

'Seizure of Power Goal,' Poly Blacks Told

By LARRY DUM

"Our goal is the seizure of power," the black students gathered in Polytechnic High School music auditorium were told last night.

"Wear him (Whitey) down ... that's what it's all about," said another speaker.

This was the first of a planned series of meetings to inform black high school students in the Bay Area of the revolutionary black philosophy. San Francisco State College — and its violence-ridden student strike — were chief among the topics.

The youngsters applauded repeatedly.

STUDIES

"The brothers now at (S.F.) State are studying — studying things they can use. Things that are going to liberate you. And take you one step further. That's why the strike has gone as long as it's gone.

"Because we're talking about a long struggle. Wear the (white) man down, wear him down."

The man who spoke those words last night at Polytechnic High School's music auditorium was Benny Stewart, chairman of S.F. State's striking Black Students Union.

"He's one of the blacks accused last year of the attack on the editorial staff of the S.F. State campus newspaper. He pleaded no contest to battery charges.

The listeners at the meeting were about 100 young blacks, mostly Poly students, spokesmen said.

LIBRARY

Larry Pinkney, identified as the former BSU chairman at City College, told of his group's drive to get an Afro-American section in that school's library.

"We learned our lesson from that. We learned that you don't verbalize and dialogue, or demand. You act. And you do. And you accomplish. And you progress."

There were more than a dozen speakers in all. Of the four who spoke before white reporters were "invited" by members of the crowd to leave, one identified himself as a Poly High counselor.

"I'd like to ... give you a word or two about Poly," he said. "We have a feeling here that we've been 'had' and we've been 'took' just like the students at San Francisco State and other schools."

SPONSOR

The meeting was sponsored by the "Educational Clearinghouse" of PACT, Inc. (Plan of Action for Chal-

lenging Times). PACT counselor Charlene Folsom said the meeting was the first of what her organization hopes will be a series of meetings to acquaint black students with the problems they face on entering college.

Another spokesman, Liline Dugan, said funds for the educational programs came from HEW.

During the portion attended by newsmen, Stewart was the most forceful and best received of the speakers.

Talking to the high school students about the possibility of entering S. F. State, he said:

"Bootlickers and Uncle Toms and traitors are not very welcome there (at State). And when they get out of line, they are dealt with. So if you're in that category, you're not wanted."

VANGUARD

"The students at State College are in the vanguard in the country. That means they're in the forefront.

"Our goals are not just for notoriety ... but our goal is the seizure of power; and having enough power to determine our own educational destiny.

"Now prior to that, checking around the country, we have more power than any other 'niggers' on college campuses. That is to say we have black administrators ...

"We have a Black Studies program in which something like — all total — 300 or 400 students have been able to come through that program the last few years without having the grades.

"Now we have all those things — which is good. But we don't really have any power.

CRACKER POWER

"We say that ... we have the right to determine our own educational destiny. That's why our minds are so messed up as it is: Because some racist cracker has determined what is best for black people to know.

The man says "to stand up and fight when he's got automatic shotguns, 41 magnums, big billy clubs, and you ain't got nothing but your heart.

"And he's gonna tell you to stand up there and fight.

SUNDOWN

"But he don't like such things as when the sun goes down and you sneak up behind him and knock the — out of him." (Laughter.)

"He says that's being heartless ...

"Wear him down — that's what it's all about. That's why we're struggling as long as we have."

PACT spokesmen said the speakers lineup consisted of "presidents of all college Black Students Unions in the Bay Area."

Commons, Store Face Closure

Both the campus cafeteria and book store could be closed by a sanctioned strike of the American Federation of Teachers at San Francisco State College, their director said today.

The two facilities are operated by the SFSC Foundation, an independent agency with its own budget.

"The Foundation," director Rudy Nothenberg explained, "has a collective bargaining agreement with all its employees which entitles them to obey picket lines.

"If the strike is sanctioned, there would presumably be no deliveries and no employees and the Commons (the cafeteria) and book store couldn't function."

FINANCIAL WOES

Nothenberg added that the Foundation may find itself in financial difficulties because of the student strike, which has been marked by various outbreaks of violence.

Damage to chairs, tables and other cafeteria properties has been estimated at about \$1000, and business has been drastically reduced.

"The events on campus have hurt us," Nothenberg said, "but we won't know how badly until our October-November reports are in."

VOLUME DOWN

He estimated volume was down by half, but noted that reduced operating costs may offset some or all of the losses.

"If income is way down," he added, "we would have to pick it up either by increased efficiency or by price increases. It's just too early to tell."

The campus, which closed a week early for the Christmas holidays, is scheduled to re-open Jan. 6. Mediation efforts are under way to settle both the threatened AFT teachers' strike and the demands of striking students.

Pauls New Bonn Envoy to U. S.

BONN — (AP) — Rolf Pauls, Bonn's first ambassador to Israel, was named as new West German Ambassador to Washington today to succeed Karl Heinrich Knapstein.

The Foreign Ministry said Pauls, 53, would take up his Washington post early in 1969. It said Knapstein, who has served in the U.S. capital since 1962, is retiring "for health reasons."

Death Factor

HONOLULU — (AP) — Dr. Clarence Crafoord of Stockholm, Sweden, says "the life or the death of the brain is the factor which decides if a human being is living or not."

Murphy Haz

By SYDNEY KOSSEN Political Writer

Sen. George Murphy has trouble recalling how he came to block the elevation of U.S. Attorney Cecil Poole to a federal judgeship.

Besides he isn't ready to concede that anything he did prevented Poole from becoming the first black federal judge west of the Mississippi.

The 66 year old Republican Senator was asked at a news conference here yesterday whether the answer might be found on a blue slip he sent the Judiciary Committee or in a conversation he had with the committee chairman, Sen. James O. Eastland (D-Miss.).

"Come on back and I'll show it (the slip) to you," Murphy said.

DETAILS DIM

When a reporter said a trip to Washington seemed im-

practical, Mr. Murphy had forgotten it and, even that it was just May.

However, he straggled "I wasn't for or Poole" though he received a few letters of the local Federal.

I told Eastland that some people here were interested in nomination," Murphy said.

Sen. Thomas Johnson's nomination for the judge.

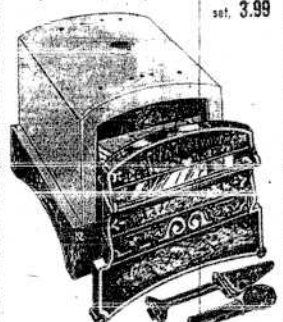
But Murphy did say, "If I have



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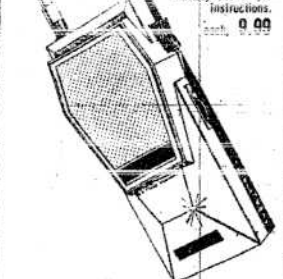
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