

Bitter Nationwide Conflict Raging Over San Francisco City Hall Riot

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Rival defenders of American liberties are embroiled in a nationwide conflict of intensifying bitterness, roused by a pieced-together movie of the San Francisco City Hall student riot of last May 13.

The disturbances in the City Hall roundabout climaxed a protest demonstration by college students against a hearing by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Sixty-four students from San Francisco area campuses were arrested after police turned fire hoses on the demonstrators inside City Hall. Riot charges against 33 were dismissed. The one remaining accused goes to trial March 6.

The movie, "Operation Abolition," was put together from television newsreel clips subpoenaed by the committee.

The 45-minute film, has been sold and shown in all the 50 states.

In the film, committee members declare the student demonstrators were "toying with treason" as the dupes of a Communist drive to destroy the committee and wreck the nation's security system.

Committee foes charge the film is a dishonest distortion. They call the movie the principal instrument of "vivid stimulus" spreading a grass roots revival of McCarthyism—without a personal leader like the late Red-hunting Sen. Joseph McCarthy.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said last summer that FBI investigation made it evident that students participating in the demonstration were incited and used as dupes by Communist subversives.

In a year-end report Hoover said in December that "The Communists hope to repeat the success which they achieved on the West Coast last May in spearheading mob demonstrations by college students and other young people against a committee of Congress."

The violent disagreement has reached into churches, schools and industry across the nation, and is continuing to spread.

Protests against the film have flared at universities and colleges across the country—at Rutgers, Harvard, Minnesota, Nebraska and on Indiana campuses.

Episcopal Bishop James A. Pike declared the movie's "distorted presentation" was encouraging a "growth of the radical right and its fellow travelers that has reached much greater proportions than in the days of McCarthy himself."

Dr. Fred C. Schwarz, Australian physician who heads the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade with headquarters at Long Beach, Calif., declared: "Almost everyone who views the film with an open mind is most profoundly aroused and disturbed by it. It suggests the vulnerability of the student to the clever Communist agitator."

The National Council of Churches, meeting in Syracuse, N. Y., last week, voiced misgivings about the fairness of the film. It prepared an advisory to churches not to show the film without presenting supplementary facts about it.

The Rev. Dr. Curtis Nims, pastor of San Francisco's First Baptist Church, resigned as director of the Northern California-Nevada Council of Churches in February because the council's board-cautioned member churches about showing "Operation Abolition."

Dr. Nims said he was present when the City Hall violence erupted and believes the film "presents a fair representation of the deplorable events."

More than 600 print copies of the film have been sold, at \$100 a copy, reported George Johnson, president of Washington Video Productions, Inc. Johnson said Fulton Lewis III, committee staff member and son of radio broadcaster Fulton Lewis Jr., edited the film and prepared the narration.

Because of questions raised in Minnesota, the St. Paul area Chamber of Commerce sent Jack McCauley, public relations director, to San Francisco in January to check.

San Francisco Mayor George Christopher recorded for McCauley a statement saying: "The pictures speak for themselves. They are true. They are authentic. They tell the real story and, of course, they are most unfortunate."

The St. Paul chamber declared

subsequently: "We feel the film will continue to be of benefit to our American ideals program."

Fulton Lewis III obtained Mayor Christopher's permission to use the mayor's statement on his father's radio network program.

Irving Hall, 24, California graduate student from Pomona, joined six other demonstration leaders in a statement disputing the mayor. It noted that Christopher did not witness the riot, but was speaking

Woman To Ceylon Post

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Diplomatic relations between the United States and Ceylon soon will be on a woman-to-woman footing.

President Kennedy has announced his intention to appoint a career diplomat, Frances Willis, as ambassador to Ceylon, the only country in the world with a woman as prime minister.

It is the first time the United States has picked a woman ambassador to serve in an Asian country. It also is the first time a woman has headed an American embassy in a country with a woman head of government.

Miss Willis, who has been in the Foreign Service since 1927, will present her credentials to Madam Sirimavo Bandaranaike who became prime minister last July.

The 45-year-old Ceylonese woman is the widow of Prime Minister Solomon Bandaranaike, who was assassinated.

Miss Willis will go to Colombo from Oslo, Norway, where she has served as ambassador since 1957.

