

Pearl Criticizes Other Experts . . .

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today becoming as rich as a Goldwater."

"Operation Bootstrap"—Goldwater's answer to the poverty problems—"or giving every poor kid a rich father," is not a practical solution, according to Pearl.

Poor Locked Out

Pearl also said that just as society has been closed to the poor, in the past, the public sec-

tor "our credential society—also locks out the poor."

He said that social work, "our largest, and fastest growing industry," is closed to people unless they have at least five years of education beyond high school. "And at this particular time, it's impossible to expect persons from disadvantaged backgrounds to get a college education," he explained.

Alinsky Assails . . .

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of power to take their legitimate place in the American scene."

The leadership of these groups, he said, "is seduced by payoffs."

He explains it this way:

"In city after city we had city hall sitting on top of a pile of poverty funds. They have their committees on Economic Opportunity stacked at least two-to-one with payrollers of the party faithful."

"They pursue a policy of identifying what they define as positive and negative programs with positive and negative community leaders."

"Positive means you do what city hall says."

"Negative means that you are a maverick." Then irony touched his voice. "You are so subversive you think for yourself. Your primary loyalty is to the people of your community. You are independent and irreverent of city hall."

Alinsky is also critical of what he calls the "Peace Corps mentality" of the War on Poverty.

"It doesn't apply to our disposition," he says. "These people are Americans. Our slums are not foreign nations to be worked with such a manner as never to change the status quo."

To Medicine Man

He grinned. "In Woodlawn (his Chicago group) we used to joke that the first volunteers from the so-called domestic Peace Corps, VISTA, would be greeted by 100 Negroes in loincloths who would take them to our medicine man."

That got a laugh from the 1,500 spectators crammed into the Student Union ballroom and Taylor Lounge where Alinsky's talk was piped in.

Alinsky doesn't just attack the War on Poverty. He has an alternative. To explain it, he harkened back to Franklin Roosevelt's Tennessee Valley Authority.

"I can remember going down to Norris, Tennessee, in the 30's and asking the men working on

TVA what they were doing," he says.

"And they would turn to me and say, 'What do you mean, mister, look down there. See that. Soon there won't be any more floods. And electricity, you know.'"

"There was a program that brought in the people, that let them feel they were doing something important."

Then Alinsky's voice began to sound almost visionary.

"When I look at these floods, and the need for electric power and the shortage of water for irrigation and problems of water pollution," he says, "I can see tremendous programs."

Programs with Meaning

"I can see big programs that will have meaning for the people and importance for the country."

"I can see towns, because it will take 10-15 years to really solve these problems."

"I can see integrated towns with good schools and headstarted programs."

Then his voice turned ominous. "But big industry would violently oppose this kind of program," he said. "And I can tell you that rarely has a government program been as popular with business as the poverty program."

Some people in the audience took exception to Alinsky's views. The most outspoken was James Klonoski, University associate professor of political science.

He argued that, "You need big government to do big jobs. What will your little groups do?" In my American Government class that would be a D-minus."

Alinsky replied that "the funds will have to come from government."

Then he added, "If it's a D-Minus. I'm not registered here. Remember, students are starting to rate faculty members, too."

Another person "complimented" Alinsky for his "rambling cynical" speech.

As a solution to the poverty ills of the country, Pearl asked for a "restructuring of the jobs to fit the people. We have to examine the entrance requirements of the job structure," he said.

New Careers

"I'm not talking about the creation of jobs," Pearl said. "I'm talking about new careers—with a sense of permanence and mobility."

"There is a fantastic need in welfare, recreation, conservation—in the entire public sector—for new people; here are the opportunities for large numbers of persons—opportunities that are blocked for the poor," Pearl charged.

"I'm not advocating the employment of non-professionals," Pearl said. But he explained how his proposal could help solve two problems in one action; the poverty and the lack of personnel in the field of education could both be alleviated by changing the method of becoming a professional educator.

Alternate Paths

Specifically, he said "we need parallel paths for becoming teachers."

In explanation, Pearl suggested that people could either "take the college path," the traditional means of becoming a teacher; or "an alternate path."

This alternate path would enter the teaching field "at a low level, as a teaching aid." Pearl said these teaching aids could perform much of the non-professional jobs that "we now saddle our teachers with."

"As he demonstrates more and more skills, the teaching aid could get college credit. After

HC Discussion In Dance Studio

Honors College Monday night discussion group will meet in Gerlinger Dance Studio to discuss "Creativity and Expression in Modern Dance."

All interested persons are invited to attend the program at 8 p.m. Monday.

The purpose of the seminar will be to contrast dance as a routine with dance as the result of creative effort. Creative dance work in progress will be performed with opportunity for discussion concerning motive and communicative intent.

The Gerlinger Dance Studio is located inside the southeast entrance of Gerlinger Hall.

Concert Will Feature Harpsichord Work

The largest piece of keyboard music ever written will be performed Saturday by one of the only two harpsichordists in the West who play this work.

Bach's "Goldberg Variations" will be presented by John Hamilton, associate professor of music, harpsichordist, at an 8:30 p.m. free public concert in the School of Music auditorium.

The "Goldberg Variations" are said to summarize not only the beauty and powerful architecture of Bach's own keyboard works, but also the instrumental music of the entire 150 years of the Baroque period.

The audience is invited to meet Hamilton in the Rehearsal Room following the concert.

Honorary Initiates

The W. F. G. Thacher chapter of Alpha Delta Sigma, national advertising fraternity, held a combination business meeting and initiation Jan. 23.

Along with a discussion of plans for National Advertising Recognition Week, Feb. 14-18, the chapter began work on the forthcoming Western regional convention of Alpha Delta Sigma which will be held in Eugene in the spring.

Initiated were Dennis Toney, Stan Murphy, and Robb Siegenthaler.

A guest at the meeting was Frank H. Loggan, the new director of the Oregon Association of Broadcasters.

two years he would move to a teaching assistant. In two more years, he could become a teaching associate," Pearl said. "And financially, in two more years, he would be qualified as a full-fledged consultant," if he demonstrated ability and initiative.

Chance to Move Up

"This system would provide disadvantaged people with the opportunity to move up in society," he said. He also noted that each step in the procedure would be a plateau, explaining that if a person wanted to stop any place along the line, he could. Pearl said that this type of procedure would be viable in other fields in the public sector.

"The poor are poor because they lack the opportunity to do anything else; their so-called apathy is a function of being locked out, of trying to solve the insoluble," Pearl continued. "People lose interest when their problems are insoluble," he said.

Calls Alinsky "Conservative"

Pearl concluded his talk with an attack on the views of the other three experts on poverty who are participating in the conference. He called Saul Alinsky,

best-known of the three, especially for his community action programs in Chicago and other cities, "the most conservative of the speakers." He compared Alinsky to William Buckley, articulate spokesman for conservatism in the United States, claiming that "both of them" are conservative in their approach to poverty because they advocate only sell help for the poor. Alinsky doesn't want the rest of America to change, according to Pearl.

Not a Utopia

He criticized Robert Lampman, noted economist and professor at Wisconsin, for his "modern-day Hooverism." Calling Lampman's approach a "trickle-down theory," Pearl said the approach was not viable.

Robert Theobald, a British socio-economist, was criticized by Pearl because while Theobald claims that there are too many people for the number of jobs available and advocates teaching people how to use their leisure time, Pearl says that there are "hundreds and thousands of jobs" that have to be done in the public sector.

"This isn't utopia yet," Pearl concluded.

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