Student Leaders Sign Appeal; Protest 'Advance Prosecution'

A statement urging students to cut classes to protest the McCarran Act investigation of the Advance Youth Organization leaders at the College yesterday was signed by nine student leaders.

Bob Atkins, chairman of the College of Ave committee to defeat the McCarran Act, commented that a proceeding against Advance "inconsititution" and only needed to destroy progress in moments." He suggested that students attend the hearing in order to learn more about "the democratic intent of Act." The Stretta for the same proactivity and the College's other Americans for Democratic Action, which sent a letter to the Court, argued, in a statement, that "the court's concern is not primarily with Advance, but with the McCarran Act itself, with the right of people to organize and to express political ideas."

"Since every peace and civil organization in the country which, he added, may have its purpose, is threatened with the force of prosecution, he added, "students have a right to know under the proposed bill which is going to be protected."

NSA Demands Troops Be Sent to Birmingham

The National Student Association, of which the College is a member, today sent Federal refusal to send Federal troops to Birmingham, Alabama, scene of the recent church bombing which killed four young girls.

"Our concerns," said Gallo, President of NSA, in a September 18 telegram to President Kennedy, demanded that the Federal Government "delay no longer" in sending troops to Birmingham to protect the lives of those "abandoned to racial terror."

"Your dead children," Gallo added, are decisive testimony that the resources of state and local authorities are inadequate to provide this protection." Gallo went on to state that any action less than "full Federal protection" would only serve to foment "further violence against the local forces and the Federal government, which have taken steps to protect the lives of these students."

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The Senate—Next?

The right of students to associate with their peers for the purpose of increasing their knowledge, socializing, or attempting to improve their society has long been defended by Observation Post. When some authority, be it on a college, state, or Federal level, attempts to deny this right, all those interested in academic freedom and the most basic principles of democracy itself must be let their voices be heard.

The application of the McCarran Act to the Advance Youth Organization offers one such occasion. While we don’t, and other supporters of student rights may not, necessarily share this group’s political views, we do wholeheartedly support their right to believe in, discuss, and demonstrate their opinions.

Attorney General Robert Kennedy is basing his order for Advance’s registration as a Communist-front group on two counts. He accuses them of having some Communists among their leaders and, of course, resorting to the grossest form of ‘Red-baiting’—attacking an organization to admit members without previously investigating their policies. In regard to the first, we support the right of an organization to admit members without previously investigating their political persuasions. Secondly, the charge of parallelism is one of the most dangerous weapons ever to be used by foes of free thought. Wielding this sword, one can scar almost every one of the nation’s progressive political organizations, labor unions, and religious groups. The Communist Party supports a nuclear test ban, but so does a majority of the United States Senate.

We call on all those who support free thought, word, and deed, regardless of their own political views, to indicate their opposition to the dangerous classification of organizations as “pink”, “fellow-traveling,” or Communists. The hearings of the Subcommittee, Activities Control Board will be open to all those interested in free inquiry and able to attend should be present at 30 Church Street on Monday at 10 A.M. Picket lines will be conducted from 2-4 P.M. on that day and Tuesday.

Remember that your group, be it CORE, the National Student Association, the Young Democrats, or Student Government, may be next. The time to take preventive steps is now.

Commitment

The National Student Association’s appeal for student governments to bear witness to the Birmingham slaughter and demand meaningful Federal protection for the Negro citizens of that city deserves an immediate commitment from all persons at the College.

Our Student Government was rightfully joined with student organizations across the country in providing significant leadership for such action on this campus.

The NSA has called for a letter writing campaign and five minute vigils throughout the coming weeks. This is little enough to ask from anyone and freedom at the College, especially those in positions of leadership.

The murder of four children in an Alabama church capped a century of horror and racial murder in our country. We have all been witnesses to this horror. We must refuse to remain silent witnesses.
Beyond The Gates

By RONNIE REICH

Students at the University of Illinois and thirty other colleges are keeping 5 minute silent vigils to express indignation and anger over the murder of the four Negro children in a Birmingham Sunday school. In support of this move, the United States National Student Association has called upon all students and college communities to show their concern by organizing vigils on their own campuses, writing to the President, and to their congressmen.

Columbia College freshmen will be asked to sign an "academic integrity" statement as a first step toward placing the college on an honor system. Unlike other honor systems, such as those practiced at Princeton, Barnard and Stanford, Columbia students will be responsible only for themselves and will not be required to report infractions by others.

Among the students arriving at Wellesley College this term will be nine Negroes from colleges in the South, who will be taking part in a newly organized "Junior Year in the North" program. It will be supported by the college and the Student Aid Society and is designed to increase Wellesley's Negro enrollment.

An African Conference has been organized by November 15 and 18 by the Crossroads Africa Conference. The Crossroads program sends students to Africa as volunteers to help communities build maternity clinics, community centers, homes for orphaned children. It's not the Peace Corps though—students are sent over during the summer vacation and the expenses are paid by the member schools, interested churches and synagogues and student organizations.

King Zahir and Queen Hafizah of Afghanistan brought back to Kabul the promise of $2,000,000 in aid to finance a new engineering program for their under-developed country. Twelve American universities will participate in the program, sending teachers, post-grads and technicians to give Afghanistan her first real engineering school.

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Boaters Demolish Columbia, 5-1; Cliff Soas, Newcomer, Scores Twice

The Lions of Columbia roared into Lewisohn Stadium yesterday, but before the afternoon was over, the College's soccer team was doing the roaring as the Beavers beat Columbia, 5-1. The Lavender scored first, when Tom Sieberg slammed home a penalty shot at 2:40 of the first period.

The Beavers dominated the play in its second string to give them some experience under fire. Instead the Beavers lit a bonfire. At the two minute mark, center forward, Cliff Soas, moved into position and headed the ball into Columbia's net.

About five minutes later, Emilio Courret took a pass, some thirty-five feet in front of the Columbia goal and blistered a shot past Dave Rassin, the Lion goalie. After Patrono replaced Kopczuk in the Beaver net Tony Negovetti intercepted a stray Columbia pass and beat the Lion goalie, as the score mounted to a 4-1 margin.

Less than a minute later, Soas got his second goal of the day as he scored from the midst of Lion defenders.

At this point, with the Lavender on the long end of a 5-1 bulge, Coach Harry Karlin emptied his bench giving the second team a chance to play.

Business Grads . . .

Students interested in graduate education for business are invited to talk to Dean Harvey A. Juris, of the Graduate School of Business of the University of Chicago, on October 24, between 9 AM and 1:30 PM.

Dean Juris will provide information about financial assistance and career opportunities in courses of study leading to the degree of Master of Business Administration and Doctor of Philosophy in Busi-
ness.

Interviews can be arranged through Dean Sherborne E. Barber, Room 231, Administration Building; Professor Josep Joseph Taffet, Room 312, Wagner; and Professor Elliot Zupnick, Room 318, Wagner.