Red Stars Enjoying US Hospitality

NEW YORK (AP)—The three-man Soviet track group that arrived here 17 days ago decided today it had been treated royally during its visit.

AAU chief Dan Ferris promptly breathed a long sigh of relief. It was the white-haired Ferris who had to make all the arrangements for high jumper Valery Brumel, broad jumper Igor Ter-Ovanesyan, miler Evgeny Mornatkov, plus a coach and an interpreter.

"We are very grateful for the fine way we have been received," said Brumel, who has beaten America's John Thomas in both their meetings. They go against each other again Friday in the Knights of Columbus meet in Madison Square Garden, then head for home Saturday.

"Yes," agreed Leonid Khomenkov, Ferris' Soviet counterpart. "I only hope we can treat the Americans as well when they come to Moscow this summer."

Neither Brumel nor Khomenkov speak English, so their remarks were made through an interpreter.

But Ter-Ovanesyan, always quick with a quip, does speak English.

"I've had so much chicken here," he grinned, "that you'd think I was trying to learn how to fly instead of broad jump."

This was strictly an AAU deal, not any part of the State Department's cultural exchange program.

"I think," said Ferris, "there was nothing they wanted to do that they didn't do. They had enough entertainment every day to keep them occupied."

"Most of the money came from the sponsors of the three meets in which they participated—The New York A.C., the National AAU and the Knights of Columbus. It was all handled through us."

Court Records

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Marvin R. Katsch, violation basic rule, \$25.
Doyle R. Thurman, no operator's license, \$15.
Carol W. Lange, violation basic rule, \$25.
Phyllis J. Young, no operator's license, \$15.
Barry A. Taylor, no vehicle license, \$15.
Lyle L. Harris, drunken driving, 90-day suspended sentence and \$300.00.
Jack D. McCullery, failure to drive to right, \$15.
Gavin M. Nelson, run stop sign, \$15.
Esther N. Augustini, violation, basic rule, \$25.

in suburban Burlingame at the time.

The Miami, Fla., school board purchased an "Operation Abolition" print for showing to high school classes. The board took under advisement a Florida Civil Liberties Union request that the classes be given "the whole picture" with a report of the criticisms.

The Lockheed Missiles and Space division with headquarters at Sunnyvale, Calif., shows the film to employees.

"But, we always advise the employee audiences that Lockheed neither supports nor opposes the House committee, but it asks the film to show the actions of identified Communists in this area," said Ed Long, security training and education officer.

Following an October showing of "Operation Abolition" on the University of Minnesota campus the student newspaper, Minne-

Tells Judges To Retire

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Judge Walter L. Pope of the 9th U.S. Court of Appeals today announced his retirement and urged other circuit judges over 70 to follow as a way of increasing the manpower of the courts.

"We need more judges," Pope, 72, told reporters. Pope noted that the 9th Circuit normally has about 400 cases pending before a nine-judge panel. The circuit includes nine western states.

It normally takes 18 to 24 months before the court here hands down a decision in a case, and often much longer, as a result of the backlog.

Pope practiced law in Missoula, Mont., from 1916 until his appointment to the appeals tribunal here by former President Truman in 1950. He also taught law at the Universities of Montana and Nebraska.

sota Daily, said editorially: "Yesterday we saw a spectacle—hardly a spectacular—conceived in fallacy and aimed at the third grade mind."

It urged: "The House of Representatives ought to take a long second look at the HCUA and a longer look at the Constitution." John P. Greenleaf, vice president of the Student Conservative Club which had sponsored the showing, sharply protested the student paper's news and editorial treatment as "applauding open defiance of the law."

A judicial review of the hotly disputed film report on the riot may be written in the trial of Robert J. Meisenbach, the one student against whom charges are still pending.

In dismissing charges against the others, Municipal Judge Albert A. Axelrod said, "I am convinced that they are not engaged in subversive activities, nor in spreading subversive propaganda." "However, they chose the wrong means to accomplish their purpose and let themselves become victims of those who profit by creating unrest, riots and the type of conduct which is outlawed by the penal code."

Meisenbach, 22, an education senior at the University of California, is charged with beating a police officer on the head with the patrolman's own night stick.

