

Campus ministries join political activist movement

(CPS) — It's happening on practically every campus. More and more, the campus ministry is assuming an active role — sometimes a leading one — in aggressive political and moral stands on the war, selective service, racism and community development.

And, like other movement factions, anti-war organizations centered around churches are groping for new issues to pursue while the Paris talks deflate anti-war sentiment.

ALIGNMENT WITH radical causes is relatively new to campus churches on such a large scale. Before the mythical "new morality" came into vogue, college ministries would often be filled with retired missionaries whose benevolence would often extend to permitting bake sales to go until midnight, appearing in "Is there a God?" panel discussions and serving as advisers to fraternities.

Comes now the myth of the "new morality." People are "swingers." Speak openly and honestly. Sleep together if you really "mean" it. Turn on, but keep your perspective. And above all (to borrow an old Quaker maxim) let your lives speak.

So there has been a change in the attitudes of a good many campus chaplains. All of the feelings which are now out in the open in society have always existed, covered up. Now that they are exposed, the campus "god-squads" often with the younger chaplain in the forefront, are involving themselves just as political groups do.

NATIONAL CHURCH organizations

were neither structured nor equipped to handle this new mood. While the National Council of Churches had a lot of the same sentiment, its too-broadly-based constituency wouldn't really allow it to move rapidly into such a specialized activity.

So it was natural and inevitable that some group would arise. It did during the Christmas bombing pause of 1965 when a group of the country's better-known pastors and their lay supporters formed Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam (CALCAV).

CALCAV has a lot going for it. First, its name: nothing militant, simply "concerned." Another advantage is the facade of the cloth. For some mystical reason, no matter how aggressively a clergyman takes a stand on an issue, he gets a much less negative reaction than other protesters because of his profession.

CALCAV, THOUGH, seems already to have reached its peak and it is now looking for new things. The "glamour" is fading from anti-war activity. They may have found a new focal point in working with draft resisters and military deserters.

If what went on at their third annual meeting in Washington is any indication, militant pacifism and resistance work might catch on.

There were considerably fewer participants in this year's conference than last, despite CALCAV's 25,000 membership. But the stalwarts were there, and a sizeable number of philosophy and theology students showed up.

THERE WERE, of course, two of

the founders, William Sloane Coffin, Jr. and Rabbi Abraham J. Hirschel. Both spent most of the three days giving encouragement to those clergymen who came from isolated areas and thus "are forced to fight the good fight alone," as Coffin put it.

David Harris of Resistance gave the best-received speech of the conference. Earlier his wife, Joan Baez, entertained the audience with songs. Harris' premise was that "Vietnam is not a contradiction of the American way of life — the frightening fact is that Vietnam expresses it."

Harris, who faces a three year jail sentence for refusing induction, told the CALCAV audience "It's an honor to be a political prisoner in modern America—I've found no better occupation."

"WE MUST find a new set of assumptions to base America on. We must make the notion of brotherhood a political and social reality. Right now that notion of brotherhood is in contradiction with the American state."

Harris' humanistic theology seemed to catch the mood of the whole conference: political prisoners are prisoners for the crime of life. They refuse to be instruments of death.

"We can use our lives as bricks and mortar to build a world where no one lives off the back of another. We can find nothing more worthwhile on earth to build. When there is nothing more powerful than human life, then we can rest."



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Union photo contest allows grad students

The fifth annual Nebraska Union photography contest will begin Tuesday, according to Susie Bair, chairman of the Nebraska Union Contemporary Arts Committee. The contest will close April 1.

For the first time graduate students will be allowed to enter, she said. They will be judged in a separate category.

Undergraduate contestants will be allowed to enter up to five photographs in the four divisions. Ten dollars will be awarded for the best entry in each division. Second place will win \$5. The photo judged best in the contest will win its owner \$15. Winning prints will be displayed in the Nebraska Union for a week.

Further information and rules of the contest are available in the Nebraska Union program office.

"We urge all students who enjoy photography, regardless of experience or training, to enter examples of their work," Miss Bair said.

Bowling results

Results from the Nebraska Union's student and faculty bowling leagues:

Students (high games) — Doug Erlich 232-211; Barry Bayer 219; Hal Lux 218; Mike Schuster 213; Rick Peo 211; Steve Eller 209; Tim Sutton 208; Dick Rima 205; Len Dodson 202; Dale Nelson 201; Bob Fillaus 200.

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Faculty — (high games) Roger Brown 220; Alfred Hendrickson 204; Richard Hodgetts 198. (high series) Steve Sandelin 389; Roger Brown 382; and Alfred Hendrickson 382.

Professors analyze ABM decision

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"Congress could block it," Rozman said. But he doubted that will happen.

"If people are scared, it will be hard to defeat," Shannon theorized. "It will depend somewhat on the Congressmen's mail."

Nixon himself expects to achieve Congress's approval, perhaps only after extensive debate. Those hopes were increased when Senators

Richard Russell and Everett Dirksen both announced they would favor the system.

The professors do agree on one thing, though. Nixon's so-called honeymoon has ended.

"When Presidents begin making hard and fast decisions, their popularity starts to go down," Shannon said.

When the first real decision is made, no matter what the decision, the honeymoon is over, Mrs. Wadlow pointed out.

No matter what his decision, Nixon was bound to be chastised, Shannon said. "Any President is trapped; any President is in an unfortunate position," he said. "Being President looks easy to editors and teachers on the outside." It's what a former President termed the "loneliest job in the world."

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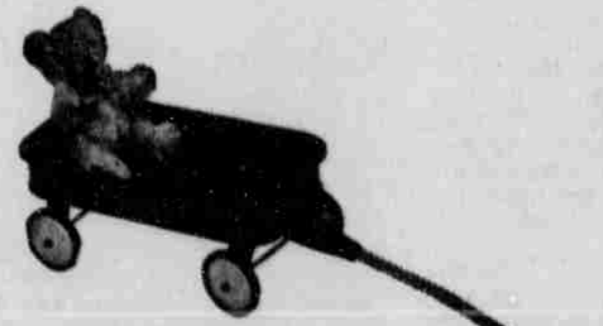
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