

Charles Marxer ...

Resistance Union opposes 'crime against humanity'

by Kent Cockson
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The Nebraska Draft Resistance Union (NDRU) will support men eligible for the draft who want to actively and publicly oppose military conscription, according to Charles Marxer, visiting instructor in philosophy and organizer of the group.

Marxer told students packed into the Nebraska Union lobby Thursday afternoon for Hyde Park that the United States, by "adamantly pursuing a military solution to a basically political problem, has embarked on a course of genocide, the ultimate crime against humanity."

He added that the Selective Service System is obviously one of the

principle instruments used to service the gigantic military machine in this country, where "war itself has become the social system."

Conscription was dirty word

"We ... are serving notice here and now that we have had it with this system. There is nothing democratic about it; there is nothing genuinely American about it. Conscription was a dirty word to the founders of this nation," he said.

Last week Col. Lee Liggett of the Nebraska Selective Service told East Campus students that he was proud of Nebraska students because not one draft card bearing a

II-S deferment had been returned to his office.

Doesn't share pride

Marxer said that he could not share Col. Liggett's pride.

"At a time when our nation's honor and morality are being sabotaged by a criminal military adventure, the failure of its honest and alarmed citizens to step forward in active protest can only be a source of profound shame," he said.

"Tell us the draft is necessary to maintain the armies, tell us it is needed to keep the economy humming, tell us it is needed to provide jobs for and social control over unruly disadvantaged youth ... but don't tell us it is democratic," he said, "or you will make us sick to our stomachs."

Deny cooperation

He said that the NDRU does not have much power yet, but that it can deny cooperation and complicity to institutions that seek to control its members, and "you can't fight a war without bodies."

Marxer cited the Stockholm War Crimes Tribunal verdict last summer regarding the presence of the United States in Vietnam. It said that the U.S. is guilty of crimes against the peace, war crimes and crimes against humanity.

"We are forced to concede, much against our will and inclination, that the Stockholm verdict is sound," he said.

Marxer, who said before he delivered his prepared statement that he was not a pacifist, added that protesting against the war is not enough.

Build resistance

He said that he intends to build well-organized resistance to the war and the draft through education concerning the injustice and illegality that are allegedly involved and by organizing a public vehicle for protest.

NDRU supports returning of draft cards, draft card burning, non-registration, non-cooperation and induction refusal, Marxer said.

He added that the group is "laboring along" at the moment to find more members and raise funds to finance the organization of the union and establishment of a local office.

Need help

When the floor was opened for questions, one student said that the organization will need experienced adult help to get off the ground, and added that the NDRU will need good solid evidence to get adult interest.

Marxer agreed that the statement was true if the programs of the NDRU are to be extended to students throughout the summer and next year, and added that he hoped faculty members would step forward to support the organization.

Royce Knapp, a faculty member and Regent's Professor of Education stepped forward, but it wasn't to support Marxer's statements.

Disagreement voiced

"I disagree completely with the idea that we should encourage you to break the law," he told the audience. "I would be glad if you would try to influence the President and the senators within the law—without it, you have anarchy."

Knapp added that he thought he represented a larger per cent of the faculty than Marxer did.

The philosophy instructor replied that the union does not have time to change the law, that some of the graduate students will be

inducted in June when the new graduate deferments law goes into effect.

'Accomplices to slaughter'

"We cannot become accomplices to this slaughter when we think it is wrong. We are ordered to kill Vietnamese and we cannot do it," he said.

Knapp returned to say that the due process "by which we live" is more important than the Vietnam wars, we would not have Hyde Parks.

"You should obey your conscience if you do not agree with the law, but when you as a group indicate to people that they should burn their draft cards, you must tell them the price they will have to pay," he said.

Voice resistance

Marxer said that laying down our arms in Vietnam, we could save many American and Vietnamese lives. But he added that he is not suggesting that the U.S. lay down all its arms, but that he is merely inviting men to voice their resistance to what he called an unjust war and the draft.

"I don't believe that conscription is justified except in a case of dire national emergency. When conscription is imposed it leaves the door open for the destruction of all our democratic institutions," he added.

Marxer said that he would be willing to support the war in Vietnam if the defense of the United States were at stake, which he claims it is not.

Army of volunteers

When he was asked about the feasibility of an army of volunteers which he advocates, Marxer said that he is convinced that with the proper compensation to military officers (probably meaning recruiters), the army would succeed in signing a sufficient number of volunteers as was done during the Civil War.

Marxer said that the U.S. got into Vietnam unilaterally, and that would be the best way to get out. He refused to admit that such a withdrawal could not be carried out quickly and satisfactorily.

