate students dedicated to creating a democratic and humane university and a rational society. It was founded last March when 350 radical professors and graduate students representing about 85 colleges and universities met in Chicago. (The national director is Bob Ross, formerly of SDS, and the address of the National Office is 5810 South Woodlawn, Chicago, Illinois 60637.) One individual cannot speak authoritatively for the point of view of the New University Conference because, although there is a National Office, the organization can only live through its more or less autonomous regional and local units. My perspective is that of a non-tenured faculty member of the University of California at Irvine who is actively involved in the formation of an N.U.C. chapter on this campus.

The New University Conference is a response to the disgraceful fact that the radical intellectuals in this country have been content to remain unorganized and isolated and to allow the New Left to be characterized as well as caricatured as a Know-Nothing group of activists and confrontation artists who can articulate what they are against but not what they are for. The Students for a Democratic Society have been the leading radical-revolutionary organization in the country, and one can only admire the dedication and guts of the young students and organizers who founded that movement. SDS may well continue to play a vanguard role, as at Columbia, but radical intellectuals cannot depend upon SDS for leadership; they must also provide leadership,

especially on the crucial matters of social analysis and social change. They must also provide support for militant student groups so that they cannot be readily isolated or silenced.

The first task of NUC chapters is to end the isolation of radicals. Getting together and finding out where others stand is a primary responsibility. Especially now, after the Democratic Convention has further eroded the reformist middle ground, it is important for radicals to meet with each other and with former McCarthy supporters to discover areas of agreement and to cooperate in developing the political consciousness of the campus and its surroundings by clarifying the difference between the rhetoric of "liberal education" and the actual structure and function of the university in the perpetuation of our irrational foreign policy and undemocratic, unjust, and racist domestic politics. (This may seem like a liberal cop-out to militant groups at Berkeley, Michigan or Columbia — but I am speaking not to them but primarily to faculty members and graduate students on campuses where the radical activity is sporadic and disorganized.)

Anyone who realizes that the enunciation of rational goals is irrational when unsupported by the organized power to implement them and who realizes that confrontations without strategic planning is futile, and who feels lonely in his sanity, should join the New University Conference. In its "Declaration of Belief," the NUC states:

We reject the view that it is the business of the university to export experts and expertise for purposes of aggressive and manipulative suppression, just as we reject the view that the uni-

versity is the natural collaborator only of those who already wield power in American society.

We believe in a university which enfranchises all those who participate in its community: faculty, students, graduate students, administrative and maintenance personnel. We reject any value system which monopolizes university decision-making in the hands of the wealthy, the highly-placed and the over-prestigious.

The crucial problem for all of us attempting to liberate the university from domination by the military-industrial complex is the frustration of legitimate demands for reform by procedural mystification. Faculty cannot act as mediators in good faith when there is no hope that administrators will defend the values of humanistic education against the commercial interests governing the society. If students revolt in such a situation, then faculty members must not support "the rules" — they must support the students. Consequently, one function of the NUC will be a defense function. It will publicize cases of the violation of contract or academic freedom, provide legal aid, and help to relocate radical faculty members fired because they refused to serve the Status Quo.

The recent outrageous violation of academic freedom perpetrated by the Regents of the University of California in their "revision" of the course at Berkeley designed to center around Eldridge Cleaver is a clear reminder that all campuses must form organized resistance groups or resign themselves to being clowns and puppets for Corporate America. It is not enough to grumble about Reagan or other politicians who are attempting to totally reduce university education to an instrument for the production of profit, destruction, and uncritical, atomized consciousness. Intellectuals must organize to better understand their own situation, to educate others, and to act with a consciousness of solidarity and community. The New University Conference can help us to build what we desperately need and have never had, a national organization of intellectuals devoted to the theory and practice of social transformation.

Protestors...

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machinery and the university, through all-day teach-ins, confrontations with draft boards, or other actions aimed at forcing universities to end military research." Students are also urged not to attend classes November 5.

There was also some unspecific talk about the possibility that high school students from several public schools will walk out on election day in protest. That day is normally a city-wide school holiday, but this year the day off has been cancelled because of the teachers' strike.

The political discussions and planning session will intensify in the coming week as the various groups begin firming up their plans. Potter said Mobe will begin releasing publicity on its plans sometime next week.

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Berkeley and Cleaver...

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appropriate means these and any further encroachments into its academic freedom and autonomy." The Senate Censured the regents and urged those responsible for the course to see that the course was held, on or off campus.

At the beginning of the meeting, University President Charles Hitch urged moderation on the faculty, warning the dispute "could destroy the University as we know it." He stated that any kind of confrontation on the matter of credit would be a mistake. It was Hitch's proposal the Regents passed last month, setting off the faculty anger.

Berkeley Chancellor Roger Heyns offered a compromise to allow the course to be taught as originally planned, but without credit. He committed what could have been a severe blunder by informing the meeting which room would be used, giving the students an opportunity to take over the room today, Heyns stated he opposed the Regents resolution.

It was noted that the subject of Cleaver seldom came up at the meeting of the Academic Senate, whereas it had dominated the meeting of the Regents two weeks before. The faculty was concerned with the invasion of faculty control over course content, while the Regents were horrified at the idea of a "convicted rapist lecturing 16 year old girls." To them, the academic freedom question was not nearly as important as the question of Cleaver's presence in any course.

There was some question what action could be taken by the University administration if the rule regarding guest lecturers were violated in another course, such as the English class at Irvine, where Dr. Steve Shapiro has indicated he may have Cleaver speak twice. Although credit could be removed from the course, the obvious inequity to the students would probably prevent that. The Chancellor could terminate the contract of any professor and make it stick, subject only to overruling by the President and Regents. However, to do so over such an issue might bring down the weight of the entire academic establishment, including the American Association of University Professors and the Academic Senate Committee on Privilege, Tenure, and Academic Freedom. Whether any Chancellor would want to risk that remains to be seen.



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