

'New Mobe' attacks old topics

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Nearly 4,000 representatives, including Nebraska students, launched an new attack on racism and U.S. involvement in Vietnam at the Student Mobilization Committee Conference ("New Mobe") last weekend in Cleveland, Ohio.

It was in the largest assembly of radicals in the history of the nation," according to freshman Bill Tiwald, who attended the conference with five other NU students.

Racism was cited as one of the foremost causes of American involvement in the war, he said.

A policy paper distributed at the conference stated: "This SMC Convention can mark a turning point in the fight for peace and can start to build a black, brown and white movement that will have the power

to end the war.

"The foremost question the peace movement must tackle, along with the war itself, is RACISM. In this war, black youth die in disproportionate numbers in Vietnam. Racism in the military is admitted even by the Pentagon, but black GI's are still persecuted," the paper continues.

Many organizations sent representatives to the conference, Tiwald said. "Everything from Black Panthers, to Weathermen, to Students for a Democratic Society were there," he said.

Groups supporting women's liberation, equal rights for homosexuals and religious opposition to the war were among the many interest groups at the conference, he said.

"The conference was trying to incorporate all radical elements into a unified movement against the war in Viet-

nam," according to Patti Kaminski, another NU freshman who attended the conference.

Miss Kaminski said the 4,000 participants met in a gymnasium to plan the anti-war, anti-draft offensive scheduled for April 13-18.

Les Miller, who went to Ohio with Tiwald, expressed disappointment in the "actions of

some independent radicals. When expressing their ideas, they would grab the microphone and start swearing," he said.

Participants were friendly outside the meeting room, Miller continued. "Everyone called each other brother or sister," he recalled.

Tiwald commented that there was much disunity among the

groups. "Some SDS people wanted to pick up a gun," he said. "I am a pacifist and would hate to see anything like this happen."

"The conference reinforced my opinion that the peace issue is not dead," Tiwald said. "It fired me up, but it also depressed me, because I was made aware of how much repression exists in America."

Dana Farnsworth to give drug talk

The director of the Harvard University Health Center for the last decade will speak on drug use at a university convocation Wednesday in the Nebraska Union Ballroom.

Dr. Dana Farnsworth, author of numerous publications on psychiatry and mental health, will speak at 3:30, according to Union program officials.

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Dove general to speak

A retired army general who opposes American involvement in Vietnam will speak at the Nebraska Union Wednesday, according to Mike Shonsey, co-

ordinator of Nebraskans for Peace.

"Hester fears the President has closed the door to all honest negotiations," Shonsey said. He also believes there is great danger of another world war developing as a result of the Vietnam conflict.

Hester is critical of Nixon for failing to carry out his campaign promises of ending the war and abolishing military conscription, Shonsey said.

Hester fought in World War I, World War II and Korea. He won the Silver Star and the French Croix de Guerre for gallantry in World War I. The general was subsequently awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and membership in the French Legion of Honor.

After retiring, Hester did graduate work in international relations at the University of Pennsylvania. He has been speaking and writing on American foreign policy for the past 12 years.

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