

GOP Opposes Education Cut Of Facilities

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WASHINGTON (CPS) — Republican members of the house education subcommittee reacted coolly Tuesday to the Johnson Administration's proposal to cut higher education construction funds in order to increase student aid programs.

The congressmen expressed their concerns about the proposal when Commissioner of Education Harold Howe testified before the subcommittee in behalf of the administration's Higher Education Program for 1968.

President Johnson has requested that appropriations for higher education facilities be decreased from \$450 million during the current fiscal year to \$75 million in fiscal 1969. The decreased funds would be used to expand aid to students.

Priorities "Unwise"

Rep. Albert Quie (R-Minn.), said the administration's priorities do not seem "very wise." Quie quoted President Johnson as predicting a 50 per cent increase in college enrollment in the next 10 years, and asked Howe, "What are we going to do for academic facilities?"

Howe said the negative effects of the decrease would not be felt for about two years, but he admitted the reduction in construction funds "will ultimately have an effect." Howe said due to the tight budget year, the administration's priorities are on programs involving people rather than on construction.

Rep. Marvin Esh (R-Mich.), said it seems "inconsistent" to design a long-range program to provide for increases in student enrollments, but, at the same time, "to minimize the need for facilities." Rep. Ogden Reid (R-N.Y.) also voiced concern over the administration's priorities.

Comments Issued

The comments from the Republican members of the subcommittee were issued Tuesday despite Chairman Edith Green's plea to discuss only changes in student aid programs and to leave the discussion of priorities until Wednesday.

The major focus of Tuesday's subcommittee meeting was on the administration's proposed Educational Opportunity Act of 1968. The legislation would combine the government's major student aid programs — the Interest-Free Loan Program, National Defense Education Student Loans, Educational Opportunity grants, and the College Work-Study Program—under a single act, effective in the fiscal year 1971.

Howe said combining the student aid programs would be a move toward the overall goal of providing "educational opportunities beyond secondary school to all our youth that desire such opportunities and can benefit from them."

Provision

Under a provision of the educational opportunity act, a college could transfer up to 20 per cent of the federal money allocated for any one student aid program to another. In addition, the act provides for a 90-10 federal institutional matching ratio for the National Defense Student Loan Fund and for the college Work-Study Program. Presently, colleges must pay 15 per cent of the work-study program. In addition, the amount an undergraduate could borrow annually under the NDSL student loan program would be increased to \$1,500.

The administration is also asking that congress extend the National Defense Education Act of 1958 and the Higher Education Act of 1965 for five years, through fiscal 1973. Rep. Green (D-Ore.) called for quick congressional action on the extensions, because both laws expire at the end of June.

SDS Hears Poverty Spokesman

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When he speaks to a church group, "I'm as pious as hell." When he speaks to the Young Democrats, "I'm trying to help the Democratic Party."

But when he speaks to the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), "I'm working in protest of the war in Viet Nam; just like you cats are."

"I'm working for the people who have to fight in the war, the low-income bastards who are fighting and being killed there," said Ed Adkins, self-appointed spokesman for the local poor.

Although his approaches are different, Adkins' theme stays the same; he states he is ultimately working for the elimination of poverty in Lane County.

Adkins spoke to the SDS Tuesday in the EMU to enlist the organization's support of the poverty program he is working on in this area.

Adkins informed SDS that their protests and banners are ineffective. "It's not making a dent in the community. They don't even see or hear you. You've got to get the people to organize you," he said.

He stated that gaining the support of the low-income people would be a large step in getting an organization behind the ideals of SDS.

"40,000 people could do it,"

in this community in making their voice heard in election," he said.

Adkins went into the poverty situation in Lane County and blamed much of the Eugene area problem on city government.

Eugene is controlled by seven men and these men are discouraging industry in the county which would provide jobs for the poor. "New industry means new problems to these men," he stated.

According to Adkins, organization of the poor so they could solve their own problems is one answer to Lane County poverty.

Adkins urged the group to organize volunteers to talk to

the poor and try to get these people to attend a mass meeting Thursday night in Harris Hall.

In other business, it was announced that Sabramuniya, a Yoga master from San Francisco—"a guru-type"—was tentatively set to be on campus at the end of this month.

The group also discussed scheduling the band, Country Joe and the Fish, for campus appearance sometime in March. The group is also considering the Mother's Invention, the Fugs, and the Cream for appearances.

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