

Coalition charges specified...

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Later in the afternoon, University President Robert Clark issued a reaction to the plans for the "trial." Earlier in the week Clark has been issued a "subpoena" by trial organizers asking him to attend the trial to provide a defense for the University.

In his statement Monday, Clark emphasized his support for the University's policy "of providing an open forum for the exchange of ideas . . . in a manner that does not interfere with the rights of others."

He added, however: "In my opinion the format of the 'People's Trial' — with the verdict already rendered—does not lend itself to a better understanding of the problems or resolution of the issues. I do not, therefore, plan to attend the proceedings."

Clark 'prepared'

The entire statements issued by Jan. 14 Coalition—organizing the People's Trial—and President Clark are printed on pages 3 and 6 of this issue.

In an interview with the Emerald later in the afternoon, Clark indicated that he would be prepared to handle any events that develop as a result of the

trial, and that, though he did not want to do so, he would be willing to call in the police if he felt that the situation warranted such action.

Radical skit

In an attempt to advertise Wednesday's trial, members of the Jan. 14 Coalition, which includes members of the Campus Moratorium Committee, the Students for a Democratic Society and the Patriots Party, provided a "Radical Art Theater" skit emphasizing a parody of the University administration to more than 6,000 students and others attending the second session of a SEARCH course entitled "Can Man Survive?"

Reacting to the skit, the evening's main speaker in McArthur Court, biology professor George Streisinger, said that the two major problems facing mankind at this point in history are war and the environment.

Streisinger appealed for "rational" action aimed not at polarizing persons but at informing them of the facts of the issues confronting them.

He added that the entire blame for the problems of society and the University cannot be laid at the doorway of one individual, President Robert Clark, in an

effort to create a "whipping boy."

The "People's Trial" will take place at noon Wednesday in the EMU Ballroom.

'Not rhetoric but fact'

"We want to demonstrate to a lot of people at the University," a representative of the Coalition told the Emerald, "that when we say the United States is an imperialist power, and that the University is not a neutral institution, we are not indulging in rhetoric but are making a factual and irrefutable statement."

The program of events for the trial is divided into six sections. First, several foreign students from Latin America, Africa and the Middle East, a former correspondent for the New York Times in Vietnam, and others, will pre-

sent evidence for their claim that the United States is a "basically imperialist power."

Evidence will then be presented on how the University, through the "Military-Industrial - University Complex," contributes directly and indirectly to U.S. imperialism," after which University administrators will be given an opportunity to provide a defense for the institution.

Summonses served

(Several members of the administration have been "served with a summons" to attend the trial and to defend the University, including University President Robert Clark.)

Following this presentation by the "defense," both sides will give "summations" of their argu-

ments, and those conducting the trial will ask for a "verdict" on "University complicity" from "the people," those attending the trial.

If guilty . . .

If the University is declared "guilty" of "complicity," those attending will be asked to issue a "sentence" which is expected to include several demands including an end to such "complicity" and the closing of the University on Thursday's joint observance of the January Vietnam Moratorium and the anniversary of the birth of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King.

The method of enforcing such a "sentence" will also be determined by those in attendance at the trial, which is open to all students, faculty and administrators.

Clark reports University is ready to handle sit-ins

By STEVE SMITH
Of the Emerald

University President Robert Clark is hoping Wednesday's so-called "people's trial" does not end with a sit-in or occupation of administration offices in Johnson Hall.

But the University is prepared to handle such a situation, should it develop.

"I hope we won't have a sit-in Wednesday," Clark said in an Emerald interview Monday evening. "Such demonstrations have been counter-productive in recent months. If we do have a sit-in, however, I would say that we will try to respond rationally."

The prospect of a Wednesday sit-in or occupation was first raised in connection with the "trial of the University" by a group calling itself the Jan. 14 Coalition.

SIT-IN MAY RESULT

Spokesmen for the body declined Monday to indicate the exact nature of the action scheduled to follow the noon trial. Reliable sources indicated that a sit-in was likely, should Clark fail to meet demands for the coalition.

"I would assume that the students will want to sit-in peacefully," Clark continued, "as long as we can engage in dialogue, we will; either I will speak with the students or members of my staff will."

"If the sit-in proceeds beyond closing time, then we would have to ask the students to leave."

With the possibility of sit-ins and occupations very much a reality at colleges and universities, the University was ordered last spring to draft a plan of action should trouble develop on campus. In dealing with any sit-in, Clark would follow the guidelines of that plan.

"A committee gave me a preliminary copy of the plan last week," Clark said, "a plan which complies with State Board policies and pretty much my own attitudes, and I'll be sharing the plan with the students soon."

Should a sit-in develop, "I would use the process of injunction if that were possible. This puts the situation in the courts for them to judge."

WOULD USE INJUNCTION

"I would say we would bring police to campus only if we have violence. I certainly hope violence does not happen, I do not think calling police will be necessary. I would call police to enforce an injunction, however."

Presidents of public colleges and universities



ROBERT CLARK

in Oregon were given the power to call police under certain conditions, by the State Board.

In a policy statement adopted in December, 1968, the board said:

The University must . . . "preserve and protect the right (of students) to assemble peaceably and the right to petition authorities."

But to resort to violence, physical abuse of persons, or threats of such abuse, destruction of property, or overt interference with the operation of the institutions is contrary to the spirit and freedom of the academic community, and should be dealt with by appropriate institutional and/or legal sanctions."

GUIDELINES USED AT OSU

Administrators at Oregon State University employed the State Board guidelines last summer when 14 persons were arrested for sitting-in at the office of a school dean. All 14 were subsequently convicted on various charges of interference with a public institution.

"I would hope that we would never need reach that step on this campus. In my first term I never saw anything that couldn't be handled without this kind of demonstration," Clark said.

Clark's statement in response to trial

Editor's Note: University President Robert Clark issued the following statement in response to a summons asking him to attend Wednesday's "people's trial." See related stories on this page and page 1.

The University of Oregon has a long-standing policy of providing an open forum for the exchange of ideas. In keeping with this policy, it does not impose limitations on the freedom of its students or staff to express their opinions in a manner that does not interfere with the rights of others.

Recently a group calling itself the "January 14 Coalition" has accused the University of "crimes against humanity" and has summoned me to defend the University in a "People's Trial." The leaders "freely predict" that the University will be found "guilty."

In my opinion the format of the "People Trial"—with the verdict already rendered—does not lend itself to better understanding of the problems or resolution of the issues. I do not, therefore, plan to attend the proceedings.

If, however, students want to examine these issues the University will be glad to participate in such an examination. It is my opinion that the Student Senate and the Faculty Senate would be the appropriate bodies to hear the charges and to entertain suggestions for change.

SAB to consider winter term requests

The Student Administrative Board (SAB) will meet for the first time this term at 4:30 p.m. today in 337 EMU.

According to SAB President Rex Armstrong, the board will consider several requests including a request for recognition by the Third World Student Organization and a request for an Indian Republic Day Celebration program by the India Students Association.

SAB will also consider a dance request from the Campus Committee to Combat Fascism and an English department film series request.

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