"I will be just as ready to condemn terrorism on the part of the Viet Cong as I do against the Americans. However it is one question for Vietnamese to kill Vietnamese but it is another thing for Americans to kill Vietnamese," he said.

Residential college plans to proceed?

The finished report of the Residential College Committee will probably be reviewed early next week by Vice Chancellor Merk Hobson, dean of faculties.

Hobson, who has been busy with University budget plans, said the report has been finished for the past two weeks, but he has not had time to review it.

The report deals with a proposal for a residential college to go into effect next fall for incoming University freshmen.

The Residential College Committee is a part of the chancellor's Centennial College Committee.

On Campus Today

The Nebraska Union weekend film is "Lord Jim." It will be presented at 7 and 9 p.m. Friday and at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Admission is 50 cents.

The Cross Winds Coffeehouse will be open Friday from 8 until 12 p.m. The Coffeehouse is located at 1233 F St.

The Hillel Foundation will present singer's Joe and Penny Aronson Saturday in the Union Ballroom from 8 until 10 p.m.

Pi Mu Epsilon mathematics honorary at the University will

conduct its annual prize examination Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon. The competition will be held in room 108 Burnett Hall. Students enrolled in Math 114 are eligible for Exam I, and students enrolled in Math 115, 116, or 131 are eligible for Exam II.

The Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship is sponsoring a film, "A Time for Burning." It will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Union.

Sigma Delta Chi, men's journalism honorary, will meet Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.



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Housing office lacks controls

Unapproved housing confusing to students

by Jim Evinger
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The University Housing Office lacks effective controls regarding unapproved off-campus housing and discriminatory landlords, Edward M. Bryan, housing office director, said Thursday.

Bryan was responding to a resolution introduced Wednesday in Student Senate by Sen. Tom Greer which stated: Be it resolved that the University Housing Office set down and enforce specific rules concerning discrimination by landlords of approved University housing.

He explained that situations do exist where a foreign or Negro student will attempt to find housing and be refused by a discriminating landlord.

Student files protest

If the student files a protest with the Housing Office the landlord is removed from the office's list of approved housing, Bryan said.

He explained that often an upperclassman or graduate student will then come to that landlord not knowing of the unapproved status and be rented the same dwelling which had earlier been refused.

Bryan added each student can find his own housing and then have it approved or rejected by the Housing Office.

Discover student's house

He said the problem lies in the fact that it may be months after the student actually takes residence in the unapproved dwelling before the Housing Office is able to discover that the student is living in such housing.

The Housing Office does not have the staff or the control to check

instances of discrimination and the renting of unapproved housing, Bryan replied.

He added that such situations do upset him and he would like to see effective controls and specific rules established, as well as having the staff to enforce the policy.

University's reply

Greer's statement that "when a white student moves into that housing ... the University puts the residence back on the approved list" was answered by Bryan saying the University definitely does not place the dwelling back on the approved list because a University student was able to obtain housing there.

NAACP organizes meeting

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is seeking to establish a chapter at the University, and an organizational meeting is scheduled for March 24 at the Malone Community Center.

Dr. Patrick R. Wells of the University of Nebraska College of Pharmacy and president of the Lincoln chapter of the NAACP expressed hope that a substantial number of both Negro and white students will attend the meeting.

Charles E. Mays, NAACP Region IV representative for youth, will discuss the organizational procedures.



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Visiting professor of philosophy, Charles Marxer, speaks at Hyde Park on "the unjust war and draft."

Senator to check Greek segregation

Proposes investigation of de facto conditions

Student Senator Tom Greer introduced a resolution in Senate Wednesday which he hopes will spur IFC and Panhellenic to seek ways to end what he terms the de facto segregation in the Greek system.

Greer's resolution would have Senate direct IFC and Panhellenic to set up procedures to investigate discrimination in selection of members.

Greer said Thursday there was an implied threat in the resolution, adding that the resolution is only a request.

"I think Senate has the constitutional right to involve itself in cleaning up the situation in the Greek system if nothing comes from an investigation," Greer said.

Illinois takes steps

He referred to recent actions by the IFC and Panhellenic organizations at the University of Illinois which took steps to end discrimi-

natory pledging and the blackball system.

He hoped an investigation would lead to something similar and achieve the same ends.

Sid Logemann, president of IFC, answered Greer's statement saying he does not think Senate has the authority to enter in and require action.

Logemann said Greer's request is well taken, but added that since the Board of Regents grants a charter to the IFC, he sees the possibility of Senate entering into the matter as irrelevant.

Legislation won't help

"I know of no legislation, either by IFC or Senate, that is going to end de facto segregation," Logemann said.

He said that simply ending the blackball system will not solve the problem.

"In almost all cases I think the men of a house will respect the majority decision of the members," he said.