

Gregory Defines Moral Pollution

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COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY issues a challenge to youth to go into society and make democracy work.

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Dick Gregory, a nonviolent, pacifist, vegetarian, comedian and civil rights leader, told University students Wednesday that the "whole world is telling us they don't want our form of freedom."

Gregory told nearly 1,000 students at the East Campus Union that the United States is morally sick and that a sick nation cannot survive.

"We submit soldiers to go around the world to insure Vietnamese the freedom to walk wherever they want in Vietnam," Gregory said, "while Americans cannot walk down American streets unmolested by other Americans."

RACIST

The comedian attacked the country's involvement in Vietnam, the violence in American society and "moral pollution," every American a racist.

"Without basic changes in the next three years," he said, "this nation will not survive."

"You young people," he added, "are inheriting a messed-up country in a messed-up world."

CHALLENGE

Gregory challenged the

youth to go into society and make democracy work. If democracy had been successful, he charged, other nations would be eager to follow America's example.

But when other nations see how the United States practices discrimination, it dims the picture of democracy, making it necessary for Americans to force their policies on other countries, such as Vietnam, he explained.

Gregory also commented on the violence of our society as reflected in the Vietnam war.

NAZIS

"This is a violent country," he said. "Your friends are over in Vietnam out-Nazi-ing the Nazis."

In addition to referring to war atrocities committed by Americans, he objected to the violence present in the United States.

Accusing the nation's press of being "controlled," Gregory said that much of today's violence is not reported.

The press has not reported the killings of civil rights workers in the South, according to Gregory, and it has not accurately represented the peace movement.

ACCUSED PRESS

"The press did not tell of

... In East Union Speech

the two soldiers who threw their rifles down and joined the demonstrators in Washington last week," he said.

"And many of the papers estimated that there were ten or 30 or 40 thousand people at the Washington March," he said. "But if there were 10 people there, there were 300,000."

MAKING MISTAKE

"They are making a mistake," Gregory said of the government. "Now they are bringing the soldiers out against their own people. This is what the Romans and Greeks did, before they fell."

"It is one thing to bring out soldiers against other soldiers," he said, "but it is another thing to put them against their own people."

Another American sickness is racism, he said. But this one is not new.

Asserting that America is the most racist country in the world, he called upon young people to help with the drastic changes that are coming, "whether you like it or not."

FORCED ATTITUDES

"And the black folks are racists, too," he said. "We have a right to hate you as much as you hate us."

Violence - supporting Ne-

groes, like Rap Brown and Stokely Carmichael have been forced into these attitudes because of the failure of the whites to work with the Negro to gain his full rights, he said.

"There are thousands of Rap Browns," he said, "who are all nonviolent once."

VEGETARIAN

"We were hoping the Americans would show us how they treat people who behave," Gregory said of a peaceful quest of civil rights. "But then look at the Indians on reservations."

Gregory indicated that though he personally rejects the use of physical abuse against things of nature (his rationale against eating meat), he would not hesitate to approve the destruction of the property of someone who is denying rights to others.

"We (the Negro) are just as violent as you," he said, "because we learned from you."

IN SAN LEGISLATION

"We don't want civil rights," he added. "We just want life under the Constitution."

Gregory claimed a respect for nature, and an interest in people. He rejected the think-

ing of government leaders who place high value on objects. The laws against burning draft cards and American flags are "insane legislation in a mad country," he said.

VALUE CARDBOARD

"That puts a higher value on a piece of cardboard than on a human being," he said. "And I can go out and buy a flag and burn it. I'm not interested in a rag, but in people."

THE CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER

The civil rights leader also spoke on the insult of foreigners against the Negro. A student from Russia, a Communist, can easily move into a white neighborhood or get a scholarship, while a Negro cannot, even though he is an American.

ONLY SYMPTOMS

"I have no intention of discussing a cure," he said. "I can only give the symptoms of this problem."

Gregory's generation (he is 35) "understood, but we were afraid to do anything," he said.

"The young people in this country are the most morally committed group on the fact of this earth," he said.

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New Dorms Attempting To Write Constitutions

Smith, Schramm and Harper Halls have been active the past few weeks in writing and implementing constitutions, according to Ron Alexander, Schramm constitution committee chairman.

Alexander, Reesa Almy, John Moseman, Brent Ramsey and Bill Chaloupka, formed a committee last spring to write a constitution that could be implemented by all three dorms.

This fall the constitution was presented to all three dorms to be revamped according to the individual needs of the three residence halls.

The constitution features a senate as the legislative body, opposed to a floor presidents council which is the dominant form in other University residence halls, said Alexander.

The constitution also provides for a joint social committee for the complex and a joint court. As of yet only the

social committee has been utilized by all three dorms.

Schramm ratified its constitution after several sessions of a constitutional convention. Alexander feels the conven-

If AWS would permit it, girls could stay out an extra hour Saturday night and still be in by 1 a.m.

Last session the Nebraska legislature approved the change from Central Standard Time (CST) and Daylight Savings Time (DST) for the entire state.

However Harper Hall included a floor government plan in its constitution, according to John Moseman.

Harper has not yet adopted its document but ratification is pending.

Smith's constitution was taken through a constitutional convention and is presently being studied by the floor presidents who have the authority to make necessary changes.

But Saturday night, or actually Sunday morning, at 2 a.m., clocks will officially be set back one hour to 1 a.m. as the state goes back onto CST.

Therefore, women with one o'clock hours at their living units could actually arrive at 1:59 a.m., walk into the door at 2 a.m., which is really 1 a.m., and insist that they are legally on time.

An AWS letter prevent-

ing this was sent to women's residences instructing the doors to be closed before the clocks are turned back, according to Mary Lund, who prepared the letter for the AWS.

"This letter should alleviate any problem with this," she said.

Tickets On Sale For Homecoming

Tickets are now on sale in the Nebraska Union for the Homecoming Dance, featuring Tommy James and the Shondells, Nov. 10 in the University Coliseum.

She taught English for 15 years in the New York City schools and currently is teaching in two colleges.

Since Up the Down Stair-

case, was her first novel, she has published a number of short stories in national mag-

azines and has written lyrics for musicals.

Tickets may also be pur-

chased from members of Corn

Cobs and Tassels for \$1.50.

Students may buy tickets at

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tion was beneficial because all views could be presented and necessary changes made.

Besides the senate, the Schramm constitution eliminated standard floor governments. Each floor can now set up its own type of government. Alexander said this allows each floor more freedom of choice.

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Latin American Brothers Arrive

Los Indios Tabaharas, singers and musicians, will perform Nov. 2 at 8 p.m. at the Nebraska Theater as part of the Speaker-Artist Series sponsored jointly by the Nebraska Union Music Committee and the Talks and Topics Committee.

The two brothers, Mussa-
pere and Herundy, from the Brazilian state of Ceara, started their career when they found an abandoned guitar on a forest path.

Neither of the two knew how the strange object functioned, but the duo soon learned to manipulate it as accom-

paniment for their native songs.

A three thousand mile march to Rio de Janeiro launched their career which, during the past 15 years, has snowballed to include Latin American, European and U.S. artists.

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