"I believe all the facts surrounding the City Hall incident must be brought out to give him a fair trial," declared Jack Bertram, Meisenbach's attorney. "Neither Meisenbach nor any other student started the riot. The cause of the violence was the turning on of the hoses by the police without warning."

Robert Maurer, assistant district attorney, said the prosecution regards the trial as being strictly limited to the question—did or did not Meisenbach assault patrolman Ralph Schaumleffel?

While the trial could shed light on what happened May 13, the bitter debate over authenticity of the film goes on and on.

"DENNIS THE MENACE"



"MR. WILSON! I BROUGHT YOU A CIGAR!" "YEAH? WHAT TIME DOES IT GO OFF?"

Solon Wants Opinion From Taxpayers

SALEM (AP)—Rep. Sidney Bazzett, R-Grants Pass, said Wednesday he would introduce a resolution to ask the people if they favor a three per cent sales tax.

The purpose of the resolution, which would be on the 1962 general election ballot, would be to guide the 1963 legislature, he said. His plan calls for a three per cent general sales tax, exempting food, feed and drugs.

It would provide reduced income and property taxes. Twenty per cent of the sales tax income would be used to reduce city property taxes, and 20 per cent to cut county property tax levies.

He would give a \$2,000 income tax exemption to each single person, and \$4,000 to married couples. The present exemption is \$600 per person.

He said that if the people approve of the idea, then the next legislature would feel free to adopt a sales tax.

Sens. Walter J. Pearson, D-Portland, and Boyd R. Overhulse, D-Madras, have introduced a different kind of sales tax proposal. Theirs would put on the ballot a three per cent limit on any sales tax that might be adopted in the future.

The Pearson-Overhulse plan also provides that if a sales tax is passed, there would be income and property tax relief, as well as more money for schools.

Bazzett said "My desire for a booming Oregon economy and a job for every Oregonian willing and able to work prompted introduction of this legislation. The taxpayers of this state should have an opportunity to speak."

The Salt Lake City mansion of the Mormon leader, Brigham Young, has been restored and provided that it is being opened to the public.

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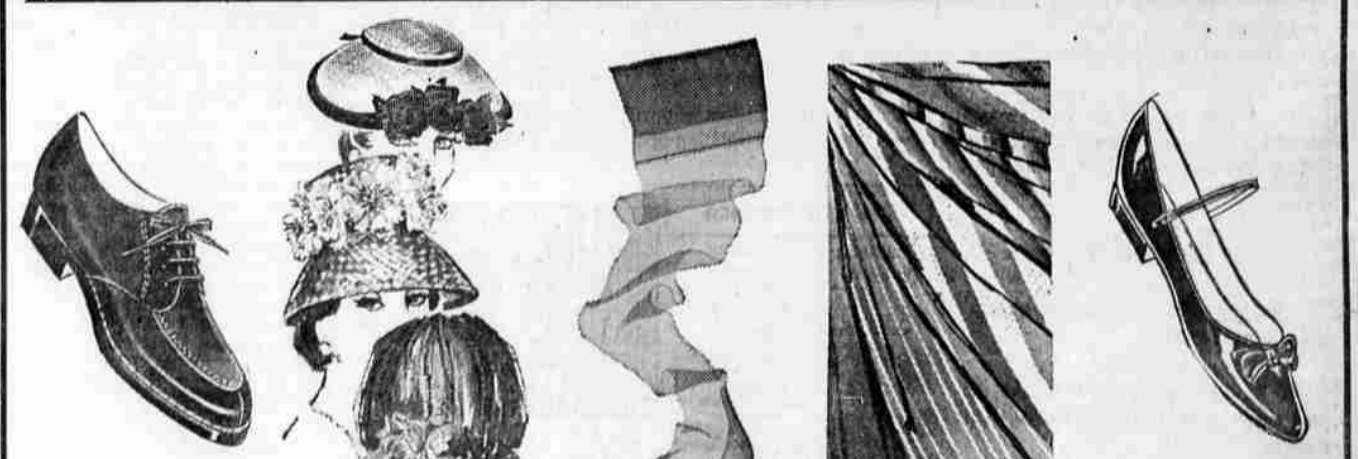


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