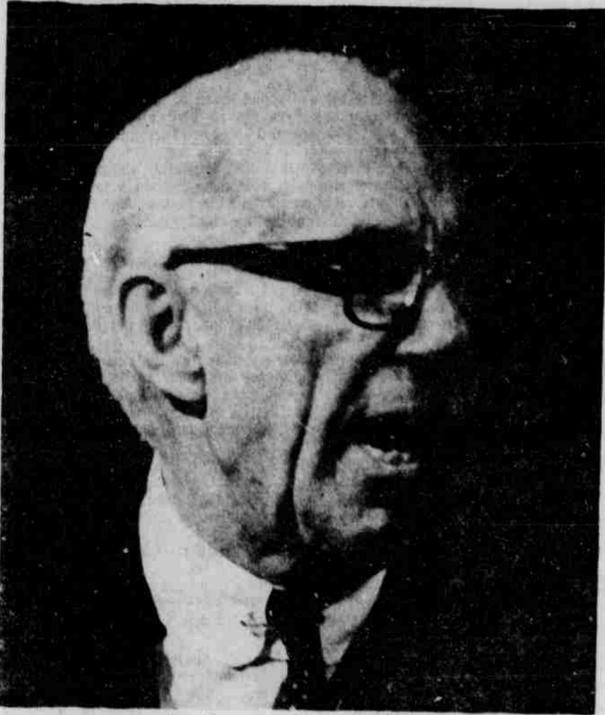




Spock: U.S. is in 'desperate position'



Dr. Benjamin Spock tells an overflow crowd...

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"I've denounced enough things," said Dr. Benjamin Spock as he concluded his 55-minute speech, Thursday.

Apparently, the nearly 2,000 people who heard his speech agreed with the denunciations.

People filled chairs, aisles, floors and doorways of the Union's Centennial Room to hear the famous member of the peace movement. In addition, the speech was piped to the Union lounge downstairs, where another 600 people sat attentively.

"Our country has never been in a more desperate position," said Spock, who received numerous ovations during the speech. "Things are in an appalling condition."

The war is still on and will continue judging from the way progress is not going, he began. Even after the war does end, there is still the imperialist American foreign policy.

The United States is ridden with humiliating poverty, he continued. Countries half as rich as the United States have succeeded in abolishing poverty.

People in the United States have shown that they don't have the slightest desire to end racism, Spock said.

Although the nation's best-known baby doctor has taken a staunch liberal stand on many issues confronting the United States today his favorite target is still the immorality of the Vietnam War.

"I'm not going to pussyfoot," he said. "I realize there are people who disagree a little or a lot with me, but the war in Vietnam is illegal."

American idea

No one asked for American aid, he contended. The war was an American idea, primarily the idea of the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

The government found Diem, a former Vietnamese who was sitting out the Southeast Asian turmoil in the United States, and planted him in South Vietnam as a puppet ruler, Spock went on.

"Diem was the most tactless, arrogant and cruel dictator of our time," said Spock. "He filled the jails overflowing until the Viet Cong revolt broke out in 1960."

Resolution lashed

Spock strongly chided the growing presence of Americans in Southeast Asia during the early 1960's. He lashed out at the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution.

"People think the resolution gave President Johnson the power to make war in Vietnam," Spock said. "In reality, Johnson got the resolution from congress by fraud; he got it by lying to congress."

Spock also commented on 1964 presidential elections.

"I confess I campaigned for Lyndon

Johnson," Spock said. "I wasn't the only dupe. We had a very distinguished group of doctors, scientists and educators who campaigned for Johnson as a peace candidate."

"After Johnson's smashing victory," Spock related, "The president telephoned me and remarked that he hoped he 'was worthy of my trust.' I was flabbergasted, but then three months later the President made a monkey of me."

Much to the pleasure of the spectators, Spock termed United States Vietnam war policy as "immoral" and in "violation of international law."

Lost leadership

"Our Vietnam policy will be held against us for years," he said. "We have lost the leadership of the Western world."

Even more importantly, Spock said, the United States has lost 18,000 men in Vietnam for no purpose. And the tiny jungle nation has been destroyed.

"All this only because President Nixon can't find the courage to say this war was wrong and let's get out now," Spock emphasized.

Vietnam moratorium

In connection with Vietnam, Spock told about the Vietnam moratorium, a massive nationwide antiwar effort which he supports.

"We'll stage a death march in Washington, D.C. beginning at midnight on October 13," he said. "About 40,000 people will march from Arlington National Cemetery to the White House with each person carrying the name of an American dead in Vietnam. The names will be deposited in caskets at the White House."

The actual one-day moratorium will be held October 15, he continued. Individual efforts will be made on each campus, with students encouraged to boycott classes and take part in silent peace vigils.

Increased vigil

"If the war is not over, we'll have a two-day moratorium in November, a three-day moratorium in December and a four-day moratorium in January," he announced.

Surprisingly enough, Spock hardly mentioned the draft and the case which brought him to fame in the peace movement.

He and four other persons were convicted on a charge of conspiring to counsel, aid and abet violators of the Selective Service Act. His conviction was overturned in July of this year by the U.S. Court of Appeals.

"The judge apparently thought we were worse than ordinary criminals," Spock said. "He abused our lawyers and our witnesses."

Worse yet, the judge would allow no mention of the Nuremberg proceedings of the late 1940's. The judge claimed that trial had no pertinence to the case, according to Spock.

"At Nuremberg, the German war

criminals said they were only following orders," Spock pointed out. "Yet the American judges and other prosecuting countries said that was of no significance, they were still guilty of crimes against humanity."

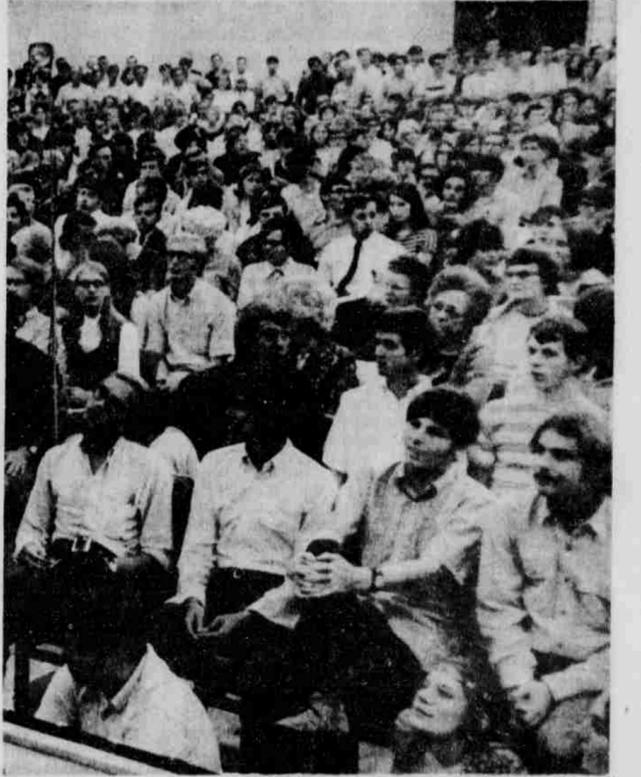
The Nuremberg proceedings have every pertinence to the cases of young draft resisters who choose to go to jail, rather than fight an immoral war in Vietnam, Spock said.

While he makes no secret of his dislike for the state of American society today, Spock is by no means resigned to pessimism.

"The Democratic party is owned as much by industry as the Republicans," he said. "What is needed is a third party; a party in which millions of young people must be involved."

Spock stressed, however, that he sees no immediate signs of a new, truly national party. It would take a massive and unprecedented organizational effort.

"Idealism of youth is the only thing that is going to save the United States and the world," Spock said.



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Students return to attack poverty

Rather than just talk about poverty, members of the Student Action Front (SAF) hope to do something about it through action.

SAF was started last January by university students who believed that college students could do something about poverty in Lincoln. Ray Stangel is the chairman, Janet White, assistant chairman and Curt Kimball, programs director.

The three major areas of SAF are programs, educational and political. The biggest and most important area of the organization is the program area, explained Jody Beck, public relations director for SAF. This area works in conjunction with the Lincoln Action Program in assigning volunteer jobs.

Transportation and baby sitting are two of the biggest needs of persons served by SAF and Lincoln Action Program, said Miss Beck. Other on-call volunteer jobs include moving, cleaning and painting or other jobs which might come up.

SAF hopes to initiate living unit liaison persons who would be responsible for getting persons in their living unit organized for various volunteer jobs. Each dorm floor and living unit would have one liaison person.

Besides the volunteers who serve on an on-call basis, there are volunteers who help on a regular basis. Among projects of the regular volunteers are little sister and little brother programs, tutoring, youth group leadership and visiting elderly persons through the Meals-on-Wheels program.

In the little sister or brother programs, student volunteers are free to plan the type of activity they wish to do with the children. Tutoring is

planned on all levels from grade school through adult. The Meals-on-Wheels program, involves taking meals to persons unable to cook for themselves, Miss Beck said.

She explained that these programs will be offered if there are sufficient volunteers to help with them. If one program does not show enough interest, it may be eliminated.

The second area of SAF is education. Members in this area are planning a teach-in second semester where nationally prominent persons will speak on poverty. Lincoln residents will also attend the teach-in to discuss poverty on a local level, according to Miss Beck.

"I feel we can serve an educational purpose as well as be a volunteer bureau," said Miss White.

Miss White said the organization hopes that academic credit could be earned for SAF work. This idea is still in the planning state, however.

The third SAF area is the political area in which volunteers work in connection with the Lincoln Human Rights Commission and the Lincoln Action Program.

"I think the organization has the greatest potential of anything on campus," Miss White said.

Last summer SAF sent four students to southeast Nebraska to work with the community action programs in Pawnee City, Falls City, Auburn and Tecumseh.

Although the upperclass activities mart was held Wednesday and several volunteers have already signed up for jobs, Miss Beck emphasized that the organization is still open to students who would like to work with any of the programs. Volunteer forms may be obtained at the SAF office in suite 345, room 13 at the Nebraska Union.

Variety of services offered through NSA

ASUN's affiliation with the National Student Association (NSA) gives every student at the University of Nebraska an opportunity of major savings on such items as international travel, insurance, records, books, posters, magazines, and clothing.

According to Nelson Clare, NSA services representative, the NSA services are intended to provide the student with high quality products and services at a price he can afford. He said the services are "very competitive," in some instances not offered by anybody else.

Clare said that the advantage of the NSA marketing system is that the NU student government receives a rebate University of Nebraska student.

The National Student Travel Association (NSTA) offers to students the International Student ID Card which can save students up to 80% on travel expenses. The ID card can be purchased for only \$3.00. Clare said that the NSTA also offers travel books, summer jobs, and special charter flights.

The NSA has a job placement service called Re-Con, which according to Clare is "the largest nationwide matching system." Re-Con uses computers to match student qualifications and interests with employer needs.

The Re-Con system is free to students and offers both permanent

and summer employment. Re-Con is planned as an additional service aiding the college placement officer.

"The NSA also has a student insurance plan, which is much lower than any in the nation, and has a lot of characteristics that aren't offered in other student insurance plans," Clare said.

"Another service offered that we hope to take advantage of is Alliance for Campus Talent (ACT) which makes virtually any popular group in the nation available to us for lower prices.

"Another good service," offered according to Clare "is the legal rights service" which makes available book on educational reforms, student power, drug laws, and course and teacher evaluations.

The legal rights service also provides the College Law Bulletin which reports on the rights of students and the most current court decisions affecting the student population in all aspects of the student-university relationship.

Clare hopes to work with ASUN Senator Bruce Cochrane in developing a student cooperative record show. "We hope to work with him and through NSA services get the best deals possible," Clare added.

NSA has a special magazine service which lists many popular magazines at savings up to 50% off regular subscriptions.

Other individual NSA services offer posters and certain clothing items at reduced prices. The Association will also operate a reference service for student government projects.

Clare is now in the process of distributing NSA information packets which explain the different services offered by the Association.

The dorms already have the packets and the fraternities will have them at the end of the week. Clare hopes to have a booth in the Union for the students living off-campus.

Festival, concert to give 'big change' to Union

Next week the Union Festival, composed of film showings, a concert, jazz and java and perhaps a special Hyde Park speaker, will kick off the beginning of the "big change" in the image of the Nebraska Union, according to Clay Rogers, chairman of the Union Public Relation Committee.

Last year many of the traditional Union programs had to be cancelled due to remodeling of the building, Rogers said. For instance, students were discouraged from coming into the Crib, he added.

Also in the past, Rogers continued, the image of the Union has been clubby, a stronghold of Greeks. All segments of the campus should be involved in Union activities.

Applications Taken

During the free programs next week, applications for Union workers will be taken, Rogers said. Anyone may apply. The applicants will work on one or more of the Union committees.

During the Union Festival Week, eight experimental films sponsored by the Plymouth Automobile Company, will be shown, Rogers announced.

Showings are scheduled at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily in the Lounge. The films discussed contemporary subjects, such as economics and foreign policy.

Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Nebraska Theater, a free freshmen foreign film will be shown. That night at 7 and 9, the Foreign Film Society will present "Hugs and Kisses".

The Husker Special, a Saturday extra edition of The Daily Nebraskan, will go on sale this Saturday before the game against Texas A&M.

The eight-page tabloid, produced by The Daily Nebraskan staff, will sell for ten cents and will include latest information on the starting line-ups and the coaches' views on the game.

The Husker Special will also include a report on the Big Eight race, a photographic resume of last week's 31-21 loss to the University of Southern California and "The woman's view" of football.

The Husker Special will be distributed at each of the Husker's home football games this season.

Thursday afternoon at 3:30, a jazz concert is scheduled in the Lounge, and Thursday a style show, entitled Signs of the Times, will be held in the Ballroom.

Country Western

The traditional Jazz and Java program will return Friday afternoon featuring John Walker, a country and western singer, in the Crib. The program had to be discontinued last year due to construction in the Crib.

Rogers also said that Union officials are attempting to line up a special speaker for the Hyde Park session, but nothing has yet been decided.

"What we're trying to show by this festival is that the Union is not relying on the old ways of doing things anymore," Rogers said. "We want to initiate new and different programs, and we want new and different people to help with them."

Hopefully, said Rogers, the festival will help the Union shake off the stigma of being a traditionally Greek activity. All students should be involved, he concluded.

Cornhusker to have new look

The 1970 Cornhusker will have a new look this year — in fact, there will be two of them.

The double-book will not increase the \$7.50 price, according to Editor Bob Thacker. The two-volume format, he said, represents a trend away from the traditional "public relations for the administration" type yearbook. The trend is not yet widespread, he noted.

"The major theme is the idea of relevance in all aspects of the old university because there is a challenge for the old aspects to prove their relevance," he said.

Magazine-like, in-depth articles comprising volume one will tackle topics such as the Greek system's fight to maintain relevance, the black athlete, off campus living and foreign students, Thacker explained.

The second volume will be larger with a more traditional format. Mass organization pictures, such as honoraries, will be replaced by candid shot of activities.

Candidates for Miss Cornhusker, beauty queens, and Most Eligible Bachelor will campaign October 1-15. A panel of people selected from the community and the Cornhusker staff will pick the semi-finalists. A celebrity such as last year's judges, Simon and Garfunkel, will choose the winners.

Evans here Tuesday

National editorial columnist and political commentator, Rowland Evans, will speak in the Union ballroom at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Evans and his reporting partner, Robert Novak, write the column "Inside Report" which appears in about 200 newspapers including the Omaha World-Herald, Lincoln Journal and the Daily Nebraskan.

Time magazine reports: "They were the first to disclose that a

member of California's John Birch Society had joined the prestigious "President's Club" and that he and his family had contributed \$12,000 to the Democratic Party."

They were also among the first to comment editorially on the political consequences of Mass. Sen. Ted Kennedy's auto accident.

Evans has covered the Washington political scene for more than 20 years starting after World War II for the Associated Press' Washington Bureau.

He was assigned to cover the U.S. Senate in 1953 for AP and two years later switched to the Washington Bureau of the New York Herald-Tribune.

During that time he traveled extensively in Eastern Europe, the Soviet Union and Asia. Evans' most recent trip was his third to the Middle East in April of this year.

Evans and Novak co-authored in 1966 "Lyndon B. Johnson: The Exercise of Power," a political biography of former President Johnson. They also have contributed to magazines such as the Saturday Evening Post, Esquire and Harper's.

Evans' trip is sponsored by Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism society.



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