

Revolution may be 'a long time coming'

by Mike Barrett

There is going to be a revolution in the United States. That is how Dr. Thomas F. Pettigrew, Harvard University sociologist and consultant to the U.S. Civil Rights Com-

mission, analyzed American politics at a recent press conference.

"Conditions that breed revolt are always the same. They are present here today just as they were in the French and Russian revolutions," he said.

Today it seems that the revolution will be a long time coming. In Chicago last week, what were scheduled as "massive" demonstrations turned out to be small demonstrations, comparatively small marches, few city or nationwide events and two violent protests.

The revolutionary movement is torn by differences in ideological and tactical theories plagued with numerous arrests (some legitimate, some illegal) high bail fees, police brutality and weariness, confusion and distortion from within and without.

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), vanguards of the new revolutionaries, illustrate these problems. The SDS, along with the Black Panthers and Young Lords of the Puerto Rican youth movement put out a call for national action and massive demonstrations in Chicago last week. Though SDS spokesmen claimed a few "victories," the action ap-

peared to be largely a failure.

Only a few hundred students, perhaps 1,500 in all, went to Chicago to protest the trial, the Vietnam war, racial problems and, as an SDS pamphlet said, "not only against a single war or 'Foreign Policy,' but against the whole imperialist system that made the war a necessity."

One reason so few participated involved the confusion over a recent split in the SDS. Revolutionary Youth Movement II (RYM II), is concerned primarily with the war, and poverty, and places emphasis on practical political work, social programs, demonstrations and gathering wide-spread support. RYM II originally planned and called for the Oct. 8-11 action.

However RYM I (called the Weathermen), a smaller group that seems to place more emphasis on political theory and revolution, also scheduled action for the same week.

No one knew whether to go to the Che Guevara rally or draft board demonstrations, the conspiracy trial or the hospital actions. Rain broke up some demonstrations and cancelled others. A special RYM II newspaper express-

ed hope that the Weathermen would not "turn off the people."

"People will turn out if we make our politics clear and spread the message far and wide . . . the people will be . . ."

Mike Barrett, a Nebraskan staff reporter, was in Chicago during the protest demonstrations prior to the Oct. 15 national Vietnam moratorium. This is his account and evaluation of the events that occurred.

able to distinguish a good from a bad line."

Sandy Meyer, leader of RYM I, she thought that group condemned the "violence orientation" of RYM II, she thought that former President Johnson's and President Nixon's unresponsiveness to dissent were leading people to endorse violence.

During the week's action many of those people gathered in churches on or near the Northwestern University campus in Evanston, Ill., a suburb of Chicago.

Ministers of the churches gave permission to SDS and other groups to use the buildings as "movement centers," for organizational

meetings, strategy debates and overnight shelters.

All arriving at the centers were searched for weapons and drugs. Identification and "verification" were required for entry. Daily Nebraskan reporters and photographers were refused admittance and threatened when they produced press credentials.

One Nebraskan reporter and a photographer did manage to get into another of the centers. RYM I spokesman Mark Rudd there told of the danger of a police raid on the building, and the necessity for guards and escape routes.

Rudd told the reporters that action was scheduled for the city's Haymarket Square at noon. No one would comment on what type of action was planned.

The idea that exclusively peaceful protests and demonstrations have been ineffective was voiced several times at the meetings and on the streets. One youth said that the U.S. power system was forcing dissenters to use more extreme tactics.

"The black man marched and sat-in and sang 'we shall overcome' but nothing happened until they burned down a few cities. Now I agree with the Panthers, 'power

flows from the barrel of a gun,'" he said.

The RYM I belief that violence was a legitimate and sometimes necessary tactic was summarized in an article in the Chicago underground newspaper, The Seed.

"Because it is clear by now that the only way we are going to change this pig system is by building a revolutionary youth movement, a fighting force capable of dealing with the pigs . . ."

"(According to Mahatma Gandhi, 'it is better to resist injustice with violence than not to resist it out of fear.'"

In another church building occupied by dissidents, radical youth discovered a police spy.

One SDS member recognized an undercover officer from the Chicago police subversive squad. He pointed the man out to other members, who caught the policeman in a hall and began hitting him.

The church's minister stopped the fight and the SDS decided to vacate the church. This led to a police raid on Covenant Church Saturday morning, and 43 youths were arrested.

The idea, he said, was to make a "political" point. "A lot of people are

starting to think that maybe violence is the answer," he commented.

Based on the less-than-expected turnout in numbers for the mass demonstration and the consequences to the

minority of those who broke from the established march to inflict physical damage for two blocks, there may be an equal number of people who do not think that violence is the answer.

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Time-Out: university present, future

by Gary Seacrest
Nebraska Staff Writer

This year's ASUN-sponsored Time-Out Program will focus on the university — its present position and its future.

The program will be held on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 27-28, and will feature four speakers discussing various aspects of the university community.

Steve Tiwald, Time-Out chairman, said, "Time-Out will be an examination of the university." He added that he hopes the program informs students what is happening on other campuses and provides University students with a direction for campus reforms here.

Time-Out will concentrate on four major topics: educational reform, minorities on campus, the student's role in policy-making and the relationship between the university and the community.

"There's a widespread dissatisfaction with the status quo in the University," according to Tiwald. "ASUN

wants to present some alternatives to the status quo so we're bringing in this program. Hopefully these people will stimulate interest and ideas which will lead to constructive change within the University."

"The enthusiasm for the moratorium is great. Now we'd like to redirect some of this enthusiasm toward thinking about the University and constructive change in the University. After all, the University is much closer to us and should be easier to change than American foreign policy."

Dr. Bill Birenbaum will be one of the four major speakers. He will discuss educational reform. Birenbaum is the president of Staten Island Community College in New York and the author of "Overlive — Power, Poverty, and the University."

James Turner, director of the Center for Afro-American studies at Cornell University,

will speak about minorities on campus. Turner was an organizer of black students at Northwestern. The Afro-American Society was instrumental in obtaining the services of Turner.

Leading the discussions on the student's role in campus policy-making and student power is Charles Palmer. Palmer is currently president of the National Student Association and was the student-body president at the University of California at Berkeley last year.

Carl Davidson will discuss the demands by student radicals for university and college reform. Davidson is a former national Students for a Democratic Society leader and is now editor of the "Guardian" and a leader of the Revolutionary Youth Movement-2 (RYM) group of SDS.

"All the speakers have their major talks, followed by question and answer periods," Tiwald said.

"During the speakers' spare time they will be meeting with special groups and anyone who wants to talk to them."

Birenbaum will meet with the Centennial College, the Tri-University Project, and the Teacher's Council. Palmer is scheduled to talk to ASUN and IDA about the students' role in policy-making. Turner will meet with the Afro-American Society to discuss the role of minorities on campus.

Included in the program are informal question and answer sessions with the speakers Tuesday night. Palmer will be talking in the Harper-Schramm-Smith dorm complex; Turner will be in the Abel-Sandoz com-

plex and Birenbaum will talk in the Cather-Pound complex.

Tiwald said, the reason "these rap sessions are scheduled in the dorms is that we wanted to place them in places of student density with an informal atmosphere."

"The University is far behind other schools in many things," he said. "By bringing in outside people we can learn what is happening in other places and work for University reform."

Tiwald cited educational innovation and coed visitation in the dorms as two areas where the University is lagging behind other schools.

Tiwald is expecting widespread participation in the Time-Out Program